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INVALUABLE AID IN THE PREPARATION OF

THE FOLLOWING PAGES,

THIS VOLUME

IS

Affectionately Dedicated.



## P R E F A C E.

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THIS book was not designed to afford literary entertainment, or to give what have so often been set forth in town histories, pictures of old-time life, and tradition, which in the eyes of many would have made the work more attractive, has, in the main, been discarded. Charles Reade expressed the general sentiment of modern historians when he wrote: "No one can approach the history of perhaps any age without finding that the truth is all but buried under mountains of chaff and dirt." The prominent facts in the Town's annals are herein given as gathered from the archives of the State, County and Town, Church and Society records, etc., with little of comment or elaboration. Oxford being among the earliest of the Worcester County settlements, materials were found to be abundant, and many pages show the constraint thus placed on the writer and the necessity for brief and summary treatment. And yet a full history of the town is an impossibility, because so much not within the scope of records has lapsed in the unknown past.

The story of the French Colony has been chiefly reproduced from the author's monograph published ten years ago.

The history of the homesteads, an unusual feature of works of this kind, will serve not only to determine the localities of ancestral domains, but, perhaps, as no other means can, to bring up in review the personality of the long procession of those who have lived, toiled and passed away within the town in the last two hundred years.

The extent of the genealogies indicates the large and important place they occupy in the records, and numerous descendants of the old households now dispersed over our broad land who have not access to the originals, will, it is believed, appreciate the labor bestowed on this department. The entries of births, marriages and deaths have been copied, and embrace (coming nearly to the present time) all families having births recorded up to 1850, and none has been intentionally omitted. In the nature of the case family history in most instances must be

fragmentary and incomplete, and errors (the sources of information being diverse and imperfect) are unavoidable.

Several important matters coming to hand too late for insertion in their proper places, are contained in the chapter of notes at the close of the volume.

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Page 46, middle of page, for "1741" read *1743*.

Page 54, near bottom of page, for "1745" read *1755*.

Page 224, under "Embargo," for "1800" read *1808*.

Page 317, bottom line, for "Susan" read *Mary*.

Page 397, under "Rice Barton," add Rice Barton was *great grandson* of Joshua (2) and son of *Abia* and Eunice.

Page 480, 9th line, for "Anne d., Frances" read *Anne Frances d.*

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# HISTORY OF OXFORD.

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## CHAPTER I.

TOPOGRAPHICAL. THE NIPMUCKS. PHILIP'S WAR. DISASTROUS RESULTS.  
LAND PURCHASES. INDIAN RESERVE. GRANTS. THE VILLAGE. GRAND  
LOTS. NATURAL ATTRACTIONS. EARLY ROADS.

**Location.** The town of Oxford is situated in the southern central part of Worcester County, eleven miles distant from Worcester, on the line of the Norwich and Worcester railroad. Leicester and Auburn adjoin it on the north, Millbury on the northeast, Sutton on the east, Douglas on the southeast, Webster on the south, Dudley on the southwest and Charlton on the west; Webster separates it by about five miles from the State of Connecticut. Its estimated area is a little over 25 square miles, or 16,400 acres. It was a part of Suffolk County until 1731, the date of the establishment of the County of Worcester.

It has the usual diversity of surface of the central Massachusetts towns, ranges of hills running northerly and southerly skirt its eastern and western borders, between which lie the plains which constitute its natural peculiarity. On the central or "Great Plain" is the principal village, and its main street, a mile in length and seven rods in width, is attractive and has few equals in the State.<sup>1</sup> The highway from Sutton to Charlton crossing at the centre forms also an avenue on which are located dwellings and business establishments.

**Streams.** One mile westerly of the main street, running the length of the town from Leicester to Webster line, is the principal river, the *Maanexit*, which, rising ten or twelve miles northwesterly and passing through parts of Spencer and Leicester, furnishes water power for eight mill-wheels at North Oxford, and one at Howarth's, is utilized by many mills below Oxford and joins the Quinebaug at Mechanicville, Conn. Its largest tributary in Oxford is *Little River*, which comes in two branches, the Pierpont from Dudley, and Collicump

<sup>1</sup>This feature of the location probably had its weight in the proposition which tradition tells us was made to establish here the seat of the

County of Worcester at its formation, which offer was rejected on the ground that the morals of the young people would be corrupted thereby.

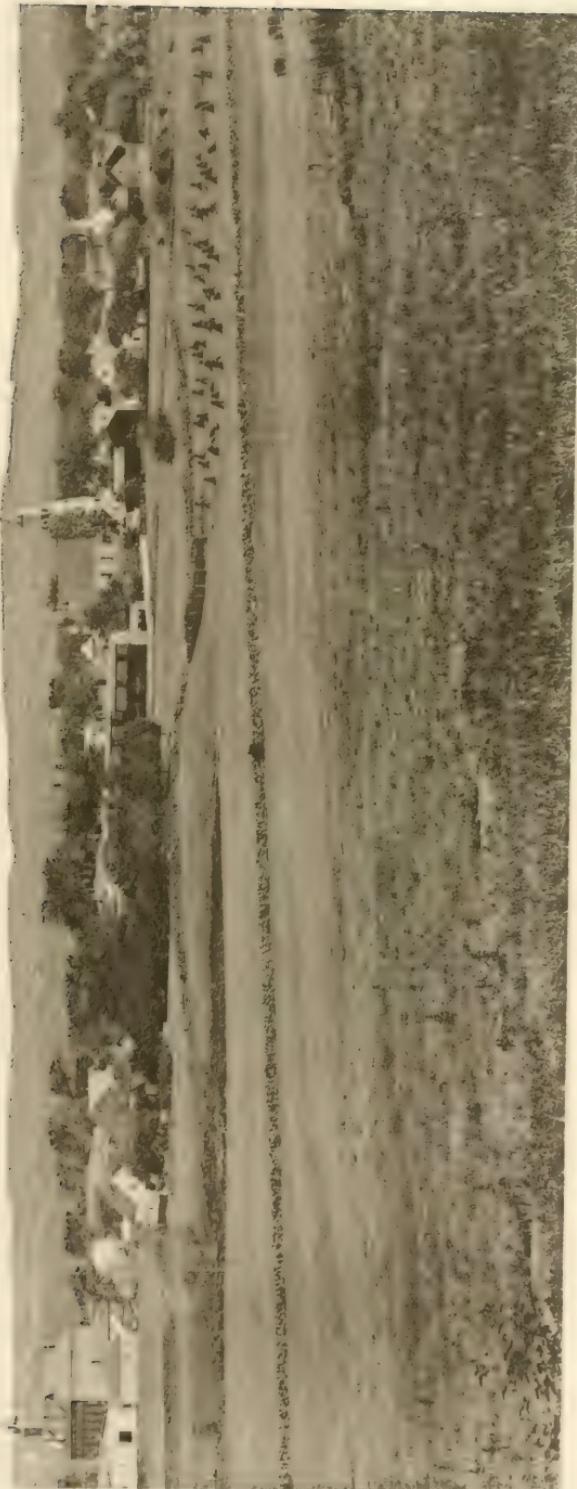
from Charlton, furnishing power at Buffumville, in the west part of the town, and joining the main stream a half-mile below. *Mill-brook*, coming from Long Hill in the northeast part of the town, joined by a branch from a swamp on the southeast, and running southwesterly on the east side of the main street, joins the Maanexit in the southwesterly part of the town. *Elliott's Mill-brook*, once much larger than now, rises in the Auburn swamps and running southerly crosses the Worcester road near North Oxford and joins the Maanexit on the Kidder farm.

**Ponds.** Of natural ponds there are: 1. *Town's Pond*, one-fourth of a mile northerly of the north common, a body of very clear water fed by springs, and having a small outlet on the westerly side. It has an area of about 14 acres. 2. *Augutteback Pond*, a natural basin of the Maanexit, below the falls, one mile westerly of the centre. Its area is about 10 acres. 3. *Grassy Pond*, in the southwesterly part of the town, is, perhaps, 8 or 10 acres in extent, the surface being covered largely by floating grass, whence its name. It is fed by springs and has a small outlet into the river.

**Hills.** There are three principal hills in the northerly part of the town. On the northwest is *Rocky Hill* or *Mount Pleasant*. On the north, and projecting into the Maanexit valley, is *Prospect Hill*, embracing many acres, abrupt and wooded on the south, but sloping gradually on the north into Auburn. On the northeast is *Long* or *Federal Hill*, which extends southerly, embracing *Barton Hill*, to near the Sutton road. A part of this region extending into Millbury is called in the records *Flat Hill*. A spur of the same, called *Brush Hill*, lies southeasterly of, and overlooks, the Norwich and Worcester railroad station at North Oxford. Easterly of the centre, on the borders of Sutton, lie the *Manchang Hills*, which cover a large area of this part of the town. *Fort Hill*, named from the Huguenot fort, and *Bonnet Hill*, named for the Huguenot minister, are parts of this elevated tract nearer the village on the southeast. On the southwest lie the steep slopes of the Dudley hills, which are chiefly covered with wood. *Camp Hill* is a lower eminence near the centre on the west and was named from the fact of the encampment here of a body of United States troops in 1799.

**Meadows.** The most important tract of meadow in town at the time of the settlement was the *Great Meadow*, which lies nearly a mile northeasterly of the centre, and is now largely covered with wood or reclaimed for tillage. It was divided into small sections and allotted among the settlers. *Bell's Meadow* and *Hudson's Bay* were parts of the lands on the Maanexit between Howarth's and North Oxford. *Mendira Meadow*, east of the centre, once valuable, is now covered by the reservoir known as Robinson's Pond. *Bonnet Meadow* is a beautiful spot of a few acres, situated in the southerly part of the town, and named for the former owner, the Huguenot minister.

THE PLAIN FROM CAMP HILL, FORT HILL IN THE DISTANCE.





**Cedar Swamps.** These swamps were valued as furnishing fencing stuff, clapboards, shingles and coopers' materials. *Great Cedar Swamp* was located in what is now Auburn and was allotted to settlers in the same manner as were the meadows. *Little Cedar Swamp* lies westerly of Town's Pond, between that and the river.

**Products.** The soil of the town is moderately productive, the hill lands are good for hay, grazing and fruit-growing, and the plains being a warm alluvial soil are easily cultivated, and yield the common farm products, and garden vegetables, grapes, strawberries and the small fruits, especially, flourish.

**Nipmucks.** The site of the town is near the middle of a territory mainly in the southern central part of Massachusetts, known at the time of the settlement of Boston, 1630, as the "Nipmuck Country." Much of this tract was then wild hunting ground, but portions were thinly inhabited by the natives whose numbers had been much reduced by wars with western tribes and fatal disease.<sup>1</sup> They were an inferior people, and owned fealty to the Pokanokets.<sup>2</sup> Miss Larned, in her History of Windham County, aptly describes them:—

"They were subject clans of little spirit or distinctive character. Their number was small. A few families occupied favorite localities, while large sections were left vacant and desolate. Their dwellings were poor, their weapons and utensils rude and scanty. They raised corn and beans, and wove mats and baskets. Their lives were chiefly spent in hunting, fishing and idling."

Gaming, of which they were excessively fond, might be added.

Through the efforts of John Eliot and Daniel Gookin these people had been partially civilized and had to an extent accepted the Christian religion, and were known as "praying Indians." The earliest mention we find of the natives of this locality is in 1674, when Eliot and Gookin visited them. The latter thus wrote:—

"The first of these [New Praying towns] is Manchaug, which lyeth to the westward of Nipmuck [Blackstone] river about 8 miles and is from Hassana-mesit west and by south about 10 miles and it is from Boston about 50 miles. To it belongeth about twelve families and about sixty souls. For this place we appointed Waaberkatmin, a hopeful young man for their minister."

**Philip's War.** We know no more of this minister, but his term of service must have been short. A few months only elapsed after Eliot's visit before the whole region was under the excitement of Philip's War, and these apparently inoffensive men, to quote Mr. Gookin:—

"Being raw and lately initiated in the Christian profession, most of them fell off . . . and joined the enemy." Palfrey says "A taste for havoc was established between heathen Wampanoag and half converted Nipmuck. Without provocation and without warning they gave full sway to the inhuman

<sup>1</sup> Brigham's Cent. Ad., Grafton, 1835.

<sup>2</sup> Palfrey, I., 24.

passions of their savage nature and broke into a wild riot of pillage, arson and massacre."<sup>1</sup>

To the Nipmucks the results of the war were disastrous, and only a spiritless remnant of the tribe was found here when the English began negotiations for land for settlement.<sup>2</sup>

**Grant.** The first movement toward a settlement in the region was the petition of Mr. Hugh Campbell, a Scotch merchant of Boston, February, 1680, for land for a colony, to which the Court replied:—

"This Court judgeth it meete to allow to the petitioner, on behalfe of such as may on that account transport themselves hither, such accomodation to their number in the Nepmug country as it will affoord, prouided they come wthin two yeaeres next after this grant."<sup>3</sup>

From the index to this record we learn that the grant was made in behalf of a company of Scotch emigrants who were purposing to settle in Massachusetts, but we have no evidence that any progress was made in the matter.

**Indian Titles.** At about the same time two prominent men in Boston, William Stoughton and Joseph Dudley, were also contemplating a settlement, and in proceeding with their plan, the first point was to inquire into the matter of the ownership of the lands and the rights of the Indians. On this subject they petitioned the General Court, which replied, May 11, 1681, as follows:—

"The Court judgeth it meete to grant this motion, and doe further desire & impower the wor'pfl Wm. Stoughton & Joseph Dudley, Esqs, to take particular care & inspection into the matter of the land in the Nipmug Country, what titles are pretended to by Indeans or others, and the validity of them, and make returne of what they fnd therein to this Court as soone as may be."<sup>4</sup>

This commission reported October 16, 1681, that in June they had a general meeting of all the claimants at Cambridge, but finding them at variance as to their several claims, they dismissed them until they could agree among themselves. They further reported:—

"Since which time, in September last, perceiving a better vnderstanding amongst them, wee warned seuerall of the principall claymers to attend vs into the country, & travajle the same in company with us as farr & as much as one weeke would allow us, & fnd that the southerne part, claiimed by Black James and company is capable of good setlement, if not too scant of meadow, though vncerteine what will fall wthin bounds if our lyne be to be quæstion'd."<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Their instability is exemplified in the following facts: As soon as the authorities had learned of Phillip's plans they despatched a messenger who effected treaties with the rulers of all the tribes in this region, whereby they bound themselves not to aid in Phillip's scheme. The next month found four at least of these leaders in the enemy's camp at Brookfield, Black James of Chaubunagungamang, Keehood of Wabquasset, John of Pakachoag and Conkganasco of Quaboag. His. N. Brookfield, 74.

<sup>2</sup>"This war was very disastrous to the labors of

Mr. Eliot and almost entirely suspended them. The irritation against the Indians was very great and jealousy and distrust of his converts were everywhere rife, and the rage of the people was violent and alarming. Mr. Gookin and Mr. Eliot incurred much abuse." Morton, N. E. Mem., 391.

<sup>3</sup>Mass. Col. Rec., V., 263.

<sup>4</sup>Mass. Col. Rec., V., 315.

<sup>5</sup>Mass. Col. Rec., V., 328.—The boundary line between Massachusetts and Connecticut was at this time unsettled.

**Purchase of Indian Lands.** Stoughton and Dudley were empowered to make purchases, and on 18 Feb., 1681-2, reported that with the Hassanamesit and Natick Indians they had agreed for all their land

"lying fower miles northward of the present Springfield road, & southward to that, haue agreed betweene Blacke James & them, of which wee aduised in our late returne, wee haue purchased at thirty pounds money & a coate.

"The southern halfe of sajd countrey wee haue purchased of Blacke James & company, for twenty pounds."<sup>1</sup>

**Deeds.** The deeds of conveyance dated Feb. 10th, 1681-2, were presented to the Court May 27, 1682, and by it confirmed.<sup>2</sup> The descriptions are somewhat indefinite, but indicate that with Waban and company, Natick men, the bargain was for all the lands they claimed west of the Blackstone river, between the southern line of Massachusetts and an imaginary line beginning at the Blackstone river at a point four miles northerly of the Springfield road, and running southwesterly till it joined said Massachusetts southern line, thus enclosing a triangle.<sup>3</sup>

With "Black James," the bargain was for the southern part of the same territory, including lands extending into Connecticut.<sup>4</sup>

These deeds were delivered at Natick, May 19, 1682, and on the 27th the commissioners reported that they had effected a purchase "from the principall men of Naticke . . . of a parcell of remote & wast land belonging to said Indians, lying at the vtmost westerly bounds of Naticke, and, as wee are informed,—is for quantity about — acres, more or lesse, being mean land."<sup>5</sup>

**Indian Reserve.** In the second deed was a reservation of five miles square for the exclusive use of this branch of the tribe, which was chosen in two localities.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Col. Rec., V., 342.

<sup>2</sup> Mass. Col. Rec., V., 361.

<sup>3</sup> The consideration in the first deed was £30, and the description as follows:—"all that part of the Nipmug Country . . . lying, and being beyond the great ryuer called Kuttatuck, or Nipmug [Blackstone] Ryver, and betweene a ranige of marked trees, beginning at sajd riuier and running south east till it fall vpon the south lyne of the sajd Massachusetts colony on the south, and a certaine imaginary lyne fowre miles on the north side of the road, as it now lyeth, to Springfield on the north, the sajd great riuier . . . on the eastward, and the sajd patent lyne on the westward." In the second deed (consideration £20 and a black coat) it is as follows:—"all that part of the sajd Nipmug country . . . lying, & being on the south part of the sajd colony of the Mattachusets, beyond the great riuier . . . bounded with the Mattachusets patent line . . . on the south, and certeine marked trees, beginning at sajd riuier and running south east, till it strike vpon the bounds the of sajd patent line; on the north, the sajd great riuier; on the east, and coming to

a point on the west." Mass. Col. Rec., V., 362-365.

The commissioners say in their report Feb., 1681-2, "The whole tract in both deeds conteyned is in forme of a trjangle & reduced to a square, conteyneth a tract about fifty miles long & twenty miles wide." Ibid., 342.

<sup>4</sup> Gookin says of Chaubunagungamaug (fishing place of the boundary), "in this place dwells Black James, who about a year ago was constituted constable of all the praying towns. He is a person that hath approved himself diligent and courageous, faithful and zealous to suppress sin."

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., 361.

<sup>6</sup> The larger and principal tract was on the westerly shore of Chaubunagungamaug. A copy of the original survey is in the State Archives, and is endorsed as follows:

"This Plat running from the west side of Chaubunagungamaug Pond over Mayanexit River contains 11 thousand acres, being the complement of the other plat of five thousand to sixteen thousand which is the contents of 5 miles square reserved by the general Indian deed made

**Special Grants.** The Court duly acknowledged the services of Stoughton and Dudley in this purchase, and 1,000 acres of land were voted to each for their "great care and pajnes." Associated with them was another man of ability and high standing, Robert Thompson, merchant, of London, who became warmly interested in the success of the colonies as early as 1650, and in 1670 was chosen president of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in New England."<sup>1</sup> He ably served the public interests, both here and in England, in acknowledgment of which a grant of land was made to him, as follows:—

"This Court, being informed by our agents, now in England, of the good will & freindship of Major Robert Thompson, of London, & his readiness vpon all occasions to be assistants to them in the service of this colony, wherein they are, according doe, by way of gratuity, give unto the said Major Thompson & his heires, five hundred acres of land in the Nipmug countrey, to be lajd out to him w'th all reasonable convenience." Dated May 16, 1683.<sup>2</sup>

Stoughton was also a man of wealth and high position, and was in 1694 and 1700 acting governor of the Province.

Dudley was a leading spirit of his time, whose eminent executive talents cannot be questioned. Doctor Daniel Cox and John Blackwell of London, and Thomas Freak of Hannington, Wiltshire, all men of influence, were also proprietors.<sup>3</sup> It would seem that under the fostering care of such patrons, any enterprise which they might undertake would prosper. But in this case progress was slow, and influences beyond human control prevented the initiation of the scheme. For two years after the date of the grant no progress towards a settlement seems to have been made. The scarcity of men of sufficient courage and ability to face the existing difficulties was doubtless a great hindrance to the movement. The demand for men in the older plantations was pressing, and especially in those which had suffered most from the war, the proprietors were anxious to re-build as fast as possible. The grant for Woodstock had been made November 7, 1683, and so great were the obstacles that in the spring of 1686 only thirteen men could be mustered who were ready to go and take possession. Confidence in the peaceful professions of the natives had nearly vanished. The horrors of the recent war were

by black James and company to Wm. Stoughton & Joseph Dudley Esq's in behalf of the country  
—Surveyed by John Gore. Oct. 1684."

The plot of 5,000 acres was surveyed at Quinnatisset, southerly of the first tract, in the present town of Thompson.

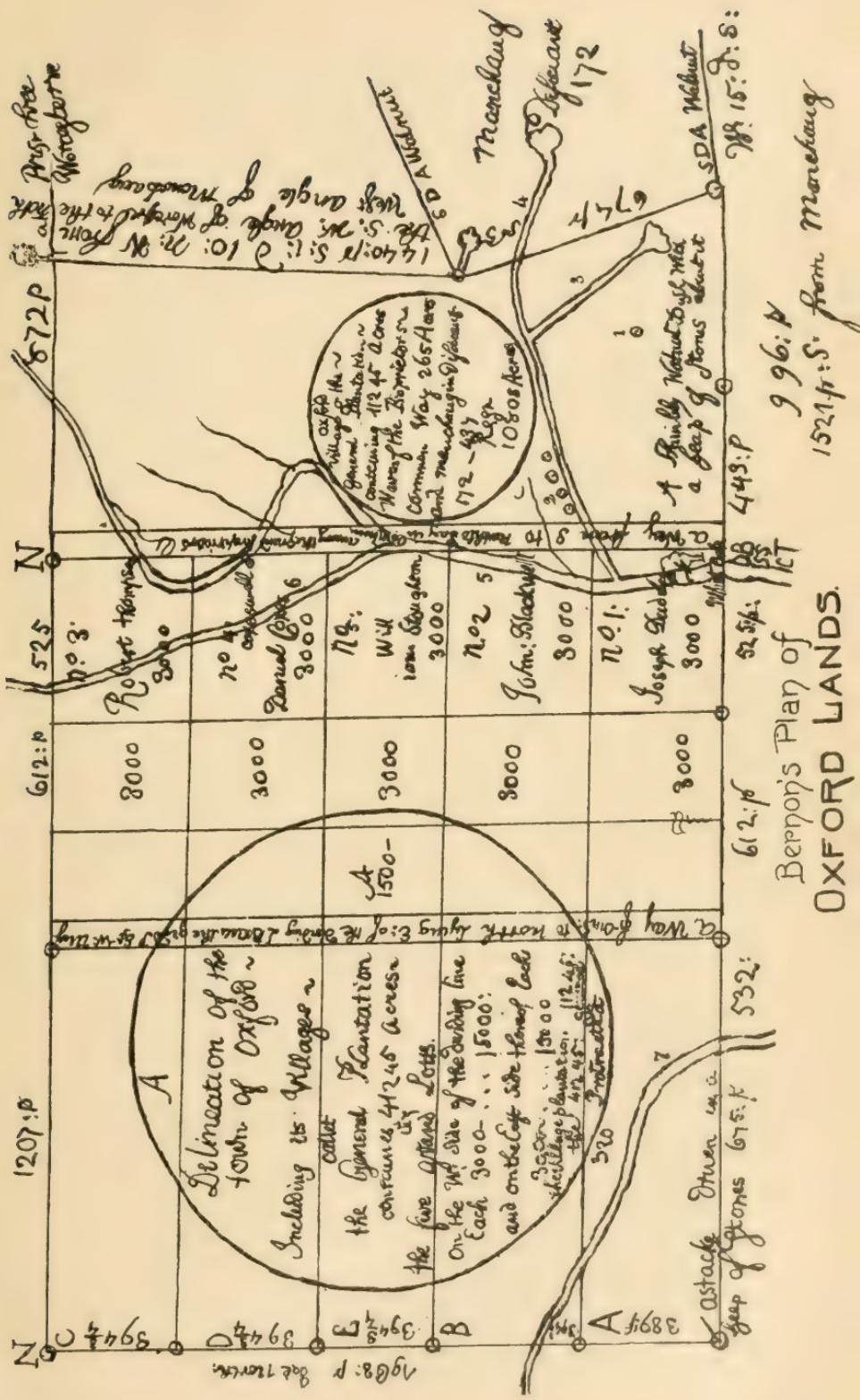
On 20 June, 1685, the Court ratified and confirmed to Black James and company two plots of land surveyed by John Gore, one at Quinnatisset and the other at Mayanexit. Col. Rec., V., 488.

<sup>1</sup> Hutchinson, I., 324.

<sup>2</sup> Mass. Col. Rec., V., 409. An old plan in the Oxford records shows, among other lots of land

in the territory lying southerly of the town and northeasterly of Chaubunagungamaug Pond, one designated as "Thompson's five hundred acres." After his death the legislature of Connecticut granted two thousand acres to his grandson in London, as a tribute to his memory. This grant was located in North Killingly, which place was afterwards made a town and named "Thompson," in honor of the family.

<sup>3</sup> John Blackwell was member of Parliament under Cromwell, and treasurer in his army, and was intimate with Dudley while in this country; was made justice of the peace by him, and was often his adviser. Miss Larned, I., 183.





still fresh in mind, and those who lived in the safer places near the coast were slow to go out and endure the hardships of a pioneer life in a wilderness where roving bands of hostile Indians were scouting, and the resident tribes had proved themselves untrustworthy.

**Grant to Dudley, etc., for a Town.** The grant for Oxford is as follows:—

"This court hauing information that some gentlemen in England are desirous to remoove themselues into this colony & (if it may be) to settle themselues vnder the Massachusets; for the incouragement of such persons, & that they may haue some from among themselues, according to their motion, to assist & direct them in such a designe, this Court doth grant to Major Robert Thompson Willjam Stoughton and Joseph Dudley, Esq., and such others as they shall associate to them, a tract of land, in any free place, conteyning eight miles square, for a touneship, they setteling in the sajd place w'thin fower yeares, thirty familjes & an able orthodox minister, and doe allow to the sajd touneship freedom from country rates for fower yearees from the time aboue lymitted."

Dated May 16th, 1683.<sup>1</sup>

**First Survey.** The survey of this grant was made by John Gore of Roxbury, an order having been issued by Edmund Andros, Kt., 19 Sept., 1687, for laying out a plat "near Worcester," on a grant made in 1683.<sup>2</sup> The place was named Oxford after the city of that name in England.<sup>3</sup>

The plan, a copy of which is now in the Town Clerk's office, comprehended 41,250 acres or a little less than 65 square miles, and was 2,114 rods or six and two-thirds miles on the east side; 3,340 rods or about ten and one-half miles on the south; 1,968 rods or about six miles on the west and 3,216 rods or about ten miles on the north. The description in the deed of division—hereafter described—begins at the southwest corner of Worcester, which was not far from the present Auburn centre, and from thence the line ran nearly south to the northwest corner of Mr. Dudley's grant of 1,000 acres before alluded to, and thence S. 15° E. by the west line of said grant to a point about one and a quarter miles southwest of West Sutton, and a mile and a half west of Manchaug Pond, called Manchaug Corner, thence W. 15° S. to a point north of Peter Pond in the east part of Dudley, and thence nearly on the same course crossing the Quinebaug to a point about one mile south of Southbridge centre, thence north including the main water power at Southbridge centre, to a point about two miles west of Charlton City on the Sturbridge line, thence N. 85° E. to the southwest corner of Worcester, enclosing besides the present Oxford, the larger part of Charlton, about one-fourth of

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Col. Rec., V., 408.

<sup>2</sup> Mass. Arch., CXXVII., 119. From the deed of division noted hereafter we learn that this grant was ratified to Dudley and Company on 11 Jan., 1688.

<sup>3</sup> This fact does not appear clearly from the record, but is confirmed by the memorandum of Judge Sewall, of Boston, who in his diary wrote,

"I gave New Roxbury the name of Woodstock, because of its nearness to Oxford, for the sake of Queen Elizabeth and the notable meetings that have been held at that place bearing the name in England." [Holmes's Annals, II., 240.] These places are about eight miles distant from each other, and are places of note in English history.

Auburn, one-fifth of Dudley, and several square miles of the north-east portion of Southbridge.

**Common way.** Through this tract on the Village west line was laid out due north and south a "way" 20 rods in width called "the common way,"—probably a reserve for access to the lands adjoining on the west. This "way" became later a part of the Village.

**The Village.** This "common way," cut off from the main grant 11,250 acres of the eastern portion, a plot six and two-thirds miles long, and nearly three miles wide, which was given to the settlers for a Village, or "General Plantation."

**"Grand lots."** The remaining 30,000-acre tract was divided into five equal parts, the division lines running easterly and westerly. These were allotted as follows: the northernmost to Robert Thompson, the second to Daniel Cox, the third to William Stoughton, the fourth to John Blackwell, and the southernmost to Joseph Dudley. Mr. Cox's portion is subdivided on the plan between Blackwell, Freak and Cox.<sup>1</sup> All the bounds mentioned in this deed were of a transient nature—marked trees, a heap of stones, or a stake, constituting them all—excepting one, which was at the northeast corner of Augutteback Pond at the present Howarth's village.<sup>2</sup>

So far as appears, Dudley assumed the entire management of the preliminaries of the settlement. Blackwell early sold, having obtained a new grant in the Quinebaug valley in Connecticut, 28 Jan., 1685.<sup>3</sup>

**The Deed of Division** is a valuable document, found in 1872 in London, and now in the possession of the New York Historical Society. Its date is July 3, 1688, and its point of special interest is in the description of Mr. Dudley's tract, where his northeast bound is given as a "white oak stake, square, driven in the meadow, by the river which runs by and from the French houses."<sup>4</sup>

A fact of interest learned from this document is the Indian name of the beautiful pond referred to, "Augutteback."<sup>5</sup>

**Attractions of the locality.** The features of the locality which, in Dudley's estimation, made it "capable of good settlement," were, doubtless, its meadows and plains. The western portion was

<sup>1</sup> Diagram 1, under "Changes in Town lines," shows the form and chief divisions of the grant.

<sup>2</sup> A fact on which the records give no light, is that of the change of the location of this "Village Line." By removing it a few rods to the west the very desirable water power at Augutteback or lower falls, and also a large amount of meadow on the river above were given to the village and the change was made undoubtedly as an inducement to settlers to come in. Whatever may have been the motive, the line was before 1715 removed about one-fourth of a mile to the westward, and at Augutteback was near the brow of the hill

west of the river at the west boundary of Howarth's estate.

<sup>3</sup> Mass. Col. Rec., V., 467.

<sup>4</sup> Cox's copy of this deed has recently come to light. It was in the possession of Ezra Taylor, Esq., of Southboro, attorney of Cox's heirs, who resided in New Jersey, and is now in the library of the Am. Antiq. Soc. at Worcester. See also Wor. Co. Rec., XXIX., 228.

<sup>5</sup> This name, though not as pleasing as the lake itself, should be retained. The river which runs through it should also be known as the Maanexit, the appellation "French" being inappropriate, as no French settled near it.

rough and hilly but the hundreds of acres of warm alluvial soil embraced in the village plot were specially suited to the main crop of those early times, Indian corn. Gookin said of it, "it is situated in a fertile country for good land," and he asserts he had seen in the region fields yielding 40 bushels to the acre. The country was not unbroken forest, but on the plains especially were open areas planted over by the natives.

"There is no underwood, save in swamps and low places; for it being the custom of the Indians to burn the woods in November . . . it consumes all the underwood and rubbish. There is good fodder in the woods where the trees are thin: and in the spring the grass grows rapidly on the burnt lands. . . . The woods are open and the forests penetrated without difficulty. The only obstructions are streams, hills and swamps."<sup>1</sup>

**Meadows.** These were considered as of great value on account of their yielding hay.<sup>2</sup> Water power available and fitting was at hand.

**Game.** Wild game in plenty, especially deer, important as a means of living, roamed the forests, and the ponds and rivers abounded in fish.<sup>3</sup>

**Roads.** The grant was easy of access. A road from Boston to Springfield crossed it on the north, and through the southern part ran the thoroughfare from Boston to Hartford and vicinity, called in the records the Great Trail and the Connecticut Path.

Undoubtedly the first white man to tread Oxford soil was John Oldham, who, in 1633, having learned of the "trail" from the incident of the Indians of Wabquasset carrying corn to the Bay colonists when in need in 1630, passed over it westward to Windsor.

In July, 1675, Ephraim Curtis was employed to conduct "Uncas his six men" from Boston home. He says "I conducted [them] safly while I com in sight of Wabquesesue new planting field; first to Natuck, from thenc to Marelborrow, thenc to Esnemisco, thenc to Mumchogg [Oxford], thenc to Chabanagonkomug, thenc to Mayenecket thenc over the river to Seneksig, while wee cam nere to Wabaquasesu wher they were willing that wee should leve them."<sup>4</sup> This indicates the line of travel at that time.

<sup>1</sup> Wood's New Eng. Prospect.

<sup>2</sup> Sudbury, Concord, Lancaster and Brookfield, early settled, all were chosen for their productive meadows. Robinson's Pond in the east part of Oxford covers "Mendon Meadow," so called from the fact that the people of Mendon came here for hay before the settlement.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Stephen Davis, recently deceased, æ. 87, said on the authority of his father that at the time of the settlement of his ancestors in the southeast part of Oxford, with a dog and a gun one could go to the woods near by and bring in a fawn as certainly and almost as quickly as a farmer could go to his sheepfold and prepare a lamb for the table.

Bears and wolves were not uncommon. Mrs. Lee in her history of the Huguenots says, quoting from the manuscript of Mr. John Mayo, "I

heard Joseph Rockwood, who served in the fort, tell of having got lost in the woods when out for the cows. He heard at a distance the cries of wild beasts, and ascending a tree for safety was surrounded during the night by half famished, howling wolves."

Mrs. Isaac Moffitt, b. 1738, dau. of John Larned, living west of the river in the southwest part of the town, said she had lain awake many a time in her childhood and heard the night-long serenade of the wolves from a knoll a short distance from the dwelling.

At Jonathan Ballard's, who bought in 1735 (now Howarth's), it was necessary at times to house the sheep and calves for safety, and on a certain winter morning tradition says seven wolves were counted on the ice of the mill pond.

<sup>4</sup> Mass. Arch., LXVII., 214.

## CHAPTER II.

### THE HUGUENOT COLONY.

THE HUGUENOTS. MILL. HOSTILE INDIANS. JOHNSON MASSACRE. THE DESERTION. RE-SETTLEMENT. FRENCH AND INDIAN INTRIGUES. QUEEN ANNE'S WAR. SECOND ABANDONMENT. HUGUENOT CHARACTER. PERSONAL RELICS. BERNON'S TROUBLES. BERNON'S SALE. PROPRIETORS' PROCLAMATION. ENGLISH SETTLERS. TOWN INCORPORATION.

**Huguenots as Colonists.** In the spring of 1686 no progress had been made toward occupying the grant, and on petition of the grantees, the stipulated time for settlement was extended three years.<sup>1</sup> Before the expiration of that time, the requisite number of families of a strange nationality and a remarkable history were here as settlers. These were French Protestants who a short time before had been driven out of their native land on account of their religion and had taken refuge in London. Mr. Thompson, one of the grantees then residing there, entered into negotiations with Gabriel Bernon, an influential man among them, which resulted in an agreement with him and his agent, Isaac Bertrand DuTuffeau, to bring over and settle 30 families upon the Oxford lands.<sup>2</sup>

A grant of 2,500 acres was made by Dudley and Company to Bernon and DuTuffeau in common, Bernon's portion thereof being 1,750 acres in his own right, and 750 in co-partnership with DuTuffeau. This tract was laid out in the southeast corner of the village plot, and was 352 rods on the south line, and ran north "as far as will complete the full quantity of 2,872 acres."<sup>3</sup> DuTuffeau after a time left the colony while indebted to Bernon, who by legal process came into possession of the whole. This he sold in the spring of 1721, eight years after the permanent settlement, for 1,200 pounds to Thomas Mayo, Samuel Davis and William Weld, all of Roxbury.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Col. Rec., V., 469.

<sup>2</sup> In 1720, Bernon represented to the authorities at Boston, that he was "one of the most ancient families in Roehel, France; that upon the breach of the Edict of Nantes, to shun persecution he fled to London; that on his arrival, —— Tuffeau, Esq., treasurer of the Protestant churches of France, presented him to the honorable society for propagating the gospel among the Indians in New England; that Mr. Thompson the governor [President] offered to 'instal him in the society' and offered him land in the government of the Massachusetts Bay; whereupon Isaac Bertrand du Tuffeau desired him 'to assist him to come over to New England to settle a

plantation for their refuge,' that he did advance him such sums, as, 'with the exchange and interest from that time would amount to above one thousand pounds,' etc. . . . and that he shipped himself, his family, and servants, with other families and paid passage for above forty persons."

<sup>3</sup> In the deed a reserve was made of 172 acres of meadow for the settlers, and 200 acres for Daniel Bondet, the minister.

<sup>4</sup> Weld soon sold his share to Mayo and Davis. John, son of Thomas Mayo, settled upon the southern part of the tract including Fort Hill, and Davis owned and occupied the central part, lying on both sides of the present Sutton road.

During the summer and autumn of 1686 and the winter following most of these emigrants arrived at Boston, and according to Rev. Charles W. Baird, D.D., author of "History of the Huguenot emigration to America," came to Oxford in 1687.<sup>1</sup> The settlement was made near the stream easterly of the present Main Street, the houses having been built on its higher banks, mostly on the westerly side, from near the present Sutton road on the northeast, down one mile to the Webster road and Johnson's Plain on the southwest, the most thickly settled part having been near the "old mill" at the south end of the Plain.

**Chapel.** Southeasterly from the central portion of the village on the Humphrey farm upon a rise of land about 100 rods from the stream, on the road to the fort, stood their church building, and near it was their burying-ground, and a stockade for refuge in case of an attack during religious service.

**Fort.** Still farther to the southeast about three-fourths of a mile, rising to an eminence overlooking the country for many miles, was their fort or stronghold, and a short distance from it westerly on Bondet Hill, within the village limits, was a building called in the records the "Great house," supposed to have been the home of the minister, Daniel Bondet.

**Mills.** On the stream near the south end of the Plain, was built the first mill, a sawmill, and three-fourths of a mile above at the northeastern extremity of the settlement on Bernon's land, stood the grist-mill, built by Mr. Church in 1689.

**Progress.** Concerning the progress of the colony, but little can be known, as all official papers were carried away by the pastor, Daniel Bondet, when he left, and have never been recovered.<sup>2</sup> A few miscellaneous papers, petitions, letters, etc., remain, chiefly in the State archives and among the Bernon papers now in the possession of William D. Ely, Esq., Providence, R. I., quotations from which will give indications of the state of affairs from time to time. A letter from a French refugee in Boston, dated Nov., 1687, recites as follows :

"The Niemok country belongs to the President himself and the land costs nothing. I do not know as yet the precise quantity that is given to each family; some have told me it is from fifty to a hundred acres according to the size of a family. . . . It lies with those who wish to take up lands whether to take them in the one or the other plantation—on the sea board or in the interior. The Niemok plantation is inland, at a distance of twenty leagues from Boston and equally distant from the sea; so that when the settlers wish to send anything to Boston or to obtain anything from thence, they are obliged to transport it in wagons. In the neighborhood of this settlement there are small rivers and ponds abounding in fish, and woods full of game. M. Bondet is their minister. The inhabitants as yet number only fifty-two persons."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Holmes in his "Annals" gives the time as in 1686. Oxford, says they were kept in Boston, and burned in the old State House.

<sup>2</sup> Whitney, referring to the early records of

<sup>3</sup> Bulletin Soc. His. Fr. Protestantism, XVI., 69.

**Mill Contract.** A contract dated March, 1689, between Caleb Church of Watertown and Mr. Bernon, by which the former agrees to build a grist-mill at Oxford, appears among the Bernon papers. This mill was completed prior to Feb., 1690, as before stated.

**The Rum Traffic.** In 1691 the peace of the settlement was seriously disturbed by some "incorrigible persons" therein who were carrying on a pernicious traffic with the natives. The following is a memorial from the minister, Mr. Bondet, on this subject, dated 6 July :—

"It is an occasion which fills my heart with sorrow and my life of trouble, but my humble request will be at least before God, and before you a solemn protestation against the guilt of those incorrigible persons who dwell in our place. The rum is always sold to the Indians without order or measure, insomuch that according the complaint sent to me by master Dickesteane with advice to present it to your honours. The 26 of last month there was about twenty Indians so furious by drunkenness that they fought like bears and fell upon one called remes . . . who is appointed for preaching the gospel amongst them he had been so much disfigured by his wounds that there is no hope of his recovery. If it was your pleasure to signify to the instrumens of that evil the jalousie of your authoriti and of the publique tranquility, you would do great good maintaining the honour of God in a Christian habitation, comforting some honest souls which being incompatible with such abominations feel every day the burden of affixon of their honorable perigrination aggravated. Hear us pray and so God be with you and prosper all your just undertakings and applications tis the sincere wish of your most respectuous servant.

"D. BONDET  
minister of the gospell in a  
French Congregation at newoxford."

No action upon this petition appears.

**Sigourney's Affirmation.** Several years later the same evil continued, "to the great shame and danger of all the company," the agent now being one of the Huguenots, as appears from the following document, the original of which is in the possession of Peter Butler, Esq., of Quincy, a descendant of André Sigourney :—

"André Sigourney aged of about fifty years doe affirme that the 28 day of nouemb'r last past he was with all the others of the village in the mill for to take the rum in the hands of Peter Canton and when they asked him way hee do abuse soe the Indiens in seleing them liquor to the great shame and dangers of all the company hee s<sup>d</sup> Canton answered that itt was his will and that hee hath right soe to doe and asking him further if itt was noe him how make soe many Indiens drunk he did answer that hee had sell to one Indien and one squa the valem of four gills and that itt is all upon w<sup>ch</sup> one of the company named Elias Dupeux told him that hee have meet an Indien drunk w<sup>ch</sup> have get a bott(le) fool and said that itt was to the mill how (who) sell itt he answered that itt may bee truthe.

"ANDRÉ SIGOURNEY. [Constable.]

"BOSTON, Dec. 5, 1693."

**Representative.** In the early part of 1693 the plantation, having been by a general law of 1692 empowered thereto, chose as

representative to the General Court, Daniel Allen of Boston. Little can be learned of this first representative of the town, but it can hardly be doubted that he was half-brother of Dudley, and son of Rev. John Allin of Dedham, by his wife Catharine, who had been previously wife of Samuel Hagborne and of Thomas Dudley, and was mother of Joseph Dudley. He was born 5 Aug. 1656; grad. Harv. Col. 1675; physician at Boston; died 7 Nov. 1693. His kinship to Dudley explains his having been elected to the office, and the fact attests Dudley's continued interest in the settlement.<sup>1</sup>

**Hostile Indians.** In the summer of 1693 the northern Indians became a source of alarm. At Brookfield a band of 40 made an assault, 27th July, killing six persons and carrying away three others, one an infant, which was killed soon after the capture. Both Oxford and Woodstock having fears that unless precautionary measures were taken like disasters might come to these places, the case was laid before the authorities, and on 1 Aug., 1693, in Council, it was advised and ordered that the Indians of the Plantation of Tohkocomoowadchunt [Kekamoochong, adjoining Oxford] "as well for their own security as that the Enemy may be better known," be drawn into the town of Woodstock to be under the watch of the English.<sup>2</sup> Nothing further appears to show that the settlement was not in a fairly prosperous condition up to 1694, seven years from the beginning. At this date the community numbered probably 70 or 80 persons.

In the summer of 1694 the colonists first learned by experience the cruel and sanguinary nature of the people among whom their lot had been cast. A daughter of one Alard, with two younger children of the family, left their home one day to return no more. Search was made, the body of the murdered girl was found but the children had been captured and carried away to Quebec.<sup>3</sup>

**Sigourney's Memorial.** The effect of this occurrence was greatly to dishearten the villagers, as will appear from the following document. In October, 1694, a warrant having been sent to Andrew Sigourney, the constable, for the collection of £8. 6s. taxes, he replied as follows:—

" . . . Now whereas the Indians have appeared several times this summer, we were forced to garrison ourselves for three months together and several families fled, so that our summer harvest of hay and corn hath gone to ruin by the beasts and cattle which hath brought us so low that we have not enough to supply our own necessities, many other families abandoning likewise so that we have none left but Mr. Bondet our minister and the poorest

<sup>1</sup>Corroborative evidence of his identity is found in the names of his children, among whom were *John*, *Catharine* and *Benjamin*. [See Savage.] The choice of a representative not an inhabitant of the town was in accordance with English usage.

<sup>2</sup> Council Rec.

<sup>3</sup> Tradition gives us this story, and says these children were a daughter and two sons, and fixes

the location of Alard's dwelling as at the south end of the plain, about three rods westerly of the railroad track on the northerly side of the road to the fort. The Bermon papers give—"The daughter of Sr. Alord was killed, and the two children of Alord taken prisoners and taken to Quebec."—Baird, II., 274.

of our plantation, so that we are incapable of paying said Poll unless we dispose of what little we have and quit our plantations. Wherefore humbly entreat the Honorable Council to consider our miseries and incapacity of paying the poll, and as in duty bound we shall ever pray."<sup>1</sup>

In Province Laws of 1698, p. 341, we find an act remitting taxes to Oxford for £33. 6s.

**Bondet leaves.** For nearly two years afterward we have very little by which to judge of the condition of affairs. Soon after the date of the above memorial, according to Laborie's representations, hereafter given, Bondet, the pastor, doubtless with a feeling of hopelessness as to the future, and to the regret and discouragement of the people, left and returned to Boston.

**Johnson Massacre.** On 25 Aug., 1696, occurred the Johnson massacre. This deed was perpetrated under the instigation of the Canadian authorities and the Jesuits by a willing servant of theirs, Toby, a Nipmuck Indian, dwelling at Woodstock, and was a precursor of the long series of atrocities later enacted on the frontier.<sup>2</sup>

The house of Johnson stood on the southern outskirts of the village, near the Woodstock trail, on the plain which bears his name. Toby and his band stealthily approached it on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 25th of August, 1696, and entering, seized his three children, Andrew, Peter and Mary, and ruthlessly crushed their heads against the stones of the fireplace. With the help of Andrew Johonnot, her cousin, the mother fled toward Woodstock, whither her husband had gone on business. Tradition runs that in parts of the way there were two paths and that in going and coming the husband and wife passed each other, she going on to Woodstock and he coming to his home, where he was met by the assassins and shared the fate of his children.<sup>3</sup>

A rough stone monument was raised on the site of the Johnson house by an assembly of the people of Oxford on 25 Aug., 1875. Dr. O. W. Holmes, replying to an invitation to be present, wrote: "The occasion you propose to celebrate is a very interesting one, in an exceptional kind of way, and deserves an orator quite as much as many more widely known events of history . . . I must content myself with sending my most cordial good wishes to my friends of the

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Arch., C., 502.

<sup>2</sup> In a letter dated at New London, 29 Jan., 1700, from Gov. Winthrop to Bellomont at Boston, he refers to "one Toby, formerly belonging to the Indians that live at New Roxbury, who had a particular hand in killing one Johnson, near the same town, in the last war with the Indians."—N. Y. Col. MSS., IV., 612.

<sup>3</sup> A fifth victim, John Evans, is named in a certificate of Stoughton, Increase Mather and others, in favor of Bernon, presented to the authorities 20 Sept., 1696. We find no other mention of him. "Daniel Johonnot, Boston, a Huguenot youth, b. about 1668, came from Rochelle, France, attend-

ing his uncle Andrew Sigourney, probably in 1686, lived at Oxford with those other noble exiles, until driven away by the Indians in Aug., 1696, when he saved, says tradition, that may in this case be *nearer the truth than common*, his cousin, Susan Johnson, whose husband and three children were then killed." [Savage.] Johnson came as an attendant of DuTuffeau. He was b. at Alveton or Alton, Staffordshire, Eng. [Dr. Baird.] Suzanne, his widow, who was the daughter of Andrew Sigourney, the constable, m. 18 Apr., 1700, in Boston, her cousin, Daniel Johonnot. Sigourney Gen.

lovely town which records so touching, beautiful and romantic a story in its annals." In another connection he says:

" My father visited the site of the little colony in 1819 and 1825. He traced the lines of the fort, and was regaled with the perfumes of the shrubbery and the grapes then hanging in clusters on the vines planted by the Huguenots above a century before. I visited the place between twenty and thirty years ago and found many traces of the old settlement. After Plymouth, I do not think there is any locality in New England more interesting. This little band of French families, transported from the shore of the Bay of Biscay to the wilds of our New England interior, reminds me of the isolated group of magnolias which we find surrounded by the ordinary forest trees in our Massachusetts town of Manchester. It is a surprise to meet with them and we wonder how they came there, but they glorify the scenery with their tropical flowers and sweeten it with their fragrance. Such a pleasing surprise is the effect of coming upon this small and transitory abiding-place of the men and women who left their beloved and beautiful land for the sake of their religion. The lines of their fort may be obliterated, 'the perfumes of the shrubbery' may no longer be perceived, but the ground they hallowed by their footsteps is sacred, and the air around their old Oxford home is sweet with their memory."<sup>1</sup>

This event filled the settlement with consternation, and after burying in one grave the murdered husband and "*ses trois enfuns*," the inhabitants gathered their small stores of movables and hastened away to a place of safety.<sup>2</sup>

**The Departure.** Tradition says that early in the morning of their leaving—each family having bade adieu to its plantation and home—they assembled at the little church, where they had a season of worship. They afterward repaired to the burying-ground to take leave of the graves of departed friends, and thence in a procession, moved onward over the rough forest road, toward Boston.

**Second Settlement.** As early as the spring of 1699, eight or ten families returned and occupied their plantations. But of the fortunes of the second colony we know little. The facts however set forth in the citations which follow, indicate clearly that with the rum traffic with the resident natives and the plottings of the neighboring tribes, there could have been but very little of growth or quiet.

<sup>1</sup> Introduction to the "Huguenots in the Nipmuck Country."

<sup>2</sup> The news of this disaster spread speedily through the Province, and a band of 12 soldiers from Worcester, accompanied by 38 friendly Indians, hastened to the protection of the frontier towns of Oxford and Woodstock. The woods were ranged for days, and some fresh tracks were found at a place called Half-way River north of the French settlement. Captain Daniel Fitch, the leader of the expedition, made a report to Lieut. Gov. Stoughton, and asked for a supply of provisions and ammunition in order that the search might be pursued. It does not

appear that any clue to the perpetrators was discovered. Lincoln's Hist. of Worcester, p. 37.

This Half-way River was undoubtedly the Maanexit, which is about midway between Boston and Springfield. Sixty years or more ago, George Alverson while ploughing on the intervalle near the river on the land of Luther Stone, N. Gore, turned up a brass kettle, a draught chain and a mattock, which had evidently been a very long time buried, and which it is thought the marauders may have taken with them from the scene of the murder and finding them cumbersome secreted them here.

**Laborie Memorial.** A petition of the second Minister, James Laborie, in behalf of the settlers, dated Oct. 1, 1699, is as follows:<sup>1</sup>

"James Laborie tou his Excellencie and tou the Honorable Council."

"**MY LORD AND MOST HONORABLE COUNCIL.**"

"Mr. Bondet, formerly minister of this town, not only satisfied to leave us almost two years before the Indians did commit any act of hostility in this place, but carried away all the books which had been given for the use of the plantation, with the acts and papers of the village, we most humbly supplicate your Excellency and the most Honorable Council to oblige Mr. Bondet to send back again said books, acts and papers belonging to said plantation.

"The inhabitants, knowing that all disturbance that hath been before in this plantation, have happened only that some people of this plantation did give the Indians drink without measure, and that at present there is some continuing to do the same, we most humbly supplicate your Excellency and Honorable Council to give to Mr. James Laborie, our minister, full order to hinder these disturbances which put us in great danger of our lives. The said inhabitants also complain against John Ingall, that not only he gives to said Indians drink without measure, but buy all the meat they bring, and goes and sell it in other villages, and so hinders the inhabitants of putting up any provisions against the winter. We most humbly supplicate your Excellency and most Honorable Council to forbid said John Ingall to sell any rhoom, and to transport any meat out of the plantation, that he hath bought of the Indians before the said inhabitants be provided.<sup>2</sup>

"James Laborie in his particular most humbly supplicate your Excellency and the most Honorable Council to give him a peculiar order to oblige the Indians to observe the Sabbath day, many of said Indians to whom the said Laborie hath often exhorted to piety—having declared to submit themselves to the said Laborie's exhortations if he would bring an order with him from your Excellency, or from your honorable Lieut. Governor, Mr. Stauton, or the most Honorable Council.

"Expecting these favors we shall continue to pray God for the preservation of your Excellency, and most Honorable Council" etc.

"**JAMES LABORISH.**"

Endorsed—"Lre written 1<sup>st</sup> X br 99 w'th a proclama'con for the observance of the Sabbath day inclosed."<sup>3</sup>

The action of the authorities on this petition does not appear.

**Laborie to Bellomont.** The following, addressed to Earl Bellomont, indicates that a certificate of the inhabitants had been required in reference to the charges against Bondet. The writer then opens the subject of the intrigues of the natives.

"At New Oxford this 17 June, 1700.

"My Lord: When I had the honor to write to your Excellency, I did not send the certificate of our inhabitants with reference to Monsieur Bondet,

<sup>1</sup> Laborie was stationed here not only to labor at New Oxford but also among the Indians at Keekamoochang. This was a tract bounded north by Oxford south line, east by the large pond, south by "Dudley's Maanexit farm," and extended westerly so as to include the valley west of Dudley centre. The brook in said valley bore the name.

In the Council Records, p. 95, we find—"Advised and consented that his Excellency issue forth his

warrant to Mr. Treasurer, to pay forty shillings unto John Ingall, sent with an express from Oxford, bringing the news, 7 Feb., 1699."

We infer that Ingall was trader in Oxford, bringing goods from Boston, dealing with colonists and Indians, and that with the latter rum was a leading article in exchange for wild meats, furs, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Mass. Arch., II., 140.

for the reason they were not all here, I have at length procured it, and send it to your Excellency. As to our Indians, I feel constrained to inform your Excellency that the four who came back, notwithstanding all the protestations which they made to me upon arriving, had no other object in returning than to induce those who had been faithful, to depart with them. They have gained over the greater number, and to-day they leave for Penikook, twenty-five in all—men, women, and children. I preached to them yesterday in their own tongue. From all they say, I infer that the priests are vigorously at work, and that they are hatching some scheme which they will bring to light so soon as they find a favorable occasion.

“JAMES LABORIE.”

Reports widely circulated that the King of England intended to cut them off, and at another time that it was his purpose to disarm them, aroused the hostility of the Indians and they engaged earnestly in executing the designs of the Canadians. The intrigue was busily prosecuted with the Wabquassesets with the hope that they through their chief men would succeed in winning over their neighbors, the Mohegans, who had continued the fast friends of the English.

**Toby's Movements.** For several years after the massacre, Toby, who had removed northward, was a very active agent in this work and brought to the Nipmuck, Wabquasset and Mohegan tribes much wampum for the purpose of influencing them to combine against the English.<sup>1</sup> On 1 Feb., 1700, Black James gave the information :

“He being in the woods a hunting came to a place near Massomuck [Pomfret], to a great wigwam of five fire places, and eleaven hunting Indians, . . . the next morning they went out and called this James and bid him come and see the wampom they had gathered; he asked what that wampom was for, they said it was Mohawk's wampom; the Dutchman had told them that the English had ordered to cut off all Indians, and they had the same news from the french, and therefore we are gathering and sending wampom to all Indians, that we may agree to cutt off the English; and Cawgatwo [of Wabquasset] told this James that Toby brought that wampom and that news from the Mohawks.”<sup>2</sup>

On 3 Feb., 1700, a squaw, Spuna, gave information that two strange Indians, one of whom was Toby “a great man or Cap'n,” were two days at Wabquasset “consulting how they might come down upon the English and friendly Indians” and that the Wabquassesets agreed to go in February to Pennacook, with wives and children.

**Mr. Sabin.** On 28 Feb., Bellmont wrote to the Lords of Trade, London, saying that Mr. Sabin [of Woodstock] was at Boston “the past week, having come by night that it might not be known to his Indian neighbors,” that he was under great terror and apprehension having learned through “Owenico” the Mohegan Chief that the Governor of Canada through his “cunning men” was instigating a plot to cut off the English.

In another connection Sabin said, “The Indians are drawn off and gone eastward and some . . . being sent to recall them and having discoursed with the Sachem of the Pennacook about the aforesaid

<sup>1</sup> N. Y. Col. MSS., IV., 613, 616, etc.   <sup>2</sup> Ibid.

combination . . . he told him that he had the longest bow that ever was in New England, it reached from Penobscot to the Mohawk Country," meaning that all Indians were in the plot.

In June, 1700, French Protestants at Boston represented to the Court that they had "been at great charges" in maintaining the poor of New Oxford, "who by the occasion of the war withdrew themselves, and since that they have assisted many who returned to Oxford in order to resettlement."<sup>1</sup>

**Bellomont to Lords of Trade.** On 9 July, 1700, Bellomont wrote :—

"The Indians about the town of Woodstock and New Oxford, consisting of about 40 families have lately deserted their houses and corn, and are gone to live with the Penicook Indians, which has much alarmed the English thereabouts, and some of the English have forsaken their houses and farms and removed to towns for better security. That the Jesuits have seduced these 40 families is plain from several accounts I have received, some whereof I now send . . . Labourie's letter to me is very plain evidence that French Jesuits debauched those Indians . . . Mr. Sabin is so terrified . . . that he has thought fit to forsake his dwelling and is gone to live in a town. All the thinking people here believe the Eastern Indians will break out against the English in a little time."<sup>2</sup>

**Queen Anne's War.** In May, 1702, England declared war against France, initiating the contest known as Queen Anne's War, thus giving an additional incentive to hostilities, which was eagerly improved by the French Governor of Canada, and the Indian tribes were stirred up afresh to engage in their atrocious warfare. Bernon became fearful for Oxford, and called upon Dudley, who had then recently come to the Governor's chair, for aid and protection, who replied as follows :—

"Herewith I send you a commission for Captain of New Oxford. I desire you forthwith to repair thither and show your said commission, and take care that the people be armed, and take them in your own house with a palisade, for the security of the inhabitants; and if they are at such a distance . . . that there should be need of another place to draw them together in case of danger, consider of another proper house and write me, and you shall have order therein."

"I am your humble servant,

"J. DUDLEY.<sup>3</sup>

"July 7, 1702."

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Arch., II., 150.

<sup>2</sup> N. Y. Col. MSS., IV., 684. The Pennacooks inhabited the Connecticut valley about the site of Concord, N. H., and were largely under the influence of the Canadian Jesuits, and received presents from them, notably silver crosses as ornaments, and through them the tribes in this vicinage, who thought the religion of the Pennacooks finer than that of the Huguenots, were prejudiced against the latter, and were induced to remove northward. Baird, II., 285.

Bernon came to Oxford and had his commission read according to his instructions, assuring the people that he did not look on them as soldiers but as friends. From the tone of his letter to Dudley later he seems to have approved of what had been done, but still was solicitous as to the safety of the colony and suggested that in case of further trouble Providence should send succor, and names Captain Arnold and Lieut. Wilkinson as persons to be relied on for efficient aid. *Ibid.*, 288.

**Perry to Dudley.** In a letter of John Perry to Gov. Dudley, Brookfield, 4 Jan., 1703, he says:—

"We have a few rambling Indians frequenting our place whose words & carriage is such as gives reason to suspect them to be evil minded men and disposed to mischief . . . Their names the one is Joseph Ninnequabon, who was the man the last year that received a wampum belt of our Enemyes, and presented it to the Moheggs to ingage them in a war with us, for which the Authority imprisoned said Ninnequabon many weeks, the then plott being discovered by our Moheeken friends, that storm went over. . . . It is said that Ninnequabon was bred & born at New Roxbury . . . [He names Black James and] another Indian whose name is Moamaug, who told Mr. Buroe a ffrench gentleman [Francois Bureau, an Oxford Huguenot], that he had been at Canada this last summer, and the french had given him a gun, a coat and a hatchet, to ingage him against the English. These Indians are designed to draw off norward to be out of your Excellency's reach: for they are informed that your Excellency desires to settle them, which they declare against."<sup>1</sup>

**Soldiers.** From the Council records, p. 509, we learn that 13 soldiers, one a sergeant, were here for protection in the summer of 1703. The Bernon papers show business transactions here in 1704. The same year Laborie removed to New York. No further mention of the settlement appears in the records.

**The Frontier Attacked.** In 1704 the long threatened stroke came upon the frontier towns of Massachusetts, and hundreds of the inhabitants were barbarously cut off. On 29 Feb., by the French and Indians, the fearful blow was struck at Deerfield. "This affair," says Mr. Temple, "paralyzed temporarily our Hampshire County settlements and was the predominant factor of Brookfield history [and Oxford as well] for that year."<sup>2</sup>

**Oxford Abandoned.** The condition of Oxford at this period may be readily inferred, and it is not in the least surprising that its inhabitants some time in 1704 bade a final adieu to their plantations and again sought a refuge in the friendly towns on the coast.

**Huguenot Character.** We have not space for eulogy nor is it required. Many a glowing tribute has already been paid to this people. Michelet says:—

"Their flight was a noble act of loyalty and sincerity. It is glorious for human nature that so many for truth's sake should have sacrificed every thing in a flight so perilous and difficult; some see in these people only obstinate sectaries, I see in them people of lofty ideas of honor, who over all the earth have proved themselves to have been the élite of France."

The value of their influence upon American character and institutions cannot be estimated. In polities, in religion, in the arts and manufactures, and specially in social and domestic life and the finer amenities which mark an advanced civilization we are greatly their debtors. Among the array of brilliant names in our country's history "none stand higher than those which from their foreign east indicate

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Arch., LXX., 618.

<sup>2</sup> His. N. Brookfield, 165.

a descent" from the Huguenots. As with the Pilgrims, loyalty to God and the truth was the first grand principle by which they were actuated.

. . . . . "They felt  
And did acknowledge, whereso'er they moved,  
A spiritual Presence, . . . . .  
. . . . a high dependance, a divine  
Bounty and government that filled their hearts  
With joy and gratitude, and fear and love;  
And from their fervent lips drew hymns of praise  
With which the desert rung.  
Beyond their own poor nature, and above  
They looked: were humbly thankful for the good  
Which the warm sun solicited—and earth  
Bestowed: were gladsome—and their moral sense  
They fortified with reverence for the Gods.  
And they had hopes which overstepped the grave."

*Wordsworth.*

**Worship.** Their form of worship was simple yet impressive. They were well versed in the scriptures, and excelled in music, having a translation of the Psalms and the hymns of Beza and Marot—called the French Watts—set to the sweet harmonies of Goudamel, an early French composer, and followed a liturgy modelled by John Calvin, which had been long used in their native land. Dr. Baird gives something of their mode of Sabbath worship: First, several chapters of the Bible were read by a *lecteur* (who was also precentor or chorister) closing with the ten commandments; then began a service by the pastor, an invocation, and an invitation to prayer and general confession, the congregation the while standing; next came the singing of a psalm by the congregation, seated. "This was the people's part,—the song in a ritual without other audible responses, and all the Huguenot fervor broke out in those strains that had for generations expressed the faith and religious joy of a persecuted race." After a short extempore prayer came the sermon, and after that general supplications, closing with the Lord's Prayer and the apostles' creed. The benediction followed, with the word of peace. Their form of Church government appears to have been as simple as their worship, as the pastor, with the elders, elected by the membership, controlled all the interests of the body.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In reference to this subject, Prof. Henry M. Baird, author of "The Rise of the Huguenots," wrote:—"The ministers who left France before the Revocation would naturally remain connected with the synods in that country. Those who settled in England formed themselves into new 'Synods & Colloques.' Such as came to this country were, I presume, too few in number to form any such organizations, at least I do not remember to have read of any. I presume the individual churches were pretty much independent of each other, and if they did not 'conform' to the Church of England elected their

own elders, by whom they were in turn governed. . . . The body of believers settling at a certain place constituted themselves into a church, elected their elders and chose some minister, if they could get one, for their pastor. Sometimes it would seem the ministers 'conformed' while the churches did not. At least Pierre Daillé had submitted to Episcopal ordination at the hands of the Bishop of London, while the church to which he ministered, at Boston, was not 'conformable to the Church of England.'" Baird, *Hug. Em. to Am.*, II., 236.

**Personal.** GABRIEL BERNON, as has been seen, was the capitalist and chief guardian of the material interests of the place, although he never resided here. He came to Boston in 1688, remaining until 1697, and removed to Rhode Island. He was a worthy and honorable man, and in France as well as in Canada, where he for a time resided, a wealthy and influential merchant, but his ventures in New England were unfortunate, and those in Oxford a source of great perplexity and pecuniary loss. Dr. Baird says he was, perhaps, the most remarkable of the Huguenots who came to America after the Revocation. He was a leading merchant of La Rochelle with a large foreign trade, especially with Canada. While living at Quebec he was considered the principal French merchant of the city, and was a generous benefactor of the colony. He was firm in his religious opinions, and a special object of the enmity of the priests, who were bent on his ruin. The governor wrote "It is a pity he cannot be converted. As he is a Huguenot the bishop wants me to order him home, which I have done." It was recantation or ruin. He reached home in the height of the persecution and was thrown into prison where he continued several months, but was released, perhaps through the influence of his Catholic brothers. He sold his property and in May or June, 1686, fled to Amsterdam, and the next February to London. His only son Gabriel died at sea about 1706. The descendants of his daughters are now among the prominent families of Providence.

DANIEL BONDET. Of the pastor who for eight or nine years guided and fed his little flock in this wilderness of New Oxford, not much can now be known. He was of a noble family in France, his mother having been a daughter of Philippe de Nautonnier, Sieur de Castelfranc. His wife was "a most virtuous lady of a ducal family." He was not only the minister of the French Church, but was also a missionary to the Nipmucks under the auspices of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in New England, and preached in three languages, English, French and Indian.<sup>1</sup> He left Oxford before the breaking up of the first colony in a manner apparently not altogether creditable; resided in Boston two years, removed to New York and was pastor of a French Church at New Rochelle, where he died in 1722. His letter to the authorities on the rum traffic in New Oxford, previously quoted, and that to Lord Cornbury at New York, given below, show us somewhat of his spirit, and the difficulties he encountered in the discharge of his duties.

[NEW ROCHELLE, 1702.]

"**MY LORD.** I most humbly pray your Excellency to be pleased to take cognizance of the petitioner's condition. I am a French Refugee Minister, incorporated into the body of the Ministry of the Anglican Church. I removed about fifteen years ago into New England, with a company of poor refugees

<sup>1</sup> Agnew Prot. Exiles, II., 164.

to whom lands were granted for their settlement, and to provide for my subsistence I was allowed one hundred and five pieces per annum, from the funds of the Corporation for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Savages. I performed that duty during nine years with a success approved and attested by those who presided over the affairs of that Province. The murders which the Indians committed in those countries caused the dispersion of our company, some of whom fell by the hands of the barbarians. I remained after that two years in that Province expecting a favorable season for the re-establishment of affairs; but after waiting two years seeing no appearance and being invited to this Province of New York by Col. Heathcote who always evinces an affection for the public good and distinguishes himself by a special application for the advancement of religion and good order by the establishment of churches and schools, and the fittest means to strengthen and encourage the people, I complied with his request, and that of the company of New Rochelle in this Province where I passed five years on a small allowance promised me by New Rochelle, of one hundred pieces and lodging, with that of one hundred and five pieces which the Corporation continued to me until the arrival of my Lord Bellmont, who, after indicating his willingness to take charge of me and my canton, ordered me thirty pieces in the Council of York, and did me the favor to promise me that, at his journey to Boston, he would procure me the continuation of that stipend that I had in times past. But having learned at Boston through M. Nanfan, his Lieutenant, that I annexed my signature to an ecclesiastical certificate which the churches and pastors of this Province had given to Sieur Delius minister of Albany, who had not the good fortune to please his late lordship, his defunct Excellency cut off his thirty pieces which he had ordered me in his Council at York, deprived me of the Boston pension of twenty-five pieces, writing to London to have that deduction approved and left me during three years last past in extreme destitution of the means of subsistence.

"I believe, my Lord, that in so important service as that in which I am employed, I ought not to discourage myself, and that the Providence of God which does not abandon those who have recourse to his aid by well doing, would provide in its time for my relief.

"Your Excellency's equity, the affection you have evinced to us for the encouragement of those who employ themselves constantly and faithfully in God's service, induce me to hope that I shall have a share in the dispensation of your justice, to relieve me from my suffering, so that I may be aided and encouraged to continue my service in which by duty and gratitude I shall continue with my flock to pray God for the preservation of your person, of your illustrious family, and the prosperity of your government.

"Remaining your Excellency's humble and most respectful servant,

"DANIEL BONDET."<sup>1</sup>

This letter was referred to Col. Heathcote, who after investigation reported that Bondet's representations were in the main true, and that he was in New Oxford about eight years, during which time as appeared by a certificate of Lieut. Gov. Stoughton, Increase Mather and others "he with great faithfulness care & industry discharged his duty both to Xtians and Indians, and was of unblemished reputation."<sup>2</sup>

ISAAC BERTRAND DUTUFFEAU, born about 1646, styled "gentleman," was of considerable ability and fair education. Although nominally magistrate of the village, being authorized to try cases

<sup>1</sup> Doc. His., N. Y., III., 929.   <sup>2</sup> Ibid.

of 40 shillings and under, he is seldom named in its annals. He perhaps lived at the site of Fred L. Snow's present house, on Johnson's Plain, as his residence is named as near the Johnson house.<sup>1</sup> He was of New Rochelle, 1698, where he was recorder, and resigned with credit in 1702. Bernon in his petition to Gov. Shute says, "DuTuffeau, being through poverty obliged to abandon said Plantation, sold his cattle and other movables . . . went to London, and there died in a hospital."

ANDRÉ SIGOURNEY was perhaps the most influential resident layman of the place.<sup>2</sup> He was of mature age, familiar with business routine, and as constable was the right arm of the law, having to an extent the oversight of the civil affairs of the village, and the tradition that he exercised authority at the fort is not improbable. We find no evidence of his owning land in that vicinity. He imported commodities for the colony as a bill of lading of plants and nursery stock in his name in the possession of a descendant fifty years ago proved. The only member of his family who figures in the history of the settlement was his daughter Suzanne, the wife of Johnson. He returned to Boston and there died 16 April, 1727, aged 89.<sup>3</sup>

JAMES LABORIE, the minister of the second colony, on leaving went to New York City as successor of Rev. Pierre Peiret, officiating from 1704 to 1706, when he was discharged by the Consistory.<sup>4</sup>

FRANCOIS BUREAU, styled "gentleman," was of a noble family in Rochelle. His eldest daughter Anne became the wife of Benjamin Faneuil, and mother of the noted Peter Faneuil of Boston. He removed to New York after the desertion of the Oxford colony.<sup>5</sup>

OF BOURDILLE (?) there is no mention in the records, but his connection with the place is attested by Dea. Ebenezer Humphrey, who informed Hon. Ira M. Barton that he was a blacksmith and lived near the old mill on the 40-acre lot taken up by his father, Ebenezer Humphrey, as one of the English settlers. The deacon's mother once told him that she saw Bourdille after his return to Boston, and that he pleasantly told her that he was coming back to Oxford to claim his farm.<sup>6</sup>

RENÉ GRIGNON, partner with Bernon in the Chamoiserie, was also of the first colony, returned to Boston after the final abandonment and later resided at Norwich, was master of a vessel, and afterward a goldsmith. He was a liberal and esteemed citizen, and gave to the

<sup>1</sup> Paix Cazneau later lived at the same place. He married Margaret, daughter of Jean Germaine or Gernon; Mary, a younger daughter, married André Sigourney, Jr., at Boston.

<sup>2</sup> This name came probably from the village Sigournais, department of Vendee, 4 miles from Chatonnay—where is a chateau of the name. Baird.

<sup>3</sup> André Sigourney and his wife Charlotte Pairan resided at [or near] La Rochelle, and being determined in their adhesion to their faith planned to make their escape, and removed a

part of their effects to a vessel in the harbor. On a certain holiday they provided a sumptuous dinner for the soldiers quartered upon them, and in the midst of the festivities left unobserved and hastened on board the vessel which soon took them safely to England. *Ibid.*, I., 325.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Barton's Obit. notice, *Mass. Spy*. There are some reasons to believe that this name may have been confounded with Baudoin.

town a bell long known as the Grignon bell. Tradition, probably ill-founded, says it once hung in the tower of the French Church in Oxford. Grignon, Guillaume Barbut, Thomas Mousset and Jean Millet, all of the Oxford colony, were later elders in the French Church at Boston. The following, according to Dr. Baird, were also of the Oxford company: Jean Germon or Germaine of Tremblade, Charles Germon, Paix Cassaneau or Cazneau of Languedoc, Elie Dupeux of Port des Barques, wife Elizabeth and four children, Jean Martin of Saintonge, wife Anne, two children, Jean and Francois, born at Oxford, later of N. Rochelle, Jean Baudoin, lived later in Virginia, Jacques Depont, nephew of Bernon, later lived in Connecticut, Pierre Canton, miller or trader.

Others were Alard, Baudrit, Jean Dupeu, Montier, Depont, Cornilly, Mourgue, Thibaud, Maillet, Montel, Cante, Boutineau.

**Industries.** The line of industries was narrow. Agriculture as the means of subsistence was of course the chief occupation. Business projects were, however, initiated through the enterprise of Bernon, one of which was the production of naval stores, pitch, tar, etc., from the forests, for the London market. He crossed the sea in 1693 to promote this scheme and made sales in spite of much opposition, and in 1696 repeated his visit, when being befriended by Lord Bellomont his appointment as Superintendent of the Manufacture in America was strongly urged before the Board of Trade, but failed, the policy of the government being to discourage colonial industries.

Hat making was a specialty with the French people. They "alone possessed the secret of a liquid composition to prepare rabbit, hare and beaver skins." The dressing of chamois skins and the making of gloves were also among the arts in which they excelled.<sup>1</sup> Oxford in 1703 had its "Chamoiserie," or "Wash-leather Mill," at or near the upper location, in which René Grignon and Jean Papineau were partners with Bernon, from which dressed skins were sent to the hatters in Boston and Newport. In a consignment August, 1703, were otter, beaver, raccoon, deer and other skins valued at £44.<sup>2</sup>

**Relics.** Relics of the colony still exist, as the fort and the dam, raceway, etc., of the upper mill. The fort was an enclosure about 105 by 75 feet, built of the rough surface stones, without mortar, the wall being surmounted, as supposed, by logs in which were loopholes for defence. Within were a house, a well and other appliances for the convenience of a garrison. Through the instrumentality of the Huguenot Memorial Society of Oxford a large quantity of débris, chiefly stones, which had been accumulating for many years was in 1884 removed from these ruins, which brought to light the cellar of the house, the chimneys and other details of the original structure.

<sup>1</sup> Weiss, Vol. I., Book III., Chap. 3. <sup>2</sup> Bernon Papers.

In a description of the place contributed to Dr. Baird's memorial, Mr. William D. Ely says:—

"The main block-house was thirty feet long and eighteen feet wide, with a double-walled cellar twenty-four feet long by twelve feet wide, and about six feet deep. The inner walls supported the floor beams; the outer wall three feet from this was made of heavy boulders, on a foundation about three feet deep and supported the logs forming the walls of the house. . . . After two days' work in digging . . . the workmen came upon the top of a covered drain seventy feet long . . . most of it in good condition, though choked at the upper end. . . . The main fire place was in the middle of the north side of the house, it was nearly ten feet wide at the opening . . . The broad foundation supporting it and the chimney, almost wholly outside the house, gave ample room . . . for an oven besides. A smaller fire place was on the opposite side. Attached to the main house was an annex sixteen by fourteen feet without a cellar . . . in its northwest corner a flight of steps led to the main cellar. On the east side was a wide foundation . . . for a fire place and chimney extending five feet . . . from the house."

"In the rear of the annex and doubtless opening into it was a separate log house twelve feet square . . . near the centre of the fort and was used, it would seem, for arms and stores. Beneath it was an underground chamber about six feet deep . . . walled in a circular form which was evidently the magazine." [The main enclosure] "was a substantial structure, scientifically planned, and strongly built . . . It was a complete quadrangular fort of two bastions, with a fire flanking every face; while the main bastion at the southwest angle more fully developed than that at the northeast, also enfiladed an outer breast work and ditch, extending westerly from it for a distance of six rods. This breast work was clearly the south line of a stockade . . . protecting the main approach on the west side as well as cattle and chattels too bulky to be brought within the fort, . . . a drive way for carts was made through the wall on the west side . . . not far from the drive way are broad stones said to have been steps . . . for those who went on foot," etc.

A description given ten years since recites:—

"Many years ago the walls of the structure were removed down to the foundation stones, excepting on the south line, where parts of the original wall may be seen, but which is mainly a confused mass three or four feet high, overgrown with wild grape-vines and bushes, among which are cinnamon roses, currants and asparagus, believed to be the remains of the garden which flourished in the vicinity at the time of the occupation."

Mrs. Lee, quoting from the manuscript of John Mayo, says:—

"There was a garden outside the fort on the west, containing asparagus, grapes, plums, cherries and gooseberries. There were more than ten [two?] acres cultivated about the fort."

Mrs. L. H. Sigourney said of the plants: "They were living tokens of the loved clime whence they were exiled."

This mass of stones of the southern wall with all its suggestive "shrubbery" has been removed.<sup>1</sup>

**The Mill.** The following description of the remains at the upper mill is from "The Huguenots in the Nipmuck Country":—

"The most complete memento of the extinct colony is at the site of the upper mill, one mile easterly from the main street. It is in the midst of a

<sup>1</sup>An attempt at partial restoration of this work by relaying some of the walls has somewhat detracted from the value and interest of the place.

small meadow which is skirted by wooded uplands, and so shut in by trees and wild undergrowth as to be hidden from the casual observer. Here the substantial dam, about 60 feet in length, both wall and embankment, stands almost entire,—a deep trench to convey the water from the pond to the mill-wheel, a distance of 75 feet, is distinctly to be seen,—the position of the mill can be fixed,—and the raceway, running from the wheel about 100 feet to the stream below, seems to have been but recently made, so little has it been obstructed.”<sup>1</sup>

**The Garden.** A third memorial, a spot of much natural beauty, exists on the Mayo farm in the woods about 100 rods south of the fort. Here the ground suddenly falls off to the southward at a high ledge of rocks, which forms a covert for a sunny nook in which are the remains of an old garden. From the top is a fine view several miles in extent, embracing parts of the waters of Chaubunagungamaug. The place was cultivated by the Mayo family in the last century and was known as the “French Garden,” and the “Vineyard.”<sup>2</sup> Its principal shelter is a straight, even faced, almost perpendicular cliff of about 30 feet in height and nearly 100 in length running northeast and southwest, under which is a plot of about 30 square rods, originally wild and rocky, which has been enclosed, subdued and cultivated. A large part of the surrounding wall—from two to three feet high—is now standing. At the east end, near the cliff, are two well preserved terraces of about a square rod each, made by filling between the larger rocks and walled at the outer side. Sequestration is here so complete that the work has been well preserved. Larger gardens, as we have seen, existed around the fort, but the exposed situation was unfavorable for the growth of other than hardy plants, and among the exotics imported there must have been some which could exist and thrive only in a sheltered position. This place, near at hand on Bernton’s land, was well adapted to the purpose, and was doubtless a cherished spot where were nursed the choicest mementos of the far away home land.

**Bernton’s Troubles.** Although the breaking up of the colony was a severe blow to Bernton he did not relinquish his hopes, but employed one Cooper and a “negro Tom” to occupy his lands and hold possession, it having been a condition of the grant that forfeiture should follow desertion. Samuel Hagburn was also here as manager for his

<sup>1</sup> At the present time, 1890, the appearance of this place has been greatly changed. The work of the Huguenot hands is as yet undisturbed, but the woods which skirted the meadow, and the trees which covered the spot have been removed. The undergrowth is, however, left to shelter the remains, and a few years will probably restore their former seclusion.

A short distance below the old dam, on the northern border of the meadows, may now be seen portions of a ditch by means of which water was formerly taken from near the mill site down stream, perhaps 100 rods, for the purpose of

irrigation. A document on record dated 7 June, 1748, recites “that John Willson, Jr., Thomas Hunkins and Capt. Elijah Moore, owners of these meadows, then entered into an agreement under a penalty of £500, to maintain each his proportion of this channel. Willson’s share was £10. 8d., Hunkins’ £13. 7s. 8d., and Moore’s £16. 7s. 8d., these sums making nearly £40, having been expended on the project.”

<sup>2</sup> At the present time the wood lot on which these remains stand is well known as the “Vineyard Lot.”

half-brother, the governor. On 20 May, 1707, Dudley wrote to Bernon as follows :—

“ Sr: I am very unhappy in my affayres at Oxford, both with your Cooper & the negro Tom. I must desire you to take other care of your affayres than to improve such ill men that disquiet the place, that I have more trouble with them than with seven other towns. If you do not remove them yourself, I shall be obliged to send for the Negro & turn him out of the place, & I understand Cooper is so criminal that the law will dispose of him. I pray you use your own there not to Destroy or Disturb the Governoeur or your best friend, who is, Sr, your humble servt.

“J. DUDLEY.

“ Send an honest man and he shall be welcome. I pray you to show what I write to Mr. Grignon.

“To Mr. Gabriel Bernon, Newport, Road Iland.”

Soon after, as appears, Bernon came to Oxford and “bargained with and let unto” Oliver Coller and Nathaniel Coller his house and farm called the “old mill,” for five years.

On 1 March, 1710, Bernon writes thus to Dudley—[translation] :—

“Mr. Dudley, your son told me the last time I had the honor to see him that it was your Excellency’s design to re-establish New Oxford; as it also appears through the public news.

“I hope your Excellency will be so good as to take into consideration the fact that Mr. Hoogborn has done his utmost to ruin my interest in the said Oxford. He has caused Cooper to abandon the old mill, and Thomas Allerton my other house, threatening that he would hinder them from haying, and [declaring] that I had no power to settle them. When I made complaint of this to him he told me that he would drive me from the place myself. Thus it is that I have been treated after spending at the said Oxford more than fifteen hundred pistoles [and], the better part of my time during more than twenty years possession.

“Should it please your Excellency to examine the case you will find that I have chiefly at heart the furtherance of your Excellency’s wishes. I have been found singularly attached to your person, more than to all else that I have had in the world.

“It is notorious that the said Mr. Hoogborn, your brother, has caused the planks of my granary to be torn up; that he has conveyed them elsewhere, and that by his orders the oxen that I reserved to be fattened have been put to work.”<sup>1</sup>

Bernon had neither courage or tact to contend with this opposition, and gracefully yielded, as appears from the following to the Governor, dated 19 April, 1710 :—

“Your Excellency, always benevolently disposed, informs me that you purpose to obtain for me a good price for one-half of that which I own in the village of Oxford. I wish to defer entirely to your counsel. Accordingly I will proceed to Boston as soon as possible to pay my respects to your Excellency.”<sup>1</sup>

These expectations were never realized. There is no further record until the date of the proclamation in 1712.

**Mill.** Almost the first want of the English settlement was a mill. Through Dudley’s influence, doubtless, Bernon in 1715 gave the old

<sup>1</sup> Bernon papers.

mill-stones and irons to Daniel Elliott, on condition that he should build a mill for the town. Upon which Dudley writes, 6 April, 1715, "We are now in a way to thrive at Oxford," thanks him for his gift, and desires him to write Elliott to finish the mill as agreed "or order the said mill-stones and irons to be given to such other person as will go forward with the work that they be not starved the next winter." Bernon complied and the town soon had a mill.<sup>1</sup>

**Bernon's Title.** Up to this date Dudley had failed to complete his conveyance to Bernon who consequently had no legal title to his land. He had indeed, with ceremony, been "put in possession," he had bestowed great effort and much money upon the two earlier colonies, he had been sorely tried in his transactions with agents and tenants, and vigilant in retaining possession, which he was relying upon as ground of ownership as his many allusions to it indicate. Squatters, believing perhaps he had no legal rights, settled on his estate greatly annoying him, and now as his last effort to further his interests he had given the valuable mill-stones and irons to the town. All he was able to do apparently for the benefit of Oxford had been done. At this date after twenty-eight years of waiting upon Mr. Dudley, and after his hopes had again and again been disappointed, that gentleman completed the execution of the document on 5 Feb., 1716, and passed it over to him.

**Disputed Tract.** But Bernon's troubles were not yet at an end. The town as a corporation evidently conceded his rights to the 2,500 acres, as is shown by repeated action. But the point of dispute was the 500 acres additional, on which Bernon had expended most of his money, but which was not included in Dudley and company's deed. This was a long narrow gore lying between the 2,500-acre tract and the village land, measuring 125 rods on the south and 584 rods on the west line, and on it stood the fort with much improved ground about it, the upper mill with one or two houses near, and other improvements. His efforts to sell were vain because of the unsettled question of ownership.<sup>2</sup>

**Bernon's Petition.** In Nov., 1720, he made application to the Colonial authorities for relief, stating that he had "spent above 2,000 pounds to defend the same from the Indians and had built a corn miln, a wash leather miln and a saw miln" and done considerable more to improve the town, and asking that his title might be confirmed. He represented "that Oxford inhabitants disputed his right and title in order to hinder him from the sale of said plantation." He desired to obtain such title as would confirm to him the said lands "without any misunderstanding, clear and free from any molestation

<sup>1</sup> Elliott had taken up his home lot on the brook near the Hawes place, and on 25 Jan., 1714, the town voted that he "shandl build a greastmil for the town yuse." There is reason to believe this mill was built in 1715.

<sup>2</sup> A plan of Mr. Bernon's Oxford lands is among his papers, on which is endorsed a certificate of the Selectmen of Oxford, 11 Jan., 1717, estimating its value at £1,000. This plan includes the disputed tract.

either from the inhabitants of New Oxford or any pretensions of Bertrand DuTuffeau."<sup>1</sup>

**Letter.** To supplement this application he addressed Oct., 1720, the son of Gov. Dudley, entreating his assistance, as the people of New Oxford "opposed his rights to lands." He says:—

"The Court and Government can confirm my title, and I can then dispose of what I have there. . . . The above said inhabitants oppress me as I can make it appear by Maj. Buor who would have bought my plantation. The inhabitants told him not to do it;—that my title was nothing worth, that they also pretended that they would dispute my title with Mr. Dudley and Mr. Thompson. They also abused me in a very outrageous manner in Maj. Buor's presence; as he states in his certificate." . . . "Ephraim Town, John Elliott, and John Chamberlin for whom I have advanced considerably to uphold my said plantation, will not pay me what they owe me.<sup>2</sup> Besides the loss of my servant who was drowned, was fifty pounds loss to me. These men and one Josiah Owen, my last tenant, hugger-mugger together to cheat me out of a hundred pounds in cattle and movables that I had upon the place so that I am not able to advance any more." "I see myself about ruined by this oppression and malice."

"Sir—You are perfectly acquainted with the affairs at New Oxford, and I do not understand things as well as I would. Therefore I entreat of you Sir to help me. Your charity and generosity are (so to speak) interested in it. I am so hard driven by my dunning creditors—the masons and carpenters and others that I employed to build my house in Providence, that I know not what to do; and, besides my wife now lying in, six or seven children implore my compassion, which makes me implore that of Government and yours, Sir, that my title may be confirmed, after a possession of 36 years, so that I may sell it. Within 30 years I have laid out on it £200, for which reason my family did slight me, as well as my best friends. I have always been protected by Mr. Dudley, your honored father, who always thought as I did that I might sell it, and not be in anywise molested. But I dont know whether it wont be a mistake. Indeed one cannot always foresee the events of things, often hid from the wisest. But this I see—the Evil one still reigns, and God suffers it, to try his children. My great desire is to keep myself in the fear of God, and to love my neighbor, and to seek lawful means to maintain my family. My great age of nearly 80 years does not dispense me of this duty. I address myself to you with all humility to assist me, that I may be assisted by the Governor. Such a testimony of your love and favor will rescue me, to terminate my days in America, or to return once again to Europe. Surely my going or staying depends upon the action of the Assembly. But be it as it will, Sir, as an honest, well-minded man ought, I pray for the Government, and all the faithful in Christ.

"Oct., 1720.

"GABRIEL BERNON."

**Bernon's Sale.** We have no evidence that favorable action was taken on this application. A few months later Bernon sold his rights as before stated, the purchasers doubtless having full knowledge of the circumstances. In conveying the property he gave a title to the

<sup>1</sup> DuTuffeau's undivided rights in the 2,500 acres had prevented Bernon hitherto from giving a clear title. But DuTuffeau died about this time and Bernon became his administrator as chief creditor, and in process of law the whole estate came into his possession.

<sup>2</sup> Ephraim Town and John Chamberlin were among the thirty English proprietors and John Elliott was the son of Daniel, another of the same.

2,500 acres only, but the purchasers took possession of the disputed tract and settled upon it.

**Town Action.** Almost immediately after the sale the proprietors of the village held a meeting to consider the matter and "to act as shall be thought best to come at their own rights," and chose Dea. John Town, Benoni Twitchel and Isaac Larned to act as committee to establish the lines. This committee obtained the services of John Chandler as surveyor, and the matter was settled by a compromise. Davis and Mayo retained the disputed tract with its improvements and released to the village a portion of the north end of the premises lying on Long Hill. The report of the committee was accepted and the controversy ended.

**Proclamation.** On 12 April, 1712, was issued the following:—  
PROCLAMATION.

"We the under written with other owners and proprietors of the lands at Oxford in the neepmug country granted to us by the general assembly of the Massachusetts colony, and since otherwise ratified and confirmed to ourselves in the Kingdom of Great Britain, having long time determined and surveyed ten or twelve thousand acres for a village and settlement of inhabitants and accordingly established a number of French Famalyses, Refugees, who have since deserted the place whereby all improvements are lost which is a detriment to the province as well as to ourselves in the hope of our own private advantage, by our other lands—do hereby agree and offer to thirty English families that shall settle there to give grant and confirm to them all the lands of the said village containing the said ten thousand acres, except what is already granted to Mr. Bernon which is —— acres, to be laid out to them, first a quantity of it in house lots not exceeding forty acres a family, and after the rest in proper divisions as they may agree among themselves always provided they be thirty families, and in the meantime if ten families or more shall proceed forthwith within a year to settle there, they shall have their house lots set out to them, and they as they have the use of the other land meadows until the number be thirty, and then they have liberty to divide the whole. If any of the French families choose to come thither we do hereby save to ourselves liberty to establish them with other inhabitants, and Capt. Chandler the surveyor is hereby allowed to lay out lots accordingly, taking care always that he do not intrench upon the land of the proprietors.

"Signed

J. DUDLEY, WILLIAM TAYLOR, PETER SARGENT, — SARGENT, JOHN DANFORTH, ELIZA DANFORTH,	Heirs and Executors of Wm. Stoughton."
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**House Lots Surveyed.** Queen Anne's War continued until Oct., 1712. Meantime there was no effective movement toward a re-occupation of the deserted town. In May, 1713, quiet having been restored the surveying of house lots to settlers began. By July the requisite number was complete, and on the eighth day of that month a deed from the proprietors to the thirty English colonists was executed, conveying to them the plot called the Village.

**Town Incorporation.** Oxford had no formal incorporation, and its *status* for the first few years was in doubt in the minds of the inhabitants. On 31 July, 1716, it was voted that John Town and Ebenezer Learned "should go to y<sup>e</sup> Court to search y<sup>e</sup> Records to see what may be found concerning Oxford's being granted for a township, and also to petition the Court y<sup>t</sup> we may be made a town if it be needful." No report of this committee appears. On 7 Jan., 1717, it was voted to employ Capt. Fullam, "to manage in our behalf at Court, with a petition in order to our being granted a township." This action is proof that up to that date no act of incorporation had been passed. From the absence of all allusion to this subject later in the records we infer that special legislation was considered unnecessary.<sup>1</sup>

In 1693 a representative to General Court was chosen, Daniel Allen, as previously noted, and his name appears as from Oxford in the official list, at the beginning of the session, 31 May of that year.<sup>2</sup>

In this act the place took upon itself legally the functions of a town, and the seating of its representative as a member of the Court was a recognition by that body of the validity of its action, and of the existence *de facto* of the town of Oxford.

<sup>1</sup> Good authority in the office of Secretary of State says:— "Old towns in Massachusetts were made towns not by regular acts of Incorporation. A few words stating a place to be a town, or giving it a name conferred all the privileges of a town; even the naming of a place seems in

some instances to have been equivalent to an act of Incorporation." In Gen. Court Rec., VII., 344, Jan., 1703; IX., 129, Oct., 1711, and IX., 305, Feb., 1714, Oxford is called *a town*.

<sup>2</sup> Col. Rec., VI., 278.

## CHAPTER III.

PROPRIETORS' RECORDS. DEED OF THE VILLAGE. HOME LOTS. DIVISIONS OF LAND. TRAINING FIELD. CHANGES IN TOWN LINES. DUDLEY SET OFF. MANCHAUG FARM. CHARLTON SET OFF. WARD SET OFF. SOUTH GORE ADDED. WEBSTER SET OFF. NORTH GORE ADDED. INDIANS. GARRISON HOUSES. RELICS. INCIDENTS. COLLICUMP. SLAVES. COLONIAL MONEY. EARLY LEVIES. PUBLIC FUNDS. LAND BANK.

**Proprietors' Records.** These records are complete, but have little interest excepting as they show the location of the home lots of the settlers. They refer largely to the later distributions of the outlands, giving briefly descriptions and bounds of the five several divisions by lot, the last of which was in 1749.<sup>1</sup>

### Deed of the Village.—

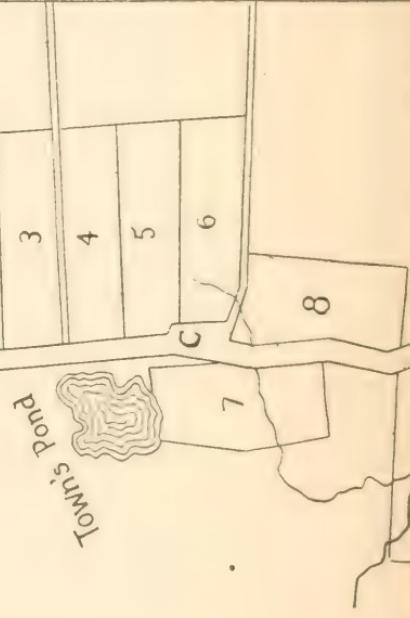
TO ALL PEOPLE UNTO WHOME THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME. Joseph Dudley of Roxbury . . . William Taylor of Dorchester . . . Peter Sergeant of Boston, Esq and Mehatabell his wif, John Danforth of Dorchester, and Elizabeth his wife, John Nelson of Boston, Esq. and Elizabeth his wife, as they the said William Taylor, Peter Sergeant John Nelson and John Danforth are the heirs and Executors of the Hon. William Stoughton Late of Dorchester, Esq. Dec'd. Send Greeting.—Whereas the Generall Court of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay in the year One Thousand six hundred and Eighty-Two, Granted to the said Joseph Dudley, William Stoughton Major Robert Tompson and their Associates a Certain Tract of Land Scituate in the Nipmug Country of Eight miles Square for a Township etc. as may be seen by the records of the said Generall Court, Pursuant whereunto and for the uses aforesaid the said Joseph Dudley, William Stoughton and their Associates in the Year One Thousand Six hundred and Eighty & brought over Thirty French Protestant families into this Country and Settled them upon the Eastermost part or end of the said Tract of land and severed and granted and Sett apart Twelve Thousand Acres for a village Called Oxford for the said Families and bounded it as by a Platt upon record will more fully appear Butt forasmuch as the said French families have many years since wholly left and Deserted their Settlements in the said village and the said Lands as well by their deserting the Same and refusing to return upon publick proclamations made for that end as by the Voluntary Surrender of the most of them are now reinvested in restored to and become the Estate and at the Disposition of the Original proprietors . . . for the ends aforesaid—And Whereas there are sundry good families of her Majesty's Subjects within this province who offer themselves to go and Resettle the said Village . . . Now Know Ye that the said [grantors] . . . have freely . . . and do give grant and Conflrme unto Samuel Hagbourne John Town, Daniell Elliott, Abiel Lamb, Joseph Chamberlin Benjamin Nealand, Benoni Twitchell Joseph Rockett, Benjamin Chamberlin, Joshua Whitney, Thomas Hunkins Joseph Chamberlin Jr, Oliver Coller, Daniell Pearson Abram Skinner Ebenezer Chamberlin, James Coller, Isaacs Learned Ebenezer Learned,

<sup>1</sup> The descriptions are so imperfect that to produce a complete plan of the lands of the town would be exceedingly difficult, if not impossible.



Bernton Land

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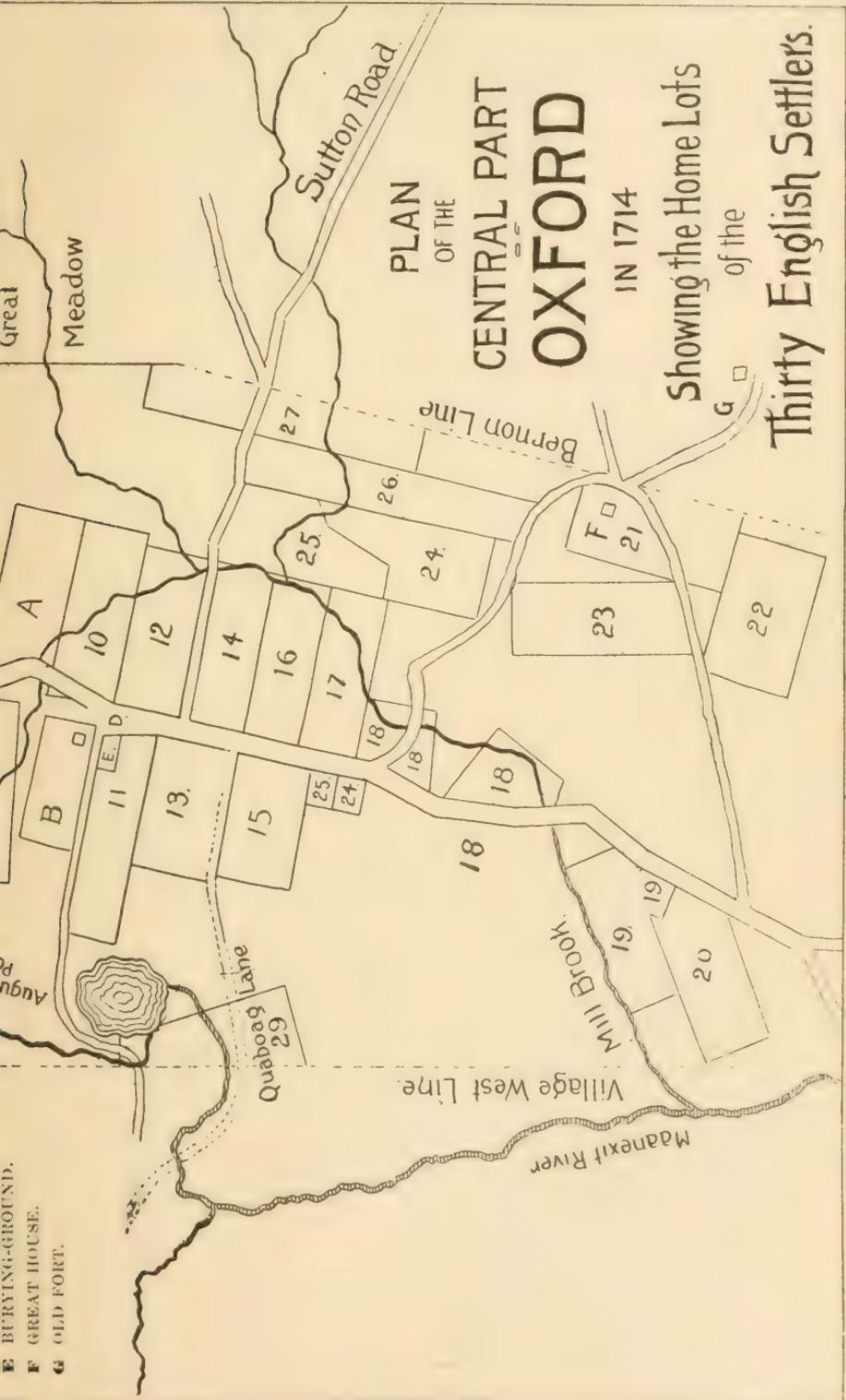


- 1 EBENEZER LEARNED.
- 2 DANIEL ELLIOTT.
- 3 DANIEL ELLIOTT, Jr.
- 4 ISRAEL TOWN.
- 5 JOHN TOWN.
- 6 JAMES COLLIER
- 7 EPHEM & JONATHAN TOWN.
- 8 JOSHUA CHANDLER.
- 9 BENSON TAWCHILL.
- 10 JOSEPH ROCKEFT.
- 11 NATH'L CHAMBERLAIN.
- 12 OLIVER COLLIER.
- 13 BENJ. CHAMBERLAIN.
- 14 THOMAS GLEASON.
- 15 EDMUND TAYLOR.
- 16 SAMUEL HAGBURN.
- 17 EBENEZER HUMPHREY.
- 18 JONA TILLOSON.
- 19 EBEN CHAMBERLAIN.
- 20 ISAAC LARNEY.
- 21 JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.
- 22 JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, Jr.
- 23 THOMAS HUNNINS.
- 24 BENJ. SEALAND.
- 25 ABIAL LAMIE.
- 26 DANIEL PEARSON.
- 27 JOSHTA WHITNEY.
- 28 WILLIAM HUDSON.
- 29 ABRAHAM SKINNER.
- 30 JOHN CHANDLER, Jr.
- A** MINISTERS' LOT.
- B** MEETING-HOUSE LOT.
- C** NORTH COMMON.

PLAN  
OF THE  
CENTRAL PART  
OF  
OXFORD

IN 1714

# Showing the Home Lots of the Thirty English Settlers





Thomas Leason [Gleason] Ebenezer Humphrey, Jona. Tillossen, Edmund Taylor Ephraim Town, Israel Town William Hudson, Daniell Elliott Jr. Nathaniel Chamberlin John Chandler Jun, Joshua Chandler, and others their associates, so as their number amount thirty families at least All That Part of the said Tract of land . . . known by the name of Oxford, Excepting and reserving [that part purchased by Gabriel Bernon] . . . To have and to hold the same . . . Provided that if any of the . . . Grantees . . . shall . . . neglect to settle upon and improve the said Land . . . by the space of two years . . . or shall leave and Desert the Same & not return to their respective Habitations . . . then [said lands should be forfeited and given to others who should be willing to] "settle and Inhabit them."

In Witness whereof the partys above named to these presents have hereunto . . . Set their hands and Seals the Eighth day of July . . . A. D. 1713.<sup>1</sup>

**Proprietors and Lots.** The accompanying plan shows the relative location of the home lots of the settlers. These were surveyed and laid out under the direction of John Town, Benjamin Chamberlin, Abial Lamb and Benoni Twitchel, committee, by John Chandler, Jr., of Woodstock, then about 21 years of age, and by order of the original proprietors "approved and established" to the settlers by John Chandler, sen. So far as appears each settler chose his own location of a home lot.

**EBENEZER LEARNED.** No. 1: undoubtedly chosen with reference to the water power, "at or neare a place called y<sup>e</sup> uper falls," now the lower privilege at North Oxford, H.<sup>2</sup> 130; embracing 44½ acres, the overplus being meadow below the falls. This quantity was allowed, perhaps, in consideration of the rough nature of the tract, it being in the narrow gorge of the river. House now standing.

**DANIEL ELIOTT.** No. 2: mill lot, H. 135; 40 acres with 3 acres allowance for Worcester road through it.

**DANIEL ELIOTT, Jr.** No. 3: on Town's Plain, east of 8-rod way; now John A. Taft. H. 139.

**ISRAEL TOWN.** No. 4: next south of preceding, opposite Town's Pond; now Mary Myrick. H. 141.

**JOHN TOWN.** No. 5: next south; now Joseph Stevens, H. 176; house a little northwest of present one; old well now to be seen.

**JAMES COLLER.** No. 6: east of North common, fronting on 8-rod way; now James B. Campbell, H. 180.

**EPHRAIM and JONATHAN TOWN.** No. 7: west of North common, bounding north on Town's Pond; late Jasper Brown, H. 178.

**JOSHUA CHANDLER.** No. 8: minor son of John Chandler—Peter Shumway settled on his rights: east side of 8-rod way, south of N. common, now Ithiel T. Johnson, H. 185; house on site of present one.

**BENONI TWITCHEL.** No. 9: west of 8-rod way, between the north and south commons; exact location unknown.

**JOSEPH ROCKETT.** No. 10: at the head of the present common,

<sup>1</sup> Suffolk Co. Reg., XXVII., 174.

<sup>2</sup> The letter "H," followed by a number, occurs many times in this volume. It refers to resi-

dences as numbered and described in a subsequent chapter under the head, "Older Homesteads."

east of 8-rod way as first laid out, H. 189; house near the site of George Miller's present residence.

NATHANIEL CHAMBERLAIN. No. 11: west of 8-rod way, from the common south to Sigourney street; H. 240; house on site of present Mrs. Hyde's.

OLIVER COLLER. No. 12: adjoining Rockett on the south, at the northeast corner of 8-rod and Sutton roads; now Sigourney's;  $53\frac{1}{2}$  rods on Main street, 120 rods on Sutton road; H. 192; house near the corner.

BENJAMIN CHAMBERLAIN. No. 13: west of 8-rod way adjoining Nathaniel Chamberlain on the south; 65 rods on Main street from Sigourney street to Quaboag Lane at the Benjamin Paine place; called 40 but in fact nearer 50 acres; H. 235.

THOMAS GLEASON. No. 14: southeast corner of Main and Sutton streets, nominally  $53\frac{1}{2}$  rods (in fact more) on Main street; H. 194; house on site of present brick house.

EDMUND TAYLOR. No. 15: assigned to John Chamberlain; west of 8-rod way, from Quaboag Lane south. No record of transfer has been found. It was early in possession of Richard Moore; later most of it was included in the Abijah Davis farm; H. 220.

SAMUEL HAGBURN. No. 16: east of 8-rod way, embracing the Israel Sibley homestead; H. 205; house in rear of Sibley house.

EBENEZER HUMPHREY. No. 17: east of 8-rod way, south end of the Plain,  $53\frac{1}{2}$  rods in front, extending east over the brook, including part of the present Humphrey farm; H. 36, also 208 and 209; house on site of present one, east end of the lot.

JONATHAN TILLOTSON. No. 18: south end of the Plain in three lots; first, adjoining Humphrey on the south, including the old mill,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  acres; second, near the first, but on the west side of the 8-rod way; third, east of 8-rod way south from the first, near the railroad arch bridge; H. 37; house near the mill.

EBENEZER CHAMBERLAIN. No. 19: west of 8-rod way below mill brook, the northwest bound being near the brook, including  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres on Johnson's Plain; has not been for many years a homestead. January, 1717, Richard Moore was by vote allowed to represent conditionally the rights of Chamberlain, his son-in-law. The land came early into Moore's possession.

ISAAC LARNED. No. 20: on Johnson's Plain, now Fred. L. Snow's; H. 64; perhaps originally a Huguenot homestead, joining Ebenezer Chamberlain on the south; house on the site of the present one.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN. No. 21: on Bondet Hill; H. 38. "May 13, 1713, surveyed for Joseph Chamberlain Sen. Round the great house, 40 acres . . . four acres and one rood being allowed for a highway," by John Chandler, Jr., Surveyor. "Approued and established p<sup>r</sup> order of the original proprietors prouided he pay for the

bettering of his Lott by former Improvement and building p<sup>r</sup> JOHN CHANDLER who made such an agreement at the begining."<sup>1</sup>

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, Jr. No. 22: southwest side of Bondet Hill, in part adjoining his father; now Clark's; H. 39; house at site of present one.

THOMAS HUNKINS. No. 23: near No. 22, now McCabe; H. 42. Two years later Hunkins had changed homesteads with Daniel Pearson for No. 26. In Jan., 1717, Jeremiah Morse bought of Pearson No. 23, having been voted an inhabitant.<sup>2</sup>

BENJAMIN NEALAND. No. 24: not now a homestead; east of the Humphrey place, No. 17, extending north to the meadows. He had also 8 acres west of 8-rod way near south end of the Plain.

ABIAL LAMB. No. 25: adjoining Nealand on the north, extending to Sutton road; described as beginning at the northwest corner near Gleason's lot at the highway running on said way 64 perch, then southward 23 perch to an ash tree, from thence 64 perch to Nealand's lot as was agreed to be bounded by said Lamb and Nealand. This lot contained 32 acres. Eight acres more were set off to him on the west side the 8-rod way near the south end of the Plain, north of Nealand's eight acres. William H. Harrington's present estate was included in Lamb's lot.

DANIEL PEARSON. No. 26: east of Lamb and Nealand, bounding 160 rods on their lots, and south on the road to the fort; now George R. Larned; H. 34; house on site of present one.

JOSHUA WHITNEY. No. 27: on Sutton road, east of Pearson, bounding east on Bernon land; now John E. Kimball; H. 26.

WILLIAM HUDSON. No. 28: on Long Hill northeast of N. common; H. 168; now owned by his descendants; house part of present one.

ABRAHAM SKINNER. No. 29: at the "lower falls" near Augutte-back Pond, now Howarth's; H. 83.

JOHN CHANDLER, Jr. No. 30: on the stream northeast of the Elliott mill; now Asa H. Pope; H. 132. Daniel Elliott took up this lot after selling his mill lot to his son Ebenezer.

MINISTER'S LOT. A: east of the 8-rod way one-fourth of a mile northeast of the South common—long known as the Hall place; H. 187; house on site of the present one.

MEETING-HOUSE LOT. B: north of the burying ground, fronting east on 8-rod way; H. 244; held by the town as a meeting-house lot until 1752.

**Proprietors' Meetings.** At a meeting 18 Sept., 1713, "Uoted that peter Shumway shal com in as an inhabatent into Oxford upon the rites of Joshua Candler."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Much interest attaches to this lot. According to the date it was the first surveyed in town, and was probably considered the most desirable on account of the improvements including the "Great House." The highway named was the "Woodstock great trail." A cellar-hole now to be seen marks the spot of the house,

which the late John Mayo, living near, said was once a tavern. <sup>2</sup> See Morse.

<sup>3</sup> Joshua Chandler was brother of John, Jr., of Woodstock, surveyor, who was also a proprietor. He was at this time 17 years of age and came in as did John, Jr., probably to fill the required number of 30 settlers.

On Jan. 25, 1714, Edmund Taylor relinquished his rights in favor of Benjamin Chamberlain, who took them for his son John. "Uoted that the inhabitance of the town Should cary thaer bouends In to the town Clarke to be Recorded of every house lote." "Uoted that Ebbeneazur lannard should have liberty to tacke up an house lote in Som place whear it may be, previed [provided] it mite not be a dameag to any othre parcion, to be by waye of Exchng of his lote alredeay tacken up." No change appears to have been made. "Uoted that Jonathan Town should be an inhabitant upon a part of Ephraim Town's rights."

On 2 Mar., 1714, Ebenezer Elliott, son of Daniel, was voted in as an inhabitant, he having taken the lot previously his father's, on which was the mill. He soon admitted his brother James as partner. Also voted, that the 40-acre lot called *Wesson's* (the only mention we find of this name, perhaps Samuel of Framingham,) should be set apart for a minister's lot. It was also voted to make a first division of land to every freeholder "containing the sum of 60 acres in one tract to every lot man" to be laid out "as soon as the meadows are laid out." On Sept. 19 a committee was chosen "to employ Capten Chandler or some other Survayer to lay out our Village lines according to deed," and to notify "Mr. Gabrel Barnon to com and Joyn with us in settling dividen lins."

**Meadows.** Oct. 15. Voted that those who have no meadow in their home lots shall have four acres laid out convenient to them, first. Nov. 30. "John Town, Benieman Chamberlin Sener, benony twichell" chosen to lay out the meadow. Also voted that "Mr twichell shall take care that the woode and timber" on the minister's lot be kept until improved. The lots were drawn for meadow at this meeting. Voted "that the commity shall begin to lay out meddow att East End of the great meddow, from thence to the meddow on Ellets mill brook, from thence to the croth of the Revier [crotch of the river near Kidder's] so down strame the Rivier: to the line, from thence to bundits meddow."

Jan. 18, 1715. Daniel Elliott having assigned his home lot to his son Ebenezer, was by vote settled on the 30th lot, originally that of John Chandler, Jr. At this meeting lots were drawn for the 60-acre division of lands before ordered to be laid out, a committee was also ordered to complete the laying out of the 30 house lots, and then proceed to lay out the 60-acre divisions.

Jonathan Tillotson protested against any alienation or division of lands or meadows whatsoever until the 30 house lots were laid out.

Sept. 21, widow Hannah Cooper was accepted as an inhabitant on the rights of Joshua Whitney, who had removed to Mendon.

Feb. 28, 1716, a meeting was held by virtue of a warrant from "Mr Justice Chandler for y<sup>e</sup> orderly dividing and disposing the Lands within y<sup>e</sup>" town, to confirm such lands as had already been laid out, to

prevent the waste of timber, and to choose a Proprietors' Clerk. Isaac Learned was chosen clerk and all former divisions of land confirmed.

Dec. 25, 1716, chose Capt. Richard Moore, Ebenezer Learned and Ephraim Town a committee "to see y<sup>e</sup> the Bounds of our Village are Completed and put upon the County Records."

Jan. 25, 1717, Capt. Richard Moore voted "an associat" on the rights of Samuel Hgbourn, also that Joseph Danna come in upon the half right bought of Oliver Collier, also that Jeremiah Morse be received "in y<sup>e</sup> Room of Daniel Pearson," and that John Chamberlin be received upon the rights of Edmund Taylor. Mar. 19, a two-rod road between Israel Town and Daniel Elliot recognized.

Mar. 6, 1718, "Uoted that their be Twenty acers of Land Laid out to the Ministers Lot, and forty Acres more . . . for the in Coragement of a minister." Also that there should be no more cedar timber, neither for shingles, clapboards nor rails carried out of town from that time forward, under a forfeiture of 20s. a thousand. Also "voted by the desire of Lieut [John] Town" that David Town, be an associate, on the half right bought of Oliver Collier.

**Cedar Swamp.** April 7, voted to lay out every house lot a second division of 60 acres in a lot . . . to be drawn for, also to lay out the cedar swamp, each proprietor an equal proportion. Also that a committee proceed to lay out another division of 50-acre lots.

Dec. 12, 1720, lots were drawn for the second 60-acre division and also for the 50-acre division.

Jan. 2, 1721, it was voted to lay out a 12-acre division, and the draft for the same was then made. Feb. 27, lots in the cedar swamp were drawn. This was the great swamp so called, in what is now Auburn, "begining at or neare y<sup>e</sup> North End of y<sup>e</sup> great Swamp next Worcester Corner."

Mar. 19, 1723, chose Capt. Richard Moore, Ens. Ebenezer Learned and Benoni Twichell a committee to "measure all y<sup>e</sup> undivided land in oxford village: and to lay it out into Thirty lots as Equaly as they can as to quantety and qualety, so as to draw for them after they are laid out."

Apr. 8, 1728. This committee not having performed this difficult service was dismissed, and Benoni Twichell, Dea. John Town and Isaac Learned were chosen instead.

Mar. 5, 1733. This division was as yet not completed, and Capt. Richard Moore was added to the committee and authority given to open highways in undivided lands when necessary.

Feb. 13, 1734. A committee was chosen to take care of the undivided lands to see that strip and waste was not made, or wood and timber cut and carried off, and that the laying out be completed in six months.

Sept. 21, 1741. The 12-acre division had not been completed. John Town, one of the committee, having deceased, his son Jonathan

was chosen in his place. Nov. 17, a return of the 12-acre division was made in part and accepted.

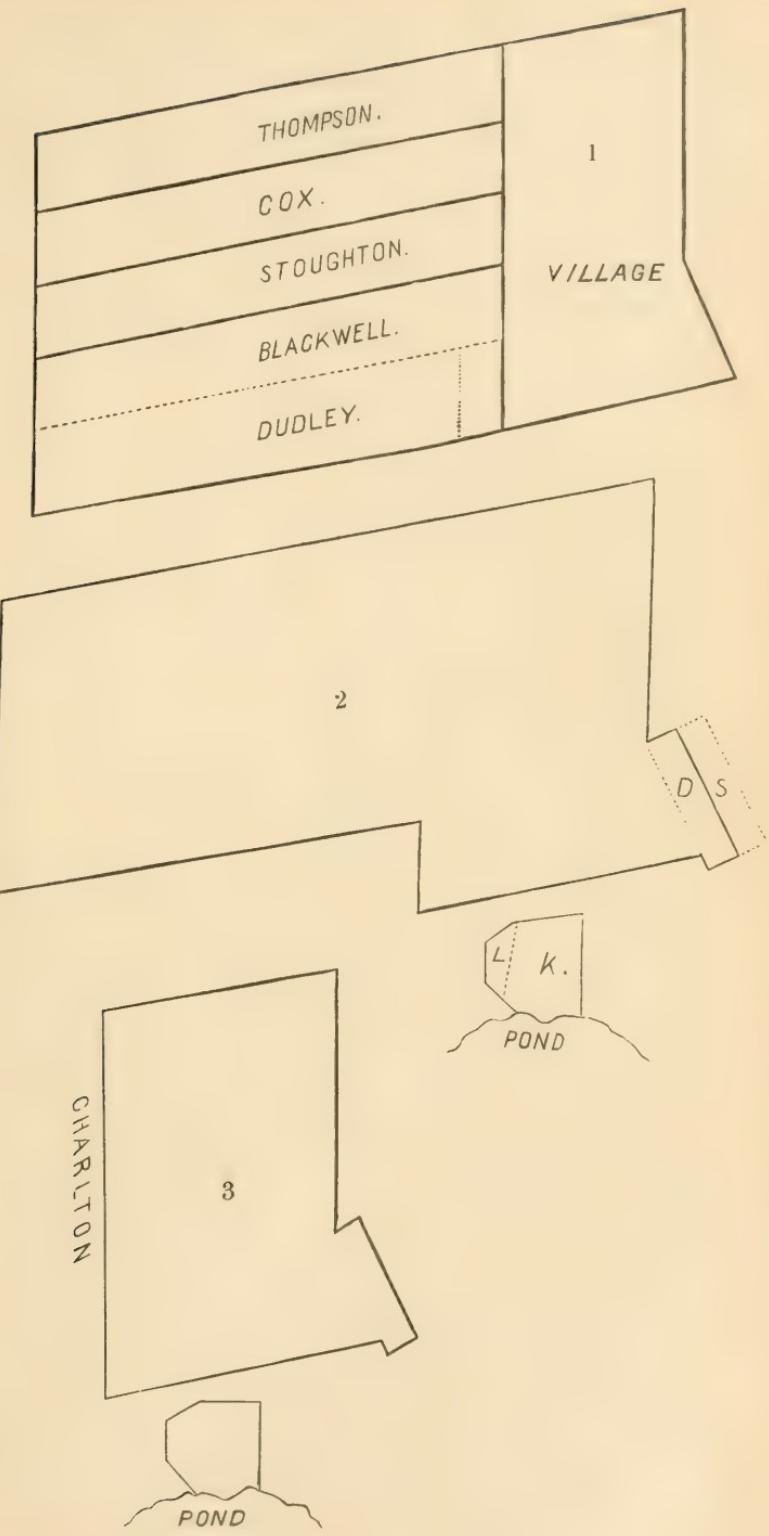
In Jan., 1745, this work was still uncompleted, and even the 12-acre division was not entirely finished. At that date Israel Town and Elijah Moore were added to the former committee to complete the 12-acre lots, and likewise to apportion the remaining part of undivided lands. Aug. 30, 1748, there being several small pieces of land "not lying convenient to divide" it was voted they might be sold to defray expenses of committees in making previous divisions. According to a tradition, which seems to be confirmed by the records, the affairs of the propriety at this time were in a very confused and unsettled condition, from which no one in the town was competent, or if able, was disposed to extricate them, except Mr. Campbell the minister. The 12-acre distribution had been made, but, lying chiefly upon the eastern and western borders of the town were lots, mostly woodland, of various sizes and values, which remained to be equitably divided among the 30 householders. It is said Mr. Campbell took the matter in hand only after much solicitation. June 19, 1749, a meeting was held of which he was the moderator, at which votes were passed confirming certain lands to certain persons, "notwithstanding all former votes,"—choosing a committee to perambulate lines with the proprietors of "Gabriel Bernon's Farm (so called) and to settle and establish the same,"—and accepting of and drawing for the fifth and last division of lands.

The list of proprietors at this time is of value as showing the changes made during the first 35 years of the town's history.

**Proprietors in 1749.** [Those in italics were new.] William Hudson, Col. Ebenezer Learned, *Timothy Harris, John Eddy, Collins Moore, Isaac Larned, Jonas Pratt, Ebenezer Humphrey, Capt. Elijah Moore, John Town [Jr.], William Eddy, John Groo, John Campbell, Jacob Cummins, Joseph Pratt, Dea. Jonathan Town, Ens. Israel Town, Peter Shumway, Abial Lamb, Jr., Benoni Twichell's heirs.* Whole number 20, of whom six only were in the first division.<sup>1</sup>

**Training field.** At a meeting 15 Dec., 1751, a decisive vote was passed on the subject of a "Training field," a necessity of the day. It was laid out adjoining the burying-ground on the east, and "fronted on the Eight-rod way near the old meeting house," and two acres had been voted for the purpose 4 Sept., 1749. At this meeting, however, it was "voted and determined" unanimously that *one acre* should be and is set off for this purpose. The record describes it as "to be set off fronting on the eight rod way and joining on Samuel Manning's north line, said acre to always lye open and common." In 1752 the proprietors voted to confirm the sale of the lot on which the old meeting-house stood to Jabez Holden, and to appropriate money to pay expenses of committees and Mr. Campbell "for his time and trouble in recording their acts and votes" in the past.

<sup>1</sup> Several of these by purchase owned more than one share, hence the reduced number.





Meetings for the adjustment of various questions of possessions, compensations for roads, settlement of lines, deficiencies in measurements, and minor differences between adjoining owners were held up to 21 Mar., 1763. A meeting of the "Proprietors of the fifth or last division" of land in the Village for the purpose of correcting errors and supplying omissions in the records and also to ascertain the location of the west line of the village was held Dec., 1773, and subsequent meetings for similar purposes were continued in 1774. There was no recorded action thereafter.

**Changes in Town lines.** In the plot of the present town the southern and a very small portion of the eastern lines only are identical with the original outlines.

**Dudley set off.** The first alteration was made in Dec., 1731, when the town of Dudley was incorporated, and Mr. Dudley's 6,000 acres, excepting "Paul Dudley's farm" of 1,000 acres at the eastern extremity thereof, were set off to the new town, as shown by the lower dotted line in diagram 1.<sup>1</sup> [See *Plans*.]

**Kingsburys annexed.** On 8 Dec., 1731, on petition of Isaac Larned, the farms of Josiah and Theodore Kingsbury, and adjoining land of the petitioner, lying east of Woodstock road, were annexed to Oxford, as shown in diagram 2, letter K, thus extending its southern limits to the great pond.<sup>2</sup>

**Manchaug farm.** The next change was when "Dudley's Manchaug farm" of 1,000 acres was added on the east; as shown in diagram 2, letter D. This was the tract granted for services in purchasing land of the Indians, as previously noted. It was surveyed by John Gore, with a similar grant to William Stoughton designated by dotted lines, and confirmed to them in one plot, 4 June, 1685, at what was called "Manchauge," being at the southeast corner of Oxford and adjoining it on the east.<sup>3</sup> These lands lay in common until 1712. Josiah Chapin and John Chandler on 23 May, "viewed and measured" the same and made a division, reporting that they found the length and breadth thereof to conform to

<sup>1</sup> This farm of 1,000 acres, remaining in Oxford, was long known as "Dudley entailed" land. The Calvin Aldrich farm—H. 57,—William Hurd—H. 60,—and Jacob Shumway — H. 61,—and also valuable meadows on the river, now part of the Ezekiel Davis farm—H. 53,—were taken from it. An important suit at law, involving the title to these lands, was brought about 1821 to gain possession by Mr. Williams, one of the Dudley heirs, *vs.* Jason Phipps of Thompson. William Pinkney of Maryland was counsel for Williams, and Phipps retained Daniel Webster. The trial was in Feb., 1822, and the case was strongly contested; decision for the defendants. Pinkney died a day or two after the trial.

<sup>2</sup> Gen. Court Rec., X., 187. These farms did not adjoin Oxford territory.

<sup>3</sup> Col. Rec., V., 488. In the act it is described

as "conteyning 1,800 acres, with allowance of addition of 200 more next adjoining, to compleat the same to 2,000 acres . . . in the Nipmug Country at a place called Marichouge—the lyne being marked with ralnging markes in the corners with S. D."

According to the earliest plan in Oxford records Manchaug Farm measured 674 rods by 424 rods—considerably short of 2,000 acres—including both Stoughton's and Dudley's shares. A plan made after 1731 gives "Manchaug Farm" 1,100 acres belonging to "the heirs of Mr. Dudley," and "belonging to Oxford." A plan made 1756 gives 1,020 acres in Oxford belonging to Thomas Dudley, and adjoining it on the east, the balance of the plot in Sutton, "now Richard Waters' and others."

Gore's survey, but that they were "wanting in complement." They consequently added 81 rods in length to the southward. Thus after Dudley's farm became a part of Oxford, the south line of the town turned at "Manchaug corner" to the southward, running at nearly a right angle 81 rods, and thence 212 rods easterly to Sutton line.<sup>1</sup>

On 14 Sept., 1734, on petition of the town, Dudley's farm was annexed to Oxford, the lands being retained by his heirs until 1779.

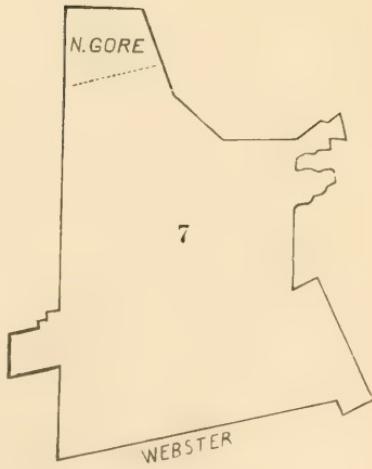
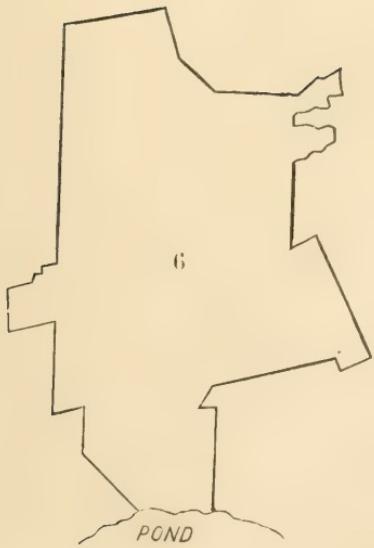
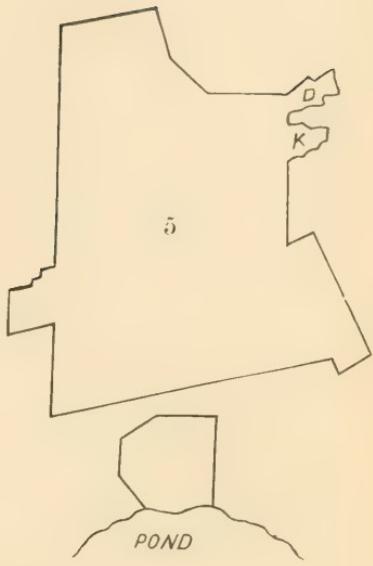
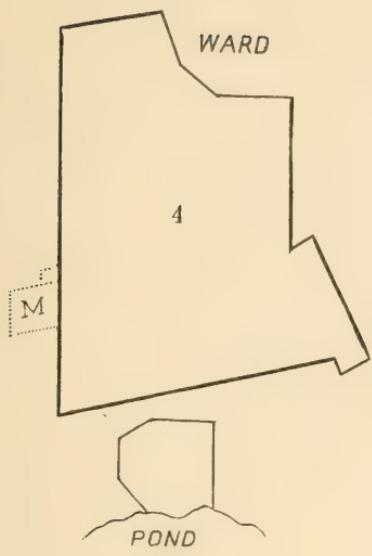
**Charlton set off.** On 10 Jan., 1755, the District of Charlton was established. This took from Oxford all the original grant lying west of a line one mile west of the "Village line," leaving the outlines of the towns as shown in diagram 3.<sup>2</sup>

**Ward set off.** The next dismemberment took place on the incorporation of the town of Ward. In May, 1770, a request of the inhabitants of the northeasterly part of the town to be set off as a separate district was refused in town meeting. On 17 Apr., 1772, William Bancroft with others of Worcester, Leicester, Oxford and Sutton, petitioned to be set off as a district. Anticipating this action the town in Mar., 1772, chose Edward Davis, Ebenezer Learned, Joseph Phillips, Daniel Griffith and Ephraim Ballard to "make answer" in the matter before the Court. The result was a dismission of the application. In 1773 the effort was renewed. Action was taken favorable to the petitioners, and a committee appointed to select a site for a meeting-house. Oxford chose William Phips, Capt. Ebenezer Learned, Capt. Jeremiah Learned and Ephraim Ballard to wait on this committee. On 23 June, 1773, certain families, including Samuel Eddy, Levi Eddy, Peter Jennison, Ruth Stone, Jesse Stone, Isaac Pratt, Abraham Fitts, Alexander Nichols, David Gleason, all of Oxford, were "erected into a Precinct" called "the South Parish of Worcester." On 10 April, 1778, the same was made a town, named "Ward." All living within three miles of the site of the meeting-

<sup>1</sup> Stoughton's 1,000 acres included the Doctor Bullard and the Chandler Stockwell farms in Sutton, as well as all the territory of West Sutton and northward from it. It was sold by William Taylor, heir and executor of Stoughton, 8 Dec., 1720, to Richard Waters of Salem, and Samuel Rich of Bellingham, Waters settling at the Bullard place and Rich at the Stockwell place. On 19 June, 1723, on petition of Ebenezer Learned for leave to tax lands adjoining Oxford for the maintenance of the ministry, this farm was "set to Oxford so far as relates to the support of the ministry." It was soon after incorporated as a part of Sutton. Gen. Court Rec., XIV., 84.

<sup>2</sup> For several years previous to this action much dissatisfaction existed among the people of the westerly part of the town because of their want of privileges. Oxford in the important matter of locating the new meeting-house had apparently no regard to their interests, and considering the circumstances it seems that no valid objection

could have been made to their being set off. The matter at last became so urgent that in May, 1750, Oxford voted to set off the west part of the town to within two miles of the west village line. But this was not satisfactory, and in Mar., 1754, the petitioners appealed to the Legislature, representing their privations on account of distance to meeting—that they were "disheartened, and as [they] had got timber for a meeting-house and were much encouraged by the gentlemen owning land [there] . . . but being taxed so high for the building the [Oxford] meeting-house and finishing it in the best manner, equal to, if not better than any in the country(?): paying for schools from which they derived no benefit—and "large herds of cattle brought among [them] breaking into [their] improved lands" . . . and living ten miles from the town pound it was "almost impossible to drive cattle there." . . . "All these things considered [they] feared [they should] be undone without the help of the court."





house by road, excepting in Sutton, where the distance was fixed at a mile and a half, were embraced in the act. This took from the corner of the town a tract resembling somewhat in form a quadrant. [See diagram 4.]

**Moffit, etc., annexed.** At March meeting, 1782, Isaac Moffit and Elijah Learned, living in the borders of Charlton, asked that they might be received as part of Oxford; on which the town voted affirmatively. On 3 June, 1788, these, with Ephraim Segar, presented the case to the Legislature, and on 2 Jan., 1789, they, with their farms—250 acres—were set to Oxford. On 23 Feb., 1809, on petition of Amasa Kingsbury, 26 acres adjoining the foregoing on the north were also added. [See dotted lines, diagram 4, letter M.]

**Kidder, etc., annexed.** In 1792, Jonathan Kidder, Samuel Blanchard and Arthur Daggett, living near the northeast corner of the town, in Sutton, requested to be received as inhabitants, which request was granted conditionally. On 18 Feb., 1793, the General Court annexed them to Oxford. [Diagram 5, letters D, K.]

**South Gore land annexed.** On 6 Feb., 1807, the Kingsbury neighborhood, with land north and west of the same to Dudley line, was annexed, the following being named in the act: Lemuel Cudworth, Craft Davis, Ezekiel Davis, David Fitts, Abijah Harris, Joseph Kingsbury, Ephraim Kingsbury, Samuel Kingsbury, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Jr., John Larned, John Larned, 3d, and James Wallis of Dudley.<sup>1</sup> [Diagram 6.]

**Webster.** The next change was at the incorporation of "Webster." The town opposed this project, and in September, 1831, Ira Barton, Stephen Davis and Richard Stone were chosen to protest against it before the Legislature. They say:—

"The area of the town before the setting off of Charlton was represented as having been about 45,000 acres. In 1754 a large portion of the rich agricultural town of Charlton was carved from the west part of Oxford, and in 1778 about one third part of Ward was also taken from said town so that when the town of Oxford was surveyed in 1794 . . . it contained but 17,336 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres. Since that time another small portion of the south gore has been annexed to the town and by said survey Oxford now contains about 18,000 acres. The petitioners seek to carve off about 2,500 acres . . . by which the town will be reduced to about 15,000 acres or one third its original dimensions.—The land set off to Charlton and Ward as before mentioned constituted . . . [agriculturally considered] the best part of the former town, and a principal source of wealth and population remaining . . . consisted in the water power of the French River together with the outlet of the Chaubunagungamaug pond. By an appropriation of this power to manufacturing purposes the town now sustains a population of 2034 inhabitants. By [the proposed action] it will lose about one sixth of its taxable property—a population of about 600 together with a considerable portion of that water power upon which the business and prosperity of the town much depends."

<sup>1</sup> [Special Laws, 58.] Included in this territory was the tract originally set to Oxford in 1731. [See diagram 6.]

Protests were unavailing and an act incorporating the new town—named in honor of the statesman—was passed 6 March, 1832.<sup>1</sup>

**North Gore annexed.** The last alteration was the addition of the North Gore, 22 March, 1838, embracing about 738 acres, and lying between the north line of the town and Leicester. [Special Laws, 22.] Diagram 7 represents the lines as they now exist.

**Indians.** The English settlers did not suffer seriously from the incursions of the natives, although at times they prowled about the borders of the village, stealing pigs, chickens, garden vegetables, etc., and at the time of Father Ralle's war in Maine they were considerably aroused and caused alarm.

**Garrison Houses.** On 16 Aug., 1722, a law was passed requiring frontier towns, including Oxford, to be put in a posture of defence. Military officers and selectmen were ordered to cause houses to be fortified, to which families might repair for safety.<sup>2</sup> No mention is made in the town records of these houses, but, according to tradition, Col. Ebenezer Learned's, H. 120, and Peter Shumway's, H. 185, were two of them. Probably the old fort sufficed for the south part of the town. As late as 1845 there were the remains of a block house on the farm of Sanford A. Inman, H. 9, near Sutton line, perhaps built at this time. It was about 25 feet square, and the foundation stones and embankment were removed by Mr. Inman. The discovery of numerous Indian stone relics on these hills indicates that this was a resort of the Indians. Manchaug pond was a favorite haunt of theirs, and their village was not far distant. Lovett's farm, H. 17, and "Saccarappa," as indicated by stone implements found there, was another favorite locality, and probably a village existed at some time in that vicinity. Another place frequented by them was on Little River a short distance above Buffum's.

The accompanying illustration shows various specimens of Indian stone relics found in Oxford. No. 1, a natural stone used as a rubbing stone—found on the Plain; 2, pestle, length 12 inches, Edson's, H. 163; 3, gorget or neck ornament, two perforations, Wellington's, H. 129; 4, sinker, perforated, Plain; 5, use unknown, perforated, Humphrey's, H. 36; 6, awl or piercer, Lovett's, H. 17; 7, soapstone implement, use unknown, Lovett's; 8, chisel, Whiting farm, H. 14; 9, gouge, N. Gore; 10, chisel, Buffum's; 11, chisel, Plain; 12, arrowheads, etc., different localities, largest, Woodbury's, H. 75; 13, drills or borers; 14, scrapers, used on wood, or hides and skins; 15, gouge, Rosebrook's, H. 4; 16, adze, Buffum's; 17, small pestle, Allard's, H. 71; 18, axe, Wellington's; 19 and 21, rubbing stones for dressing

<sup>1</sup> In this act the north line was defined as beginning at the northeast corner of said town and thence running *due west* across the river, etc. In March, 1839, the Selectmen of Oxford were instructed by the town to petition the Legislature

to alter the course of this line "so that it may agree with the present Village line." The old line, W. 15' S., was restored. [See diagram 7.]

<sup>2</sup> Prov. Laws, II., 259.



INDIAN RELICS FOUND IN OXFORD.



leather, Lovett's; 20, part of steatite cooking dish, Abel Davis's, H. 57; 22, axe, Rosebrook's.

**People armed.** In these troublous times farmers were accustomed to go to their work with their implements in one hand and a gun in the other. Col. Learned, at the extreme north, as tradition informs us, was considerably annoyed at times by the sly manœuvres of the natives, but knowing his strength and courage they made no serious encroachments upon him. The occurrence related by Hutchinson is corroborated by tradition, the place having been at the site of the house later occupied by John Barton, H. 21, near "Barton Hill," in the easterly part of the town.

"On Aug. 6, 1724, four Indians came upon a small house which was built under a hill. They made a breach in the roof and as one of them was attempting to enter he received a shot in his belly from a courageous woman, the only person in the house, who had two muskets and two pistols charged, and was prepared for all four; but they thought fit to retreat, carrying off the dead or wounded man."

This locality was on the Bernon estate, the property of Samuel Davis, then of Roxbury, and the occupant is unknown.

The eastern troubles culminated in 1725 in the famous Lovewell's fight at Pequawket, and in December quiet was restored.

Accounts have come to us by trustworthy tradition of several personal encounters with the Indians. They, it appears, for some reason had a grudge against Abial Lamb, and at times lurked around his premises with evil intent, and once fired upon him when he was at a distance from home. He returned them as good as they sent, with fatal consequences it is said, after which he was unmolested.

The following is an incident in Col. Learned's experience :

"At candle-light on a cold evening, an Indian came to his door and asked for food and shelter. He was kindly received, and after supper was allowed to camp before the large open fire-place in the old-fashioned kitchen. Some time during the night the Colonel became conscious of a presence stooping over him as he lay in bed. The Indian, perceiving that he was awake, said to him in a scornful tone, 'You pale face!' Learned was out of bed in an instant, and with a well-directed blow laid the fellow upon the floor, and in a few seconds had him outside the house and the door shut upon him.

"Several months afterward his visitor again made his appearance, at evening, as before. He had in his hand a roll of valuable furs, which he presented respectfully to Learned, with the remark, 'You brave,' and left."

**Collicump.** So far as known, the last wild Indian living within the limits of the town was Collicump, whose dwelling was in the pleasant nook under the hills near the house of the first Joseph Brown, in the west part of the town, H. 88, within the sound of the brook which comes down through the rocky gorge near the old Charlton road and winds through the meadow below to the Maanexit. In this retired spot he lived to old age, runs the tradition, cultivating a little garden near his hut, hunting small game in the neighboring

woods and fishing in the river and also the stream in the easterly part of Charlton known as Little River—sometimes called “Collicum.” He had deceased long before Mr. Brown’s purchase of this farm in 1791, but his garden and the ruins of his cabin were then to be seen, and traces of his dwelling still remain. He met a tragic fate having been drowned in the latter stream in a deep hole a short distance below the mills of the late John H. Rich. Interesting mementos of him were recently in the possession of the late Jasper Brown, Esq., being two brass spoons ploughed up on the site of his cabin by Mr. Joseph Brown. They were of a peculiar pattern, unlike the present form of this utensil, and were doubtless furnished him by the English.<sup>1</sup>

**Slaves.** A return in State papers, 1754, gives Negro slaves in Oxford, three males, one female.

Richard Moore owned “Sharper,” and 26 Nov., 1736, sold him to Joshua Haynes, Sudbury.<sup>2</sup>

Moses Marcy of Oxford had an Indian woman, sold him by the Court prior to 1747. That year he was discharged from his bond, she having “made away with herself after having tried to murder her mistress—run off and not heard from since.”

In 1755, Caesar, a slave, servant of Richard Moore, Jr., was arraigned before Worcester Court.<sup>3</sup>

Col. Ebenezer Learned owned a house servant named Mingo—was long in the family, and was dumb or successfully feigned himself to be so. He was provided for in Learned’s will.

Rev. John Campbell had a servant, Will, was in the army of 1775, at the siege of Boston, enrolled as a soldier, may have been servant to Capt. William Campbell.

In a tax list for 1771 Dea. Thomas Davis is named as owner of a “servant for life,” and William Watson is taxed for two, the same. In 1775 a negro was sold as part of his estate.

Josiah Wolcott had a house servant named Dinah who lived to be very aged, and died in 1829, a town charge.

**Colonial Money.** At the time of the permanent settlement almost the entire circulating medium consisted of Bills of Credit, issued by the Province, payable with interest, at short stated times. On 11 Oct., 1721, trustees were chosen to receive and care for the “Bank Money paid to the town.” The amount was £64, Oxford’s proportion of £50,000. The duty of these trustees was to loan this money in small amounts on security.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See plate of historic reliques.

<sup>2</sup> See cases in Wore. Court.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> The preamble of the act, 31 March, 1721, recites: “Whereas the Publick Bills of Credit in this Province, which, for want of silver have for many years not only answered the charge of this His Majesty’s Government, both in War and Peace, but served as a medium of exchange in the Merchandise Trade and Business of the

Province, are grown scarce in proportion to the great Demand for the same—Be it enacted,” etc. Prov. Laws, II., 189. These bills varied in value from £5 to 3 shillings. In 1723 it was voted to issue £500 in one, two and three penny pieces, to be made of parchment about an inch in measurement, stamped, a round piece to pass as one penny, a square piece two-pence and a six-sided piece three-pence.

In March, 1728, it was voted "to leave the concern of the £50,000 loan to the selectmen to take account of y<sup>e</sup> Trustees and report." This loan was redeemable in Boston, £10,000 on the last day of May in each year from 1726 to 1730. In Oxford the last payment was not made until Feb., 1736, when "Jer. Allen Treas." received "by Mr. Campbell, committee," for £12. 16s., "the last fifth" of said loan. On 20 Feb., 1728, another loan of £60,000 was issued, of which Oxford's share was £106. 10s. In April it was voted "to draw out y<sup>e</sup> Town's part," and the trustees were instructed to loan it in sums not under ten or over twenty pounds to one man. In this loan 4 per cent. of the interest went to the Province and the balance to the towns.

**Early levies.** The first raising of money by the town was 19 Nov., 1713, when £6 was voted for necessary charges, to be raised on the 30 house lots. The first County tax was in 1718, when Suffolk County raised £350; Oxford's share, 15 shillings, 9½ pence. In 1721 a house of correction was to be built and £650 was raised; Oxford's share, £2. 18s. The first tax of Worcester County was in Nov., 1732; Oxford's share, £14. 0s. 4d. The first levy of a Colonial tax in Oxford was 5 July, 1719, for the sum of £5. Taxes were collected by constables until 1786 when collectors were chosen.

**Public Funds.** In Oct., 1791, the town holding £340. 13s. 1d. public securities, it was voted to divide the same among the religious societies, the First and Second and the Baptists, each their proportion. The amounts were as follows: Standing Society £206. 3s. 3d., the Second Society £119. 17s. 2d., the Baptists, to be paid individually, according to their valuation, the sum of £14. 12s. 8d. This shows the financial strength relatively of the religious organizations. In March, 1837, a committee of the town was chosen to receive from the Commonwealth its share of the surplus revenue ordered by Congress to be distributed, and to recommend some manner of disposing of the same, which advised that it be funded and the interest be divided among the school districts. In June, 1837, a report of the selectmen upon the division of this fund with Webster was accepted, as follows: Whole amount, \$2,965.65; Oxford's share, allotted on 1,569 population, \$2,287.66; Webster's share, on 465 population [in the part set off from Oxford], \$677.99. In May, 1838, the town instructed the selectmen to pay out enough of this fund to clear the town from debt. The amount is not given; a balance was voted, 1839, toward building the town hall on the north common.

**"Land Bank."** In 1739, many people of small means being embarrassed, business much depressed and money scarce, a plan was laid to establish in Boston a private banking concern which resulted in the forming of the famous "Land and Manufacturers' Bank Company." This affair, while it had the sanction of a few influential men, was projected and managed chiefly by persons of limited re-

sources, many of whom had land but little money and perhaps some of whom were insolvent. "This company [numbering some seven or eight hundred] were to give credit to 150,000 pounds to be issued in bills [payable in 20 years] to be loaned on mortgage, every subscriber to pay 3 per cent. and 5 per cent. of the principal, and those not paying bills might pay in produce or manufactures of the Province."<sup>1</sup>

The Governor opposed the scheme, an act of incorporation was refused in the Legislature, proclamations were issued warning the public against it as dangerous, and all government officers, the courts and others within their influence were required to discountenance and obstruct the circulation of the bills. The leading merchants of the larger towns refused them in trade. Notwithstanding all opposition the plan flourished for a time, and Hutchinson says "perhaps a majority of the Province were well wishers to it." By great exertion and the purchase of every commodity for which its bills would be received, the directors succeeded in getting into circulation fifty or sixty thousand pounds of their paper. In country places it was popular, and passed freely among the traders and the people at large, and many towns voted to accept "Land Bank" in all their public financial affairs. As late as May, 1741, their bills were in circulation.<sup>2</sup> Its opposers appealed to Parliament and an act was obtained extending to America an old law of Britain that no transferable stock should be raised without legislative authority, which dealt it a blow under which it soon succumbed. In 1741 the General Court appointed commissioners with power to tax all who had been in the company in proportion to their interest, and with moneys thus raised to redeem the bills, and make equitable adjustment between the members. Heavy losses resulted and its pernicious influence was felt long afterward. Fortunately the people of this town did not engage in it to a great extent. Isaac Larned owned 40 shares, Jacob Cummings 30, Uriah Stone 40, Samuel Call 30 and Samuel Scott 30, all excepting Larned in the north part of the town. In 1748 the commissioners sold 46 acres of land of Samuel Call (now known as the Livermore place), H. 110, to pay his assessments.

[Form of a Bill.]

"TWENTY SHILLINGS

"We promise, for ourselves and Partners, to receive this Twenty Shilling Bill of Credit as so much Lawful Money in all Payments, Trade and Business, and after the expiration of twenty years to pay ye Possessor ye value thereof in Manufactures of the Province.

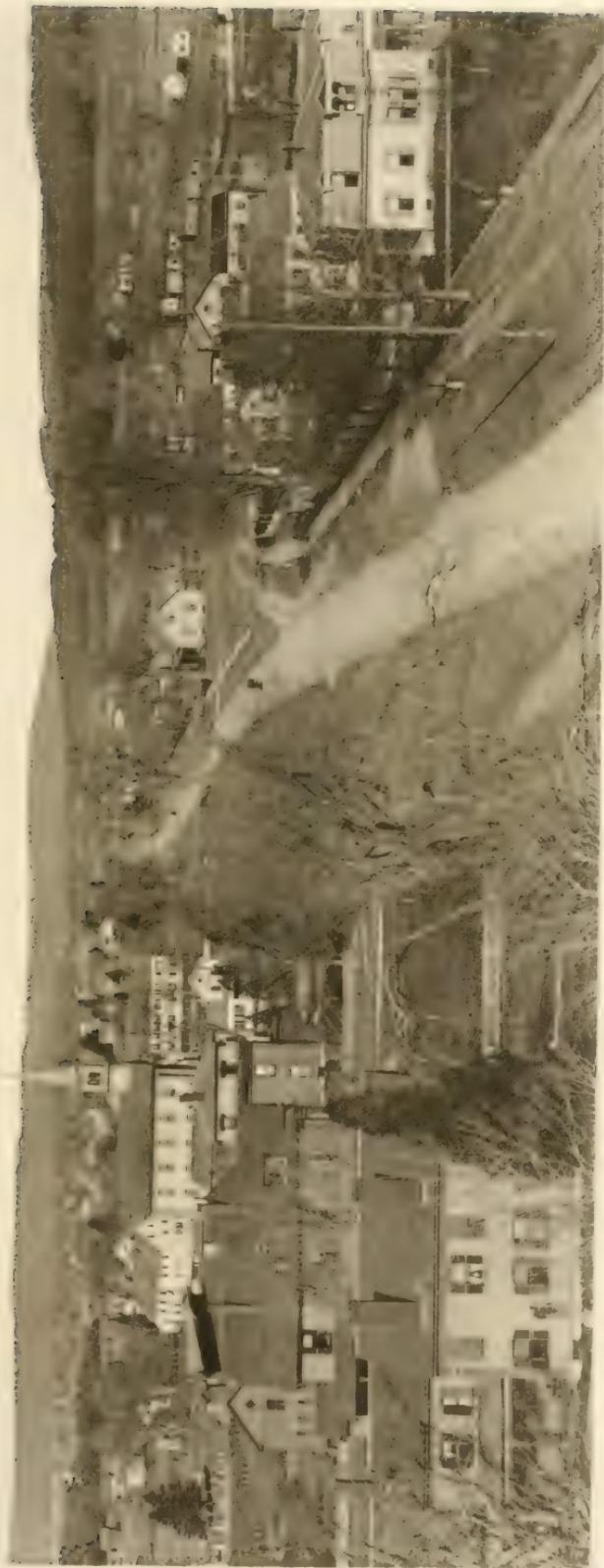
"BOSTON."

<sup>1</sup> Hutchinson.

<sup>2</sup> At that date Rev. William Jennison wrote thus to his wife, "I am now at Worcester in the business of the school, and preach at Holden—

but am uncertain whether I shall continue . . . because it will not do for me to oblige myself to take pay in 'Land Bank.'"

NORTH END OF THE PLAIN, FROM MEMORIAL HALL TOWER.





## CHAPTER IV.

### ECCLESIASTICAL.

FIRST MINISTERS. NON-RESIDENTS TAXED. REV. JOHN CAMPBELL. CHURCH FORMED. HAGBURN LEGACY. THE AWAKENING. MR. CAMPBELL'S TREATISE. DAVIDSON CASE. MR. CAMPBELL'S DECEASE. REV. JOSEPH BOWMAN. EMBARRASSMENT. CHURCH DIVISIONS. LAWSUIT. DARK DAYS. REV. ELIAS DUDLEY. REV. JOSIAH MOULTON. CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY FORMED. LATER MINISTERS. LEGACIES. UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY. MINISTERS. CONVENTIONS. BAPTIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY. MINISTERS. METHODIST CHURCH AND SOCIETY. MINISTERS. PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH. MINISTERS. ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. FIRST MEETING-HOUSE. SECOND MEETING-HOUSE. UNIVERSALIST MEETING-HOUSE. THIRD CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-HOUSE. BAPTIST MEETING-HOUSE. METHODIST MEETING-HOUSES. EPISCOPAL CHURCH BUILDING. CATHOLIC CHURCH BUILDING. PARSONAGES.

**First Ministers.** In accordance with the terms of the grant and the usage of the day the town was from the beginning an ecclesiastical parish, and its early records refer constantly to ministerial affairs. The first minister named was *Rev. John James*, probably noted by Savage as having lived, and died 10 Aug., 1729, at Wethersfield. He had preached as early as 1683 at Haddam, and was at Derby from 1694 to 1706, and at Brookfield from 1711 to 1 May, 1714. On 29 July, 1714, it was "voted that every lot man shall pay his equal proportion of 10 shillings a sabbath for a quarter of a year to Mr. James for his preaching." On 30 Nov. it was voted that Mr. Moore [Richard] and John Town "take care and provide a minister as soon as convenient." On 25 March, 1715, voted that the money for the support of the gospel ministry among us, be raised on the lands in general belonging to the village. On 25 Sept., 1715, it was voted to send Daniel Elliott and Abraham Skinner to *Jonathan Shattuck* of Watertown "to treat with him concerning his coming to preach the Gospel to us." Mr. Shattuck preached at least two Sabbaths, for which he was paid 30 shillings. He was settled, 1717, at Littleton. On 10 May, 1716, it was voted to raise for the year 30 pounds on the 30 house lots for the support of the ministry, and Mr. Richard Moore was instructed "to go to the gentlemen that gave us the land [for the village] to see what they will give for the support of the Gospel among us." And on 31 July, John Town and Ebenezer Learned were chosen for the same purpose with directions that if said proprietors would not do their proportion to petition the General Court for help. The result of this effort we do not find, but in some way the people received encouragement.

On 29 Jan., 1717, it was voted that the selectmen should "take care to get a minister," and at the same date it was decided to build a meeting-house. Neither minister or the means of supporting one, however, was then settled upon, as on 19 Aug. a meeting was called to be held at 7 o'clock in the morning, to agree upon some way to raise money and "to take care to obtain a minister." At this meeting it was voted to raise 30 pounds for the support of the Gospel, and Richard Moore, Ebenezer Learned and Daniel Elliott were chosen to obtain a minister.<sup>1</sup>

**Non-residents taxed.** On 14 June, 1718, John Town, as selectman, petitioned the General Court for leave to tax the lands of non-residents in Oxford for aid in supporting the ministry and building a new meeting-house. On which it was ordered that authority be given to tax 20 shillings on 1,000 acres five years. On 21 July, 1720, Richard Moore renewed this petition, on which it was again ordered that the town authorities be empowered to lay a tax of 20 shillings per annum per 1,000 acres during three years. The next year Richard Moore, being the town representative, submitted to the Court that the tax had been assessed as authorized but some of the proprietors refused to pay. By permission he presented a bill which was referred to the next session. On 22 March, 1722, an act was passed enabling the town to recover a tax on non-resident proprietors' lands towards building a new meeting-house, etc. On 16 May, 1726, Capt. Ebenezer Learned was chosen "to go to General Court with a petition for leave to tax non-residents' land toward the support of the gospel." On 7 June it was ordered that the town of Oxford be authorized to assess, levy and collect 20 shillings on each 1,000 acres on non-resident land for three years, and "said land is made liable for the payment of said taxes." On 4 Sept., 1729, on Isaac Larned's petition, "ordered that the town of Oxford be authorized to assess and collect one farthing per acre on non-residents' land for five years for the support of the ministry." On 2 July, 1731, a petition of Rev. John Campbell was presented to the General Court, setting forth that former laws made to meet the needs of the town had in them no provision to enforce the collection of the taxes on non-resident lands, by which the petitioner had been much straitened and had not the support designed for him, and praying that provision be made for the collecting of said taxes. Upon which it was enacted as follows:

"Whereas there have been several assessments of taxes heretofore ordered and directed by the General Court of this Province on the lands of the non-resident proprietors within the township of Oxford . . . as well for the building a meeting house as supporting the ministry in the said town, and whereas a considerable part thereof still remains due and unpaid by reason of the methods heretofore used for collecting the same being insufficient . . .

<sup>1</sup> From the first recorded tax list in the town, Sept., 1717, we learn that the sum voted at this meeting was raised by a tax on the inhabitants, without the aid of non-resident proprietors, with

the single exception of Gabriel Bernon, who was taxed both for the current expenses of religious worship and for the building of the meeting-house.

Ordered that John Chandler Jr. Samuel Dudley of Sutton, and Benjamin Flagg of Worcester be a committee to collect said taxes, and pay the same to the Treasurer of Oxford."

They were authorized to sell lands and give deeds when necessary for the purpose.

On 14 Sept., 1734, Isaac Larned represented to the Court the difficulty of supporting the gospel since Dudley was set off, and asked leave to tax non-residents one-half penny an acre for five years, which was granted, and also ordered that the farm belonging to Hon. William Dudley, called Manchaug farm, be, and is hereby annexed to Oxford. On 26 Dec., 1739, permission was continued for five years to tax one farthing per acre, all lands without a legal fence included.

**Mr. McKinstry.** The third clerical name recorded is that of *John McKinstry*, who preached several months. On 7 Oct., 1718, Benoni Twichell was sent by the town "to fetch up the minister." On 2 March, 1719, a call was voted him which he declined. And on 9 Nov., 1720, he was settled as first minister of Sutton.

**Mr. Andrew.** In 1719 *Rev. Samuel Andrew* was preacher for a time. He was son of Samuel of Cambridge, b. in 1656, and was at this time 64 years of age. An attempt to settle him failed.

**Mr. Campbell.** Very soon after REV. JOHN CAMPBELL entered upon the scene of his life work. On 30 May, 1720, in expectation of his arrival, it was voted that Israel Town should entertain him, and Ens. Ebenezer Learned "should treat with him and agree with him as reasonably as he could with discretion, to obtain him for one or two months." Propositions for a settlement were voted him on 15 July with an offer of 60 pounds a year salary—the lot originally laid out for the minister, with the rights belonging to it—and 100 pounds settlement, "provided he shall be willing to live and die our minister," and John Town, Isaac Larned, John Comins, Abial Lamb and Abraham Skinner were chosen a committee to "treat with him." They reported as follows:

"We laid before Rev. Mr. Campbell the above voted particulars and left them with him under the following circumstances—In the name and by virtue of the power given us by the inhabitants of Oxford, we called the Reverend John Campbell to be our minister. Second, we promised the said Mr. Campbell Sixty pounds salary. Third, that the said Mr. Campbell have freely given him the lot laid out already for the first minister of Oxford, with the rights thereunto belonging, or one hundred acres to be laid out . . . where it can conveniently be had. Fourth, that we will give the said Mr. Campbell one hundred pounds settlement in work as reasonably as others have work for their money in Oxford—provided he shall be willing to live and die with us in the work of the ministry."

Mr. Campbell's reply, dated 12 Aug., 1720, is as follows:

"GENTLEMEN, I have had your call and proposals before me and upon mature deliberation I accept of your call and proposals to me as propounded,

and hereby promise to be willing to continue with you in the work of the ministry as the Lord shall enable me, provided you continue a ministerial people.

“ JOHN CAMPBELL.”

As Mr. Campbell became known, the people evidently recognized in him a fit man to continue their life-long minister, they having given a call and received his answer before a reply was returned from the association of ministers to which the selectmen had applied for an opinion concerning him. This reply, dated Woodstock, 7 Sept., 1720, was commendatory, and on the 12 Sept. the town chose a committee to oversee the work to be done in the settlement.

**Church formed.** The ordination did not, however, take place until several months later. Meantime the Church was organized. Mr. Campbell was chosen clerk and thus chronicles its initiation and progress :

“ The Methode taken and pursued in laying a foundation for and gathering a Chh. of Christ in Oxford in New England was as follows viz—four men viz Lt. John Town, Abiel Lamb, Samuel Barton, Joseph Wiley, being already members of other Chhs meeting together sometime in September 1720 : and having considered the obligations which they themselves were under, to promote the Kingdom of their Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, (after social prayer and conference together) they declared each one to the other that they were desirous to lye in the foundation and build up a Chh. of Christ in Oxford : they also made known their Religious purpose in this matter to Capt. Richard Moore, another Chh. member, Inviting him and others . . . whose minds were disposed to advance the Religion of Jesus and his Interest, and thereby the special advantage of themselves and Posterity : to join with them in so good a work : Agreeing also to meet together at the house of Israel Town on thursday the 27th of October next following, at four of the clock post meridian.”

“ The Society ” met on said day and had prayers and a sermon, and decided to apply to the “ Rev. Elders of Marlborough Association ” who were to meet at Framingham, 2 Nov., following, asking “ their Advice and Directions how to proceed in gathering a Chh. of Christ at said Oxford.” The reply was as follows :

“ Dear Brethren, we highly approve of your Religious design to gather a church of Christ in Oxford and advise you that there be public notification thereof given in the Town, and that such as are already members lead in that affair, and that others who offer to join in the foundation of the said Church meet together with the said chh. members and give satisfaction to one another and to the said members of the saving work of grace in their hearts, either by verbal conference, or written Relation, after which hath been done & social prayer duly performed from time to time, by the said Religious Society we advise them to procure a Chh Covenant which they can all freely subscribe unto, and then to set apart a day of fasting and prayer, calling to them the Rev. Pastor of Woodstock, and the Rev. pastor of Mendon Chh. to assist on the said fast day in forming a church of Christ in Oxford.

“ Sic Subserbitur JOSEPHI BAXTER  
in the name of the Association.”

At a Society meeting held 29 Dec., 1720, "after prayers and a sermon," chose Lt. John Town moderator and "appointed the third Wednesday in Jan. 1720-1 to be the day of fasting and prayer previous to the gathering a church of Christ in Oxford: and also desired Mr. John Campbell to write letters to the ministers [designated] to request their presence and assistance on the above said day."

"The Revd. ministers sent to for our assistance came at the time appointed, viz. January 18th, 1720-1 and the day was observed by fasting, prayers and sermons: and towards the close of the day . . . the following Church Covenant in which all the brethren were agreed was read, approved and accepted by the men whose names are underwritten and likewise by their wives respectively."

### Covenant.

"We do under a soul humbling and abasing sense of our utter unworthiness of so high & great a privelege as God is graciously putting into our hands *Own and Accept* of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit for our God in Covenant with us, and do accordingly give up ourselves and our seed according to the terms of the Everlasting Covenant to him to be his under most sacred & inviolable Bonds, promising by the help & strength of his grace, without which we can do nothing that we will walk as becomes saints according to the rules of God's holy word. Submitting ourselves and seed to the government of the Lord Jesus Christ, as King of his Chh. and to the watch and discipline of this Chh. managing ourselves towards God and man all in civil & sacred authority as becomes those who are under the teachings of God's holy Word & Spirit: Alike declaring it to be our Resolution that in all things wherein we may fall short of duty we will wait upon God for his pardoning mercy and Grace in and through our Dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever.

"The persons names who then assented to this Instrument are subjoined, viz

JOHN CAMPBELL, soon after ordained pastor of this Church	ABIEL LAMB & wife
JOHN TOWN & wife	ISRAEL TOWN & wife
BENJAMIN CHAMBERLAIN & wife	BENONY TWITCHEL & wife
ISAAC LARNED & wife	JOSEPH WILEY & wife
JOHN COMINS & wife	SAMUEL BARTON & wife
ABRAHAM SKINNER	DAVID TOWN & wife
EBENEZER LEARNED & wife	NATHANIEL CHAMBERLAIN
PHILIP AMIDOWN & wife	THOMAS GLEASON & wife
	COLLINS MOORE & wife

"These were the persons who lay in the foundation of a Gospel Chh. in Oxford, New England Janury 18th 1720-1 in the presence and with the approbation of the Rev. Mr. Josiah Dwight pastor of Woodstock and the Rev. Mr. Joseph Dorr pastor of Mendon Chh."

The first meeting of the Church was at the house of John Comins near the old mill, at the south end of the Plain, "after prayers and a sermon, John Town was chosen Moderator, and then after a long and serious conference, the Chh unanimously chose Mr. John Campbell to be their pastor. To which choice Mr. Campbell . . . signified his Consent." It was also voted to request the selectmen to call a town meeting to act on the subject.

**Campbell's Ordination.** On 31 Jan., 1721, the Church met and voted to ask the aid of pastors and delegates to ordain Mr.

Campbell from the churches in Woodstock, Medfield, Framingham, Marlborough, Lancaster and Mendon; chose a committee to give invitations; voted that every member of the Church should pay six shillings to defray expenses of the council, "besides what other inhabitants of the town shall please to give," and chose Isaac Larned, John Comins and Abraham Skinner to provide for said council.

At a town meeting, the same day, an account being read of what the Church had done as to the choice of Mr. Campbell, and the time appointed for ordination, it was voted to concur. The following is Mr. Campbell's record of the ordination services:

"Wednesday March 1st 1720/1

"The ordination of the Rev. Mr. John Campbell to the pastoral office & Charge of the Chh. of Christ in Oxford was conducted with good order & decency. the several parts of the publick Service were performed by the following gentlemen, viz the Revd. Mr. John Prentice pastor of the Chh. in Lancaster preached the Ordination Sermon from Ephs. 6, 18, 19. the prayer before the charge was made by the Revd. Mr. Josiah Dwight pastor of the Chh in Woodstock, the charge was given by the Revd. Mr. Joseph Baxter pastor of the Chh. in Medfield, the prayer after the charge was made by the Revd. Mr. Robert Breck of Marlborough. The Right hand of fellowship was given by the Revd. Mr. John Swift pastor of the Chh in Framingham. The introductory prayer to all the publick service was made by the Revd Mr Joseph Dor pastor of the Chh in Mendon. The thanksgiving psalm or song was proposed, viz. Psal. 118 from the 24th verse to the end of the Psalm, and the blessing pronounced by the Rev'd. Mr John Campbell the then ordained pastor of the Chh. of Christ in Oxford."

The first celebration of the Lord's Supper was 14 May, 1721. In 1723 Richard Waters was by vote "desired" to unite with the Church by letter of recommendation, "in order to his being elected deacon," but did not comply. The Church Records under Mr. Campbell's ministry give little of the detail of affairs. With one or two exceptions they contain no entries of accessions, dismissals or baptisms. The particulars of a few cases of discipline are recorded and the election of officers, but more frequently than on any other subject occur entries concerning the "Hagburn Fund."

**Hagburn Legacy.** Under date of 1724 is entered a copy of the clause in the will of Mr. Samuel Hagburn giving 50 pounds "for the use and benefit of the church as they shall think fit to lay out or dispose of for any pious use." On 4 July, 1726, it was voted to put the said bequest out at interest, and Dea. John Town, Isaac Larned and Philip Amidown were chosen to take charge of it. In 1728 the town raised Mr. Campbell's salary to 80 pounds, as the currency was depreciating. In 1729 the town "voted to tax unimproved lands one farthing per acre towards paying our minister." 1731, Sept. 10, voted to expend the interest on the Hagburn Fund "for vessels for use of the church," and allowed £3 to pay expenses of pastor and delegate to an ecclesiastical council at Boston, £5 for a "mort-cloth" and a basin for baptismal use. 1731, Sept. 20, the town voted ten

pounds additional for firewood for Mr. Campbell. 1734, Aug. 27, voted £90 and firewood to Mr. Campbell. As the currency depreciated the town increased the salary as follows: In 1735 to £100, in 1736 £120, in 1739 £130, in 1741 £150. On 18 May, 1743, the town heard the report of a committee chosen to compute the "odds" between the currency and silver, "so that Justice be done Mr. Campbell," and on it voted him £180. In 1745 £200 was voted, 1747 £225, in 1748 £250, in 1749 £400, "to make up deficiencies in years past and the present year." In May, 1750, the currency had been brought to a specie basis and £50 was voted. Under date, 12 June, 1741, is recorded "the distressing circumstances of some poor families amongst us occasioned by the scarcity of bread corn," on which it was voted that the interest then due on the Fund "be given to the most necessitous families in this congregation."

In Dec., 1741, a movement led by Ebenezer Lock began among the people of the N. Gore and the north part of Oxford to be set off as a new parish, and a petition to the town therefor was signed by Caleb Barton, Samuel Call, Uriah Gleason, Joseph Phillips, Samuel Town, Richard Gleason and Jonas Coller. But the project was given up, perhaps on account of the proposal to build the new meeting-house at a location north of the Plain.

**The Awakening.** The years 1741-2 witnessed the "Great Awakening," with which Mr. Campbell had no sympathy. There was great excitement and much heated controversy, and the lines between the adherents to the old methods and the "New Scheme" were closely drawn. Rev. David Hall of Sutton was a strenuous adherent of Edwards and Whitefield, and as a result a coolness arose between the two neighboring pastors. In his diary, 9 March, 1746, Dr. Hall says "I have of late been to Oxford, where I have not been to visit before scarce these seven years. I find there has been reports carried to my disadvantage. A shyness among ministers is attended with many mischiefs and disadvantages."

**Campbell's Treatise.** In 1743 Mr. Campbell, "at the desire of his constant hearers and others," published his "Treatise on Conversion," etc., a 12mo. volume of 215 pages, being extracts of sermons preached under the pressure of this movement. Near the close he says:

"Suffer me, I beseech you, who am the weakest and most unworthy in the Sacred Order of the Ministry, to intreat both Ministers and People of the NEW SCHEME to desist from invading the Provinces and Districts of their Fellow Laborers and Brethren: And thereby disturbing the Peace, and Spoiling the good Order of the Churches upon Pretence of little differences between you and them and so exclude yourselves their Communion. Such a practice was early condemned in the Christian Church, III. John, 10.

"The Ordinances of God are understood by some Interpreters to be the Hedge and Wall of a People: when God takes away the Hedge and Wall, the Breach is made wide for every wild Beast to enter and tread it down. There are two or three things it would be well if the *Exhorters* and their Followers

could be persuaded to refrain, viz: 1 To keep each of them in their proper Business.—‘*Ne sutor ultra crepidam*,’ that is blind Folks should not judge of colors.—2. That they no longer traduce the sacred Scriptures, that is laying aside some Parts of them . . . and esteeming others necessary, as they agree with the peculiar sentiments.—3. Using humane Compositions in the Public Worship of God, in Room of sacred Scriptures: I mean their using Hymns, so as almost to have superseded the Psalms of David and other spiritual Songs. This is a manifest Violation and Reproach of the Wisdom and Law of God . . . I am far from thinking that the good Gentleman [Dr Watts] whose hymns are mostly used by our giddy Zealots ever intended that Composure of his should ever supersede the Psalms of David . . . Singing of Hymns composed by men uninspired by God in his Worship was no part of our Forefather’s Religion . . . No, this smells a little of that industrious source of all Religious Forgeries, viz—the Church of Rome which hath impudently introduced their *Te Deums, Anthems, and Ave Marias*. These Cockatrices<sup>1</sup> do not consider what they do and the guilt they are bringing upon themselves.”

**Davidson Case.** As early as 1748 a controversy arose in Sutton Church and William Davidson and wife were excommunicated or suspended. In Dec., 1748, he brought his case before an *ex parte* council in Oxford at the house of Elisha Davis, from which we infer that he here found encouragement and sympathy. Dr. Hall in his diary says, “26 Dec., to morrow am to go to a Council at Oxford called by an offending brother. 27, went to Davidson’s Council, was, I think poorly treated. 28, grievously exercised to day, y<sup>e</sup> council’s Result appearing most injurious, I became angry and spoke indecently. 21, discoursed with Parkman [Westboro’] he admired [wondered] at the result of Council.” This result was against the action of Sutton Church. The diary continues, “12 July 1749, a time in which we need y<sup>e</sup> greatest wisdom and courage. The Chh. beset on y<sup>e</sup> right hand and left, by Davidson Councel and y<sup>e</sup> separatists. 15, have been carried through the Church meeting without any jarring in regard to Davidson’s affair.” [Adhering to former action.] An entry 31 Oct., 1749, indicates that another Council had been held on the case “which wholly approved of our conduct.”

On 15 Sept., 1750, Davidson and wife “desired occasional communion” with Oxford Church, which by a vote with but one dissenting voice was granted. This action placed the Church in the position of a defender of Davidson and implied censure was cast upon Sutton. The result was a long period of estrangement and ill feeling between the two bodies. Thomas Gleason, Jr., of Oxford, who opposed the church action, was disciplined and suspended, but in July, 1745, confessed his fault and was restored. The record of this matter by Mr. Campbell, being the last of his entries, is of special interest. He says:

“At a meeting of the Chh. in Oxford, March 8th, 1754, Thomas Gleason Junr personally notified and then present being asked the question if he was

<sup>1</sup>The name given them by Gilbert Tennant. On 7 March, 1746, £10 interest money was voted for 20 of Mr. Campbell’s books to be given to those unable to purchase them.

now sensible of the evil of his continued neglect of attending on his duty with this Chh. in sealing ordinances: expressed no repentance, but pretended to justify his contumacious omission, and base conduct: and then being meekly discoursed with, and earnestly exhorted to return to his duty, but without success, and the least token of Relenting.

"1. The question being put to the brethren whether any of them objected against pronouncing the due Ecclesiastical censure against the said Thomas Gleason: there appeared a profound and universal silence—then the question being put in the following form, viz. 2. Brethren if it be your minds that Thomas Gleason Junr by his unlawful and sinful separation from this chh. for many years together from communion in sealing Ordinances, hath rendered himself unworthy of such special priveleges as heretofore he has had with us, and is accordingly Suspended from Communion in Sealing Ordinances with this Chh. until he shew repentance for his multiplied enormities, and make Gospel Satisfaction: manifest it by the usual sign of uplifted hands: Voted in the affirmative unanimously. 3. The case of William Davison being mentioned, and some discourse had thereon, it was left as it stood before without any alteration or emendation. 4. A letter being read, Directed to be Communicated, by Rev. David Hall pastor of the first church in Sutton after brief observations made thereon, it was rejected . . . as it seemed to be stuffed with many fallacies and inconsistencies."

**Church Action.** On 29 June, 1762, the Church voted:

"Whereas there has been a difficulty and uneasiness for some time Subsisting between us and the first chh. of Christ in Sutton, and the Pastors of said churches for their parts have made up their own differences, before the death of our Revd. Pastor, we desire that all uneasiness between us and you may be removed, and that we may live in Peace, Unity and Harmony as sister Chhs ought to do. And by a vote at the same meeting Abigail Davison the wife of William Davison is debarred of communion with us in special ordinances till she has made her peace with you, according as was proposed at Uxbridge October 22d 1751."<sup>1</sup>

A plain inference from this record is that a third council had decided in effect against the Oxford action of Sept., 1750.<sup>2</sup>

Rev. John Campbell died 25 May, 1761. On 3 July, 1761, Dea. Jonathan Town was chosen moderator of the Church. On 1 Feb., 1762, a call was voted, 58 to 8, to *Rev. Ebenezer Grosvenor* which he declined. On 24 Aug., a second unsuccessful effort was made to settle him.<sup>3</sup>

**Mr. Bowman.** On 2 March, 1764, REV. JOSEPH BOWMAN of Westboro' was called by the Church by a "great majority vote." On 20 March the town concurred, and voted a "settlement" of £133. 6s. 8d. and a salary of £70. At a town meeting 24 Sept., the "settlement" grant was raised to £200 and on 15 Oct., the salary was raised to £100.

On 12 November, 1764, the Church—"voted that we will take the word of God for our rule of Church government and where the form of Church government is not particularly pointed out in Scripture, we

<sup>1</sup> This declaration was undoubtedly forwarded to Sutton Church.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Grosvenor was minister at Harvard from 1782 to his death in 1788.

<sup>2</sup> See William Davidson, Genealogical Department.

will have reference to the Cambridge Platform . . . Lay elders and Lay ordination excepted."

Mr. Bowman was installed on 14 Nov., 1764. Sermon by his pastor, Rev. Ebenezer Parkman of Westboro. Sept. 26, 1771, "voted—that Thursday, 24 Oct., next y<sup>e</sup> Church will meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting-house to discourse on y<sup>e</sup> affairs of singing a new version of y<sup>e</sup> Psalms," etc. No record of this meeting appears. Dec. 31, 1775, William Phips, Esq., and wife, Lieut. Thomas Gleason, Capt. Samuel Eddy and wife, William Parker and wife, Levi Eddy and wife were dismissed from the Church to form a new Church at Ward. May 24, 1776, Lieut. Abijah Harris, Richard Coburn and Amasa Kingsbury were chosen Choristers. "June 8, 1780, It was proposed to choose some one to assist Mr. Richard Coburn, in setting or tuning the Psalm on y<sup>e</sup> Sabbath, and chose Levi Davis, John Pratt, and Allen Hancock for this purpose."

During Mr. Bowman's ministry the additions to the Church were as follows:—admitted to full communion 64; covenanted [brought under the watch of the Church, and had children baptized]—25; dismissions 27. The baptisms between the date of Mr. Campbell's death and Mr. Bowman's installation were 87, and during Mr. Bowman's ministry 366.

**Bowman embarrassed.** Fourteen eventful years succeeded Mr. Bowman's installation and he felt very seriously the pressure of the times brought by the Revolutionary War. On 18 March, 1779, he "laid before the Church some matters of difficulty respecting his support, and difficulties in the town and church, and asked a dismission," upon which the Church chose as a committee Edward Davis, Esq., Dr. Alex. Campbell, Dea. Samuel Harris, Gen. Ebenezer Learned and Mr. Amos Shumway, "to wait on the pastor to see if there can be no method of an accommodation." At the same meeting "voted, that the same committee inquire of delinquent members the reasons of their absenting themselves from the worship and ordinances."

This committee reported 22 April, 1779, "that they had conferred with the pastor and had found his circumstances very difficult and necessitous, and that something further ought to be done for his support, which they assured him of the willingness of the people to do, so far as they could learn . . . on which he had consented to tarry for the present." The town had previously moved in the matter and had on 1 March, 1779, voted an increase of salary of £230 making £300 for 1778. But this does not appear to have been satisfactory to Mr. Bowman, as the town on account of war expenses was not fulfilling its previous obligations. It was evident that a large majority of the people were very reluctant to part with their minister, and early in 1780 a committee of the town was sent to him to attempt an adjustment of affairs so that he could be retained. In reply he says:

"To Adjutant EZRA BOWMAN, Mr. AMOS SHUMWAY, Deacon JOHN DAVIS and Mr EPHRAIM RUSSELL.

GENTLEMEN:

Whereas, you as a Committee from y<sup>e</sup> town of Oxford, waited upon me yesterday, to know what would be satisfactory to me for my support, to continue with y<sup>e</sup> town as their minister; & did then desire me to give my answer in writing—therefore in compliance to your Request, I would make y<sup>e</sup> following proposals: viz

1. If y<sup>e</sup> town will make good to me in Real value, or produce all y<sup>e</sup> arrearages y<sup>t</sup> are due since y<sup>e</sup> times thro y<sup>e</sup> depreciation of y<sup>e</sup> paper currency, allowing me y<sup>e</sup> advantage of all y<sup>e</sup> private donations which I have Received within this two years past, as a Compensation for being kept out of my due & will make my Sallery good for y<sup>e</sup> future, & pay it punctually, at y<sup>e</sup> time it becomes due, every year; & will generally, & constantly attend publick worship; regulate y<sup>e</sup> disorders in town & Church; & y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Laws for y<sup>e</sup> observation of y<sup>e</sup> Sabbath, y<sup>e</sup> regulating of public Houses, & for y<sup>e</sup> suppression of profanity, & all other vices, be put in strict execution, y<sup>t</sup> we might have order & government; when these things are done, I shall be content to stay, & not Else—

2. If the town shall not think proper to comply with y<sup>e</sup> above Request, if they will grant me a dismission from my pastoral Relation to them; the town shall have Credit for all that I have Received either in a publick or private way, & I will allow my full proportion in all extraordinary Charges since y<sup>e</sup> times, according to what I possess, providing y<sup>e</sup> town will make good to me the remainder of the Rereges y<sup>t</sup> will then be due me, but if neither of the above proposals are agreeable, I will submit y<sup>e</sup> matter to be determined by indifferent Judges, who shall say what terms we shall part upon, from, Gentlemen, your most obedient, & humble servant,

JOSEPH BOWMAN."

"Oxford, April 5th, 1780."

**Debt and Credit.** He adds,

"The following is what I have Received for four years service viz, in 1777 £35, in 1778 £31, 18s. 1d.—in 1779 £27, 6s.—in 1780, nothing—making a total of £93, 19s. 1d. including presents.

"four years Sallery is £280,  
subtract      93, 19, 1.

remains due, 186. 0. 11.

"of the above £12. 5s. was received by subscription  
28. 9s. 5d. presents from individuals

total, 40. 14. 5.

"which subtract from £93, 19s. leaves £52, 4s. 8d. to [be paid by] y<sup>e</sup> town."

**People divided.** Upon this, three town meetings were holden in quick succession. At the first, the first proposition of Mr. Bowman was acceded to and a sum sufficient to pay all arrearages in full was voted. At the second this action was rescinded, at the third the friends of the pastor rallied and the first vote was re-affirmed, and for the time Mr. Bowman consented to remain. The opposition however persisted, and at a fourth meeting called to see if the town would clear from responsibility "those who thought it not right to pay the minister by a tax," a vote was passed not to release such persons.

Little appears to indicate the state of affairs afterward for a year or more, but we know the town did not redeem its pledges.

**Council.** On 10 Jan., 1782, "there appearing no prospect of sufficient relief," Mr. Bowman renewed his request for a dismission, and asked for a mutual council. The Church demurred and asked time to consider. The request was later twice renewed, and on 3 Feb., was refused, on which "the pastor declared that he should call a council himself, and that with the leave of Providence it would meet at his house on Tuesday the 12th inst. and notified the Church to meet at the Meeting-house on said day. The council did not however convene, but a meeting of the Church was held, and strong efforts were made to induce the members to exert themselves to give relief to the pastor, and in case sufficient means could not be raised for the purpose, to consent to a mutual council for his dismission. Meantime an unsuccessful effort was made to raise needed funds by a voluntary tax. At a Church meeting, 1 Aug., it was voted ;—"considering the circumstances of the Church and town." both being "in a broken and divided state, it is best that the relation between the pastor and this people be dissolved." Arrangements were made for a council which met at the house of James Butler 28 Aug., 1782, at which were present, David Hall, D.D., of Sutton, Rev. Charles Gleason of Dudley, Rev. Benjamin Conklin, Rev. Noadiah Russell of Thompson, with delegates. The result recognized "the sufferings of the pastor for several years—no prospect of improvement, and that affairs were growing worse," and advised that the pastoral relation of Mr. Bowman to the Church be dissolved.

**Opposition organized.** Before Nov., 1782, the opposition had, in some form of which there is no record, become organized. An article in a town warrant of that date was as follows :

"To see if the Society that have dissented from the Congregational<sup>1</sup> Church shall enjoy the free and uninterrupted liberties and priveleges equal with their fellow townsmen, in particular that they should have free liberty to provide preaching for themselves and be under no obligations to pay any thing towards hiring or settling a minister of any denomination whatever, except it is their free voluntary act and choice: also that they shall have the privilege of the free use of the meeting house so much of the time as is adequate to the proportion they pay in taxes in common with the rest of the town (at set times) and upon a full compliance with the above said request, said society will give as much money as is their full proportion of the arrearages now due to Rev. Mr. Bowman . . . and will be assessed for the same in common with the town.

"If the town shall not vote to improve the meeting house mutually according to the above proposal—to see if the town will vote that the standing party or society shall appraise the house, that the dissenting Society may have liberty to sell their rights, or buy the other part as they may choose."

These articles the town refused to consider.

**Lawsuit.** Mr. Bowman had been dismissed, five years' salary was due him, and a suit at law impending. The great question was, who shall meet the issue? The records of 1783 contain but

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<sup>1</sup> This is the first use of this word we find in the records.

little concerning ecclesiastical affairs. In the March town warrant was an article "For the Congregational society to choose a committee to supply the pulpit," which was dismissed. In May, Amos Shumway, John Davis and John Dana were chosen by the town a supply committee. In November a town meeting was called to see what should be done "in respect to a large sum of money Mr. Bowman has sued the town for," and the selectmen were authorized to defend the action. The case came on at the March term, 1784. A few days after notification the town chose Gen. Ebenezer Learned and Dr. Daniel Fisk to go to Worcester with Mr. Bowman for the purpose of effecting a settlement if possible, but the effort failed. The following document is in the town archives :

"Oxford Mar. 25, 1784—This Day Waited on the Rev<sup>d</sup>. Mr. Bowman And have as far as was in our power investigated the matter Respecting his Demand on the town and find that he must have £287. 18s. principal and interest & Cost this being his Demand which if he is not paid he Choses to have the matter tryed in Law that It may be Decided in that way.

£287.. 18.. 0.

EBENEZER LEARNED JOHN DANA DANIEL FISK SAM <sup>el</sup> DAVIS JOHN MAYO EPHRAIM RUSSELL	} Com. <sup>m</sup>
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**Town defaulted.** The case went to court and when called the town did not respond and was defaulted. An execution in favor of Mr. Bowman was issued 24 April, 1784. On 27 April, three days later, a warrant was drawn for a town meeting "to see if the town will come into any measure to settle the dispute who shall pay the money due to Mr. Bowman." On 11 May the meeting was held and John Dana, Elias Pratt, John Ballard, Samuel Davis, Jr., Marvin Moore and Daniel Fisk were chosen to consider the subject and "bring in proposals" to settle the case, who reported as follows :

#### Plan of Settlement.

"1<sup>st</sup> Every person shall pay monies already assessed for the purpose. 2<sup>nd</sup> The whole town shal be assessed for the additional sum of £90.—the remainder [no sum named] shall be assessed on the town excepting the following, John Barton Jr, Ezra Conant, Solomon Cook, Samuel Davis Jr, Elijah Davis, Learned Davis, Joseph Davis, Craft Davis, Charles Dabney, Samuel Davidson, Abijah Harris, Samuel Kingsbury, John Mayo, Collins Moore, David Mellen, Marvin Moore, Ephraim Russell, Jacob Shumway Jr, Andrew Walker, Abiel Atwood, Thomas Clark, Daniel Fisk, Jeremiah Learned, Benjamin Learned, Ebenezer Redding, Abner Town.<sup>1</sup> [26.] 3<sup>d</sup> After this settlement, every man to be governed by the present Constitution."

This report was accepted and was the basis of a settlement. On 2 June, 1784, Mr. Bowman received satisfaction in cash and notes of hand for £292. 16s. 1½d., and receipted in full of all demands.

**Dark Days.** Eight years passed after Mr. Bowman's dismissal before the settlement of another minister. This was the darkest

<sup>1</sup>These it may be presumed constituted the "society" of "dissenters from the Congregational Church," most of them were later members of the Universalist Society.

period of the Church's history. Dea. Samuel Harris was its moderator, and Dea. John Davis scribe. No entry by him, however, appears excepting the noting of a few baptisms and a memorandum 1784, 1785, as follows :

"The Churches in Sutton, Sutton parish, Sturbridge, Killingly, Dudley, Douglas, Woodstock, Leicester, Charlton, Northbridge each gave one sabbath's preaching by their respective pastors."

The effects of the Revolutionary struggle were not only to reduce the resources of the people and their ability to sustain religious institutions, but the prevailing liberal ideas concerning civil matters extended themselves into ecclesiastical affairs, and many left the "standing order" and transferred their support to other denominations, leaving on an impoverished Church a burden which the strength of the town had scarcely been able to carry.<sup>1</sup> This was a crisis in the town's history and a new order of things based on the provisions of the new State constitution ensued. Socially the results in the community were deplorable. Members of the same family became alienated, heated discussions were common and many personal enmities engendered, which continued many years.<sup>2</sup>

**Candidating.** In Sept., 1784, it was voted in town meeting to contribute each Sabbath after service to pay expenses of public worship, and on 22 Dec. voted "to hear Mr. Avery further on probation."<sup>3</sup> At the same meeting it was voted that "those who do not intend to join with those that attend public worship at the meeting house, send in their names to the town clerk, by next March meeting," probably that they might be exempted from the ministerial tax.

**Society formed.** At April meeting, 1785, the town granted money for the support of preaching, and dissenters numbering 21 protested, "being of a different denomination and persuasion of Christians than those that meet in said meeting-house." A few months later the Universalist Society was formed, and shortly afterward requested the use of the meeting-house "to have a lecture preached . . . when it is known to stand empty and out of use by the Congregational Society," which the town refused. On 19 Oct., 1785, the majority memorialized the Legislature as follows :

#### "TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

"We the subscribers in Behalf of the town of Oxford humbly shew—That whereas the said Town now labors under Great Disadvantage with respect to the Support of the Gospel among us by reason of a large number that have separated from us called Universalists, who have opposed the raising of

<sup>1</sup> Abijah Davis, Esq., an actor in these affairs, whose judgment and integrity cannot be questioned, affirmed that in a large majority of cases the main motive for leaving the standing order was to avoid pecuniary obligations.

<sup>2</sup> Rev. David Batcheller in his sermon at the funeral of Maj. Archibald Campbell, in 1818, in allusion to this subject, after speaking of the benevolent influence of the grandfather of the

deceased, the first minister, said "Since that period a sad reverse has been experienced. But for some time past the demon of discord has been losing ground. Deep rooted prejudices in the aged are wearling away, while the most active members of society and the younger part of the community wish to be a united people."

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Avery was not settled.

Money for the Support of the Gospel in the usual way—And by means of which our late minister has asked a Dismition and has left us for upwards of three years past By which means we have been destitute of Public Worship for much of the time, and have had recourse to Subscription and Contributions which although burdensome to some yet does by no means answer the purpose of supporting the Gospel among us. And your Petitioners observe in the Constitution that the Legislature shall authorize and require the several Towns Parishes and other Bodies Politic, or Religious Societies to make provisions for the Public Worship of God at their own expense.

“ And one Other Clause that no subordination of any one sect or denomination to another shall ever be established by law, which has caused doubts to arise among us whether the Universalists are a sect known in the Constitution.

“ To prevent Expensive Lawsuits under the former laws, and confusions among us to the detriment of Civil and Religious Society Your Petitioners humbly Pray that this Honorable Court would be pleased to take our Unhappy Circumstances into your wise and prudent Consideration and grant us such Redress or Direction as you in your Great Wisdom shall think Proper

“As in Duty bound will ever Pray

“ Signed JOSIAH WOLCOTT

SAMUEL HARRIS

SAMUEL JENNISON

AMOS SHUMWAY

ELIAS PRATT.”<sup>1</sup>

Leave to withdraw was reported on this petition.

**Candidates.** In Jan., 1787, the town voted £80 for preaching, and in July of that year concurred with the Church in a call to *Rev. Daniel Farrington*, proposing a salary of £85 money and 30 cords of wood, which offer was declined.<sup>2</sup> In Aug., 1789, the town united with the Church in a call to *Rev. Caleb Blake*, later of Westford, proposing a salary of £70 and parsonage “to the value of £200.” This offer, although strongly pressed, was also declined.

**Mr. Dudley.** In 1790 a young man of good ability came as a candidate, and under date, 26 Nov., occurs the following :

“ The Church met, and proceeded to give Mr. Elias Dudley a call to settle with them in the Gospel ministry by a unanimous vote.”

The town concurred, offering a salary of £75 and £150 settlement, one-half cash and one-half neat stock, to be paid in three years. This call was accepted and the ordination council met 13 April, 1791 ; sermon by Rev. Nathaniel Emmons, with whom the new pastor had studied his profession.

Mr. Dudley's ministry began with a reduced Church and congregation. He was a man of progressive ideas, and under him the Church formulated and adopted its first creed, and also a new covenant. Through his influence, doubtless, £30 of the Hagburn fund was appropriated in Jan., 1792, toward founding a library, which became a prized and useful institution. July 10, 1791, it was voted that Mr. Daniel Kingsbury, Mr. William Stone and Mr. Ambrose Stone be desired to assist as choristers. According to tradition Mr.

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Archives.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Farrington was paid 17 Sept. for 18 Sabbaths' preaching.

Dudley's ministrations were highly appreciated by his people, and were attended by a good measure of success. Twenty persons, most of them on confession, were admitted to the Church during his ministry. His health, however, gradually failed, and at a church meeting on 23 Nov., 1797, he offered his resignation on the ground, first, that study and speaking were injurious to his health and that his feebleness caused him personal discouragement; and second, his salary was insufficient to meet the needs of his family, which fact had called him "to labors, cares and fatigues more and greater than he had strength and constitution to bear." The meeting adjourned without decisive action. At a meeting, 3 Jan., 1798, the Church desired the pastor to withdraw his resignation, and deferred the matter until spring, at which time, so far as appears, no action was taken on the subject. On 30 Aug. the Church met and voted to hire a supply—if the town concurred—the pastor's ill health continuing. Under the date, 12 Nov., 1798, occurs "the health of the pastor was such there was no preaching since August," and as there was no prospect of his preaching at present it was voted that the churches in the vicinity be requested "to consider them and give a sabbath preaching of their respective pastors."

1798, May 3, Capt. Kingsbury was dismissed with a vote of thanks for his long services, and Peter Spaulding, Elias Pratt, Jeremiah Dana and James Coller were chosen as choristers to lead the singing.

**Dudley's Letter.** On 12 Dec., 1798, at a church meeting, Mr. Dudley communicated the following :

" My Christian Brethren and Friends: As you now are and have been a long time acquainted with the low estate of my health and the great improbability of my being able again to preach the Gospel, I think it incumbent upon you and upon me, to take into serious consideration the contract and connection subsisting between us. As I have full evidence that study and public preaching have been very injurious to me and, as I fully believe have been the principal cause in divine providence of reducing me to the low and uncomfortable state I have been so long in I think it my duty to inform you that after serious consideration and as I trust humble and fervent prayer to God for direction I have come to the determination it can no longer be my duty to preach the gospel . . . Your hope of my future labors in the ministry should entirely cease . . . as there has been always a good understanding between us . . . and as the times since my residence with you have been greatly to my temporal disadvantage, and much in your favor, while I have lost my health in your service, I request my salary do not cease till the year be up in April."

The meeting adjourned without action to 2 Jan., 1799, at which time it was voted unanimously to defer a decision on the subject until conference could be had with the town, indicating an extreme reluctance to meet fairly the issue. On 9 Jan., 1799, the town voted that under existing circumstances a separation might take place "in an amicable manner," and at an adjourned meeting, 4 Feb., the day of the church meeting, voted to concur with the Church in its action concerning the dismissal of Mr. Dudley.

**Dismission voted.** On 4 Feb., 1799, the Church "took into consideration the proposals laid before them at a former meeting by the pastor," and voted that they agree to a separation of the pastoral relation, and fixed on the first Wednesday in March as the day for the meeting of a council for the purpose, which council, consisting of Mr. Bailey of Ward, Mr. Mills of Sutton, Mr. Learned of Charlton and delegates, met on 6 March, 1799, and unanimously advised that Mr. Dudley's relation to Oxford Church should be dissolved.

On 12 Sept., 1799, a call was voted—the town proposing a salary of \$300—to *Rev. James Davis*, to which he gave a negative response. On 17 Sept., 1800, the town voted "to hire Mr. Underwood for one month longer." This was Rev. Almon, later settled at West Woodstock. On 30 July, 1801, a unanimous call was given to *Rev. Samuel Brown*, which he declined in a letter, dated "Oxford 28 Nov. 1801," from which we learn he had for several months preached here and had become much attached to the people. A meeting of the Church was held 28 Dec., 1802, and a unanimous call voted to *Rev. Hubbell Loomis*, the town concurring, which was declined.

**Mr. Moulton.** Other candidates were heard but no pastor invited until 2 Jan., 1805, when REV. JOSIAH MOULTON of Upton received a unanimous call. He was installed 27 March, 1805, his pastor, Rev. Benjamin Wood, preaching the sermon. During his ministry there was a revival of interest in the Church and a steady accession of worthy members, about 60 having been added in the eight years of his service. He was the first minister of the town to hold social meetings in private houses and school-houses. Votes were passed by the Church soon after his settlement as follows: To hold a conference immediately after each sacramental lecture, and to choose a committee of three to assist the pastor in the examination of candidates for church membership. For this committee were chosen Ebenezer Humphrey, Dea. John Dana, and Jonathan Harris.

The matter of calling to account those members of the Church who withdrew during the pastorate of Mr. Bowman was brought up, discussed, and deferred from time to time and abandoned without action. Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 1, 1808, Mr. Andrew Sigourney presented the Church and Society with a Bible and Psalm-book for the desk of the North Meeting-house and received a vote of thanks therefor.

**Moulton embarrassed.** About 1812 dissatisfaction with Mr. Moulton sprang up, and to some extent the experiences of former years were repeated. So many withdrew from his support that his friends were unable to sustain him and appealed to the town for aid, which was refused.

**Society formed.** In this exigency on 15 March, 1813, the First Congregational Society of Oxford was organized at the house of Mr. Moulton, and he was one of its first board of officers. Its first action was to choose a committee to circulate subscription papers

through the town for aid to sustain the pastor. But the effort was unsuccessful, and on 29 March, a vote was passed both by Church and Society that it was expedient that the Church join with the pastor in calling a council for his dismission, which council was called for 6 April, 1813.

**Moulton dismissed.** This council embracing pastor and delegates from the following Churches: Sutton, Ward, Worcester, Sutton Second and Dudley, met at the proposed date and advised the termination of Mr. Moulton's pastorate. In the result it deprecated the condition of affairs which led to this action, distinctly conveyed censure of the people, and commended highly Mr. Moulton, saying, "no charge whatever is brought against him," but that while the majority have been faithful in sustaining him, individuals have every unjustly and dishonorably abandoned the obligation of their contract, and have discouraged the pastor in his labors.<sup>1</sup>

On 19 May, 1814, is recorded the receipt by the Church of thirty dollars as a donation from the Religious Charitable Society for Worcester County.

On 8 May, 1815, an instrument was drawn up, and signed by certain individuals whereby they were bound under a forfeiture of five hundred dollars, to raise in the aggregate the sum of five hundred dollars per annum for ten years for the support of the Gospel in the Congregational Society in Oxford, the assessment to begin at the settlement of a minister. The signers were:—

Samuel Hartwell, Jonathan Harris, William T. Fisk, Peter Shumway, Samuel Coburn, Martha Kingsbury, Joseph Brown, William Cargel, Peter Butler, Nathan Hall, Joshua Turner, Thomas Russell, Joseph Stone, Abigail Plummer, Jonas Eddy, Amos Shumway, Jr., Jonas Eddy, Jr., Elias Pratt, Sylvanus Pratt, Elias Pratt, Jr., Archibald Campbell, Stearns Witt, Jeremiah Dana, Parley Eddy, Rufus Harris, Isaac Harris, Joseph Hurd, John Hurd, Russell Clark, Ebenezer Humphrey, John Dana, Samuel Smith, Charles P. Nichols, Benjamin F. Town, Delano Pierce, Peleg Foster, Charles Town, James Moulton, Alpheus Eddy, Lewis Shumway, William Hudson, Bradford Hudson, John Waite, John Hudson, Lemuel Crane, Ebenezer Dana, Benjamin Eddy, Jotham Eddy, Sylvanus Coburn, Sylvanus Town, Naomi Wolcott, Martin Sigournay, Jason Coller, Richard Gleason, Baxter Pratt.

This was a well advised and important movement and, as it were, placed the Society upon its feet financially, giving it an impetus which was felt for many succeeding years.

**Mr. Batcheller.** The next settled minister was REV. DAVID BATCHELLER. The first mention of him in the records is of date 11 Sept., 1815, when the Society instructed a committee to hire him "for two months more." On 4 Dec., 1815, the Church passed a unanimous vote inviting him to the pastorate in which the Society concurred, tendering him a salary of 375 dollars per annum, which he accepted. The council for installation met 13 Feb., 1816, for his examination, and on the 14th the public services were held. The churches repre-

<sup>1</sup> See Moulton; Genealogical Department.

sented were Sutton, Millbury, Dudley, Sturbridge, Charlton, and Ward. Rev. Mr. Whipple of Charlton preached the sermon. The new minister, by his earnestness, sympathetic temperament and social manners, gained rapidly in favor with the people and as affairs were unsettled in the Universalist Society and public services were held irregularly, many, who had been attendants came to the "North meeting," and several who had been supporters of that Society now gave their aid and influence to Mr. Batcheller. A list of 18 names not previously members of the Society appears in the records, of those who agreed to be taxed "during Mr. Batcheller's settlement," among whom were: Richard Olney, Jonathan Sibley, Charles J. Stratford, Elihu Harwood, Jr., John Tyson, Andrew W. Porter, and Dexter Tiffany.

**South Meeting-house.** At a Society meeting, 6 July, 1816, a proposition was received from the Second Religious Society, that Mr. Batcheller preach a part of the time in the South Meeting-house, on which a committee was chosen which, 10 Aug., reported that a committee of the Second Society had "consulted with the owners of the house and found no objections, but rather a wish that the experiment might be tried for the present." . . . they offering the use of "said house one or two Sabbaths in each month." So far as comfort and convenience were concerned a change was desirable, as the North Meeting-house had then become old and almost unfit for use. But for some reason the plan was not immediately acted upon. At a society meeting, 14 Sept., 1818, Mr. Batcheller made a request that he be permitted to preach twelve Sabbaths in a year at the South house, to which the meeting assented. Peter Butler, Bela Tiffany and John Merriam were chosen a committee to carry out the proposition, who reported 26 Oct., 1818, that the request for the use of the South house had been unanimously granted, on which it was voted that meetings commence there in November next, the third Sunday, and continue through the year the third Sunday in each month. On 27 Sept., 1819, a vote was passed to hold meetings in the South house *two* Sabbaths in each month through the year. In Sept., 1820, the Society voted to adopt the same plan for five years, "providing the house be free of rent, and the subscriptions the same they now are, during said term." This plan was adopted and continued until 1829, the date of the building of the new house on the south common.

On 7 Sept., 1820, the following persons not members of the Congregational Society, signed an agreement to pay a certain sum annually, for the support of public worship while Mr. Batcheller remained as minister provided he should preach half of the time in the South Meeting-house :

Jonathan Davis, Stephen Davis, Jonathan Davis, Jr., Calvin Aldrich, Calvin Phipps, Nehemiah Davis, Alice Fisk, Samuel Kingsbury, Jeremiah Kingsbury, William Moore, Charles Davis, Samuel Mayo, John Mayo, Abisha Learned, John B. Blanchard, William Sigourney, William Hurd, West Pope, Chester

Boyden, Joseph Lamb, Pope & Warner, Thomas Davis, Jr., Ebenezer Rich, Samuel Dowse, Solomon Harwood, Hopestill Harris, Samuel Merriam. The following agreed to be taxed for the same purpose—Richard Olney, Jonathan Sibley, Lucy Stratford, Charles J. Stratford, Abijah Nichols, Elihu Harwood, Jr., Henry Puffer, Reuel Moflit, Jesse Bigelow, Calvin Tucker, John Tyson, Andrew W. Porter, William Clark, Alexander Campbell, Stephen Webster, Samuel Harris, Dexter Tiffany, Roger Jewett, Hiram Moflit, Lyman Tiffany.

The ministry of Mr. Batcheller was very successful. The Society was much enlarged and strengthened, large numbers including people from other towns attended public worship, and the number of members added to the Church was over one hundred.<sup>1</sup> He did not, however, escape the trials and discouragements of his predecessors. At a Society meeting on 10 Dec., 1821, he communicated the following:

"Painful necessity compels me to inform you that unless there are more effective measures taken for my support and a greater promptitude in fulfilling your engagements to me, I shall hold myself at liberty to close my ministry in Oxford in six months from this date."

On this a committee was chosen to hold consultation and report—constituted as follows: Abijah Davis, Esq., Richard Olney, Peter Butler, Dr. Delano Pierce, Jonathan Davis, Esq., which recommended "considering the critical standing of religious institutions in this place," a subscription for four years, "binding to each and every individual." A committee was chosen to carry the plan into effect, but the records furnish no information as to the definite result. It was, however, in a measure successful and the spring and summer of 1822, was marked by a revival which brought in July an accession of 39 new members to the Church, a larger number than had before been admitted at one time.

**Mr. Batcheller's death.** A few weeks afterward the much loved pastor was stricken down and a short illness brought his decease on 25 Oct., 1822. His funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Wood of Upton. The Church erected a headstone at his grave, for which Rev. Enoch Pond furnished the inscription.<sup>2</sup>

In 1823, *Rev. Amzi Benedict* preached several weeks during the early part of the year and on 2 June the Church voted him a unanimous call, which he declined.

**Mr. Newhall.** On 23 Oct., 1823, EBENEZER NEWHALL received a unanimous invitation to the pastorate, the Society concurring, proposing a salary of \$500 and a subscription settlement of \$150 additional. He was installed 17 Dec., 1823, Rev. John Nelson of Leicester preaching the sermon.

**Temperance.** In the autumn of 1827 the evils of the use of ardent spirits were publicly recognized in a Church meeting, and on 7 Oct. the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"As it is obvious to every observer that the evils of the prevalent use of

<sup>1</sup> The following memorandum made soon after his decease, occurs in the church records—"there were 111 taken into the church during his minis- try . . . the present residing members are 142 . . . 46 males, and 96 females."

<sup>2</sup> See "Batcheller."

strong drink are immense, that the importance of temperance is vastly great, and that new customs must be introduced by the concurrent effort of numbers, the Church of Oxford pass the following resolutions:

"1. It is the sense of this Church that no benefit is derived from the use of strong drink, not even from a moderate use of it.

"2. It is the sense of this Church that the prevailing use of strong drink is productive of great evils.

"3. Resolved that expediency and Christian duty now require all the members and communicants of this Church to abstain from all common use of strong drink in family, in company, at labor; that it be not used except in uncommon infrequent cases where it is decidedly advisable.

"4. Resolved that expediency and Christian duty require that in all ordinary cases strong drink be not used at funerals."

In 1831 dissatisfaction with the pastor began to appear, and in the warning for a meeting, 14 April, 1832, was an article "To Choose a committee to consider the subject of the future employment and support of a minister and report." This committee reported it expedient to communicate with Mr. Newhall as follows:

"That he continue his services until the expiration of the current half year, 17th of June next, and in consideration of his services and the respect the society bears toward him, they recommend that his salary be paid for six additional months, he to render such services during said time as may suit his convenience."

This report was accepted, and Mr. Newhall signified his acquiescence in a letter to the Society 5 May, 1832.

**Newhall's Dismission.** In a Church meeting, 17 May, it was voted to call a council for the dismissal of Mr. Newhall on the ground of the action of the Society on this subject, which council was held 19 June, and the pastoral relation dissolved. During his ministry there was harmony and steady growth. Manufacturing had become fairly established at North Oxford, the Oxford Woolen Mill and the Thread Village, now Buffum's, the result of which was a general thrift in the town, and a valuable accession of members to the congregation and Church, and the building of the new meeting-house upon the Plain in 1829.

**Union proposed.** Immediately after the dismissal of Mr. Newhall the Second Religious Society unanimously, through a committee, made to the First Society a proposition for a union of the two bodies, in a communication setting forth the evils of divisions in the town and the multiplication of sects, and suggesting the settling of a minister over the united body, "orthodox in sentiment, but liberal in intercourse with other ministers, of proper qualifications and character." A committee of the First Society composed of Ira Barton, Peter Butler, Peter Shumway, Stephen Davis and Alexander DeWitt reported 6 Oct., 1832, upon the said proposition as follows:

*"Resolved,* that the members of this society cordially reciprocate the friendly sentiments expressed in said communication,—that we regard the division and multiplication of religious societies as an evil and that in order to correct it, it is the duty of ministers and all members of a Christian community to

exercise great forbearance towards each other in all their religious concerns.—that an able administration of the Gospel in one Church and Society in this town would be adequate to the wants of the people provided they can walk together in harmony and Christian concord.—that in establishing such an administration of the Gospel, this society invites the co-operation of the members of the Second Society.—that a transfer of membership from one religious society to another must be individual, and not a corporate act, and that hence a vote of one Society to unite with another would in no wise bind the individual members of the Society so voting,—that the entire independence of each Church and Society with their minister, of every other religious or ecclesiastical body is a principle essential to civil and religious liberty,—that it is the sense of this Society that the minister should be 'liberal in his intercourse with other ministers of proper qualifications and character,' leaving it however to the ministers to regulate such intercourse according to his own discretion and that in case such discretion should be abused by the minister, the people would have an ample and rightful remedy in dismissing him."

These resolutions were transmitted to the clerk of the Second Society, but the records of neither body show further action on the subject.

**Mr. Robbins.** On 25 Sept., 1832, a call was extended to REV. LOREN ROBBINS, the Society concurring 6 Oct. and proposing a salary of \$600 per annum, which was accepted, and on 26 Dec., 1832, he was installed, sermon by Rev. Prof. Fitch of New Haven. Until the spring of 1835 Mr. Robbins officiated with general satisfaction, but the additions to the Church were few. He being unmarried was unsettled in his home and study arrangements, and on the Sabbath preceding Fast Day, 1835, gave notice there would be no services on that occasion. Such an innovation on time-honored custom was a surprise to the people, a Society meeting was held to consider the matter and a committee chosen to confer with the pastor on the subject, which reported in effect that Mr. Robbins' reasons for his course were unsatisfactory, and on 2 May the Society voted it expedient that the pastoral relation should be dissolved. He was formally dismissed by the council which met to install his successor, Rev. Horatio Bardwell, 8 June, 1836.

In the autumn of 1835 Rev. Almon Underwood, an evangelist, preached for several weeks, Mr. Robbins, nominal pastor, taking little part in the work. Extra meetings were held and a great interest awakened throughout the town, resulting in the greatest revival work the Church has ever witnessed. As the fruits thereof, in December 89 persons, several of them leading and influential citizens, were received to the Church on confession.<sup>1</sup>

On 15 Dec., 1835, a unanimous call was voted to Rev. Barnabas Phinney, the Society concurring. Mr. Phinney at about the same time received a call to settle at Westboro', which he accepted.

**Mr. Bardwell.** On 10 March, 1836, REV. HORATIO BARDWELL was invited to a settlement by a unanimous vote, in which the Society

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Underwood was a very energetic and fervent preacher, but not extreme in method or doctrine. He labored very successfully for many years in various parts of the country, living during his later years at Irvington, N. J., where he died 10 June, 1887.

concurred, proposing a salary of \$750 per annum, which was accepted, and the installation took place on 8 June, 1836, Rev. John Nelson of Leicester preaching the sermon.

**"Vestry" built.** On 1 Dec., 1836, it was voted to appropriate the "Hagburn Fund," or the sum of \$300, toward the building of a "vestry," on condition "enough can be made up by subscription to complete such building." Seth Daniels, Alexander DeWitt and Samuel Dowse were chosen to solicit subscriptions, procure a site, and contract for the completion of the same. This building was erected opposite the northeast corner of the cemetery and was used as a chapel until the removal of the meeting-house to its present location in the autumn of 1853.

**Temperance.** At a Church meeting, 2 July, 1836, it was voted:

"That in the present enlightened state of the public mind in regard to the evils and the remedy of intemperance, we feel ourselves bound by the spirit of the gospel to refrain entirely from the manufacture, sale and use of ardent spirits except as an article of medicine and that hereafter no person be considered as a candidate for admission to this church who does not act on this principle."

Under Mr. Bardwell's wise and able ministry for ten years there was steady growth and prosperity. On 23 May, 1847, he requested a dismission for the following reasons: that the Church had failed to act on the apostolic injunction to "bear one another's burdens." He had, as he stated, been endeavoring for years to remove this evil, which he considered serious and one which if suffered to continue would effectually prevent the prosperity of the Church and Society. But as he had failed to induce the members to act on this true basis of Christian equity, he asked to be excused from further service "in the hope that some other man [might] have the wisdom and influence to bring all the members of the Church to this rule of duty." The effect of this action was to remove in the main the difficulty, and the resignation was withdrawn. On 29 June, 1857, there was a reorganization of the Society in accordance with the State laws, which continued until 1887, at which date its corporate existence was relinquished and the Church assumed all its responsibilities.

In the autumn of 1857 Rev. Almon Underwood came for the second time; a revival followed, and in March, 1858, 40 new members were received into the Church.

**Bardwell dismissed.** On 20 July, 1862, Dr. Bardwell, feeling the infirmities of his years, asked a dismission, which, on 14 Aug., the Church granted, expressing a desire that he remain as nominal or senior pastor.<sup>1</sup>

On 22 Nov., 1862, a call was voted to *Rev. Tryon Edwards, D.D.*, in which, on 7 Feb., 1863, the Society concurred; the call was

<sup>1</sup> See Bardwell in Genealogical Department.

accepted, but there being a lack of unanimity among the people was withdrawn. On 31 March, 1864, a unanimous call was voted to *Rev. Robert G. Hutchins* which was declined.

On 29 April, 1864, the Church extended an invitation to *Rev. SAMUEL J. AUSTIN* of Gardner, in which the Society concurred 4 May, proposing a salary of \$1,000. *Rev. John D. Potter* had for several weeks been preaching, and there was during the winter of 1863-4 an unusual religious interest. On 1 May, 1864, 21 members were added to the Church. On 8 June, 1864, *Rev. Mr. Austin* was installed; the same council having at his own request dissolved the pastoral relation between *Dr. Bardwell* and the Church. The sermon was by *Rev. Ebenezer Cutler, D. D.*, of Worcester. *Mr. Austin* resigned 26 Oct., 1868, and a council for his dismissal met 9 Nov., following.<sup>1</sup> From the spring of 1869 to 1 May, 1870, *Rev. William W. Belden* preached as stated supply. On 13 Sept., 1870, a unanimous call was voted by the Church to *Rev. E. W. Allen*, which he declined.

On 29 Jan., 1871, the Church celebrated with appropriate ceremonies the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its formation. A historic address was given by *Rev. Wilbur Johnson*.

On 4 April, 1871, both Church and Society voted a unanimous call to *Rev. THOMAS E. BABB* of Eastport, Me., which was accepted, the salary being \$1,400. He was installed on 20 September; sermon by *Rev. A. H. Plumb* of Chelsea. He resigned 18 Feb., 1877, the council for his dismissal convening 1 May.<sup>2</sup> Shortly after *Mr. Babb's* dismissal *Rev. AMZI B. EMMONS* of Jamaica, Vt., occupied the pulpit, and in August was engaged as stated supply for a year at a salary of \$1,000 and parsonage. On 16 Oct., 1878, he was installed as pastor; sermon by *Rev. C. M. Lamson* of Worcester. His pastorate continued until the close of 1881, when his health failed, and he died suddenly 18 Jan., 1882. On 16 Nov., 1882, *Rev. B. A. Robie* of Groton, later of Grafton, was voted a call in which the Society concurred, which was declined. On 22 Feb., 1883, *Rev. Rufus B. Tobey* received a unanimous invitation to the pastorate, the Society concurring, which was accepted. Ill health, however, obliged him to withdraw his acceptance.

On 9 April, 1883, *Rev. GEORGE B. FROST* was voted a unanimous call, the Society concurring and proposing a salary of \$1,000 with parsonage, which was accepted. He was ordained and installed 7 June, 1883; sermon by Prof. Wm. J. Tucker of Andover. Three years later his health being precarious, and an urgent call having been extended to him to remove to Dakota, he resigned, and was dismissed 15 Sept., 1886.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See Austin, in Genealogical Department.

<sup>2</sup> See Babb, Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> See Frost, Ibid.

**REV. WILLIAM N. T. DEAN** began his labor as supply in Jan., 1887, and was installed as pastor on 16 Nov. of that year, sermon by Rev. W. V. W. Davis, D.D., of Worcester, and continues, 1890.<sup>1</sup>

**Deacons.** The following is a list of deacons, with the date of their election:

John Town, 18 March, 1721, d. 1740; Daniel Hovey, 31 Jan., 1729, d. 1742; Samuel Davis, 26 Nov., 1735, d. 1760; Jonathan Town, 29 June, 1739, d. 1771; John Willson, 24 June, 1743, d. 1778; Thomas Davis, 26 Sept., 1760, d. 1778; Samuel Harris, 26 Sept., 1771, d. 1798; John Davis, 19 March, 1778, d. 1800; Ebenezer Humphrey (d. 1836) and John Dana (d. 1816), 24 Nov., 1798; Luke R. Stone (d. 1862) and John Hurd (d. 1866), 27 April, 1819; Seth Daniels (d. 1878) and Washburn Lumbard (d. 1872), 1835; Alvan G. Underwood, 2 Jan., 1852, d. 1885; Moses Stone, 2 Sept., 1858, d. 1882; Edward S. Pease, 1 Sept., 1865; Samuel Boyden, 5 Jan., 1866, d. 1884; Samuel C. Paine, 7 May, 1878, d. 1888; Daniel M. Howe, 2 May, 1882; George F. Daniels, 1 May, 1883; John E. Kimball, 10 Dec., 1888.

**Membership.** The number of members of the Church in May, 1886, was 183; males, 48; females, 135; non-residents, 20.

**DeWitt Legacy.** The following is an extract from the will of Col. Alexander DeWitt, dated 17 Jan., 1877:

"I give and bequeath to the first Congregational Church in Oxford the sum of two thousand dollars, to be held in trust by the said church for the following purposes, to wit: First, to furnish in each successive year after my decease, to all the inmates of the poor-house on the 4th of July and on Christmas day with a fine dinner, to furnish everything necessary for the accomplishment of this object, aside from the products of the farm, such meats as they may think proper, oranges, lemons, pies, &c., and at Christmas fine turkey with all its fixings.

"Second, the residue or remainder of the income of the said legacy of two thousand dollars, I direct first, to be paid to feeble indigent women, members of the church aforesaid, to prevent if possible their ever becoming inmates of the poor-house, Second, should said women not need all of said income the remainder to be disposed of as said church may think proper.

"To the first Congregational Society in Oxford [I give] One thousand dollars to be held by said Society in trust, as follows, to wit: First, to keep the same at all times hereafter invested in safe and profitable securities . . . Second to devote so much of the income of said legacy as may be necessary to the care, keeping and proper adornment of my cemetery lot . . . for all time, hereafter. Third the balance of such income as may remain unexpended after care of my cemetery lot as aforesaid, shall be devoted to the purchase of books for the library of the Sabbath School connected with the said society.

"To the American Tract Society of New York I give the sum of one thousand dollars . . . upon the express condition that if at any time hereafter any union shall be effected between said society and the Tract society at Boston, then, and in that case this bequest shall revert to the first Congregational Society in Oxford aforesaid."

The New York and Boston Tract Societies united and this bequest came to the Oxford Congregational Society.

<sup>1</sup> See Dean, in Genealogical Department.

**Dea. Stone Legacy.** The following is from the will of Moses Stone, dated 4 Sept., 1882:

"I give, devise and bequeath the rest and residue of my estate . . . to the First Congregational Church in Oxford of which I have been a member for fifty years, to be safely invested . . . and kept as a permanent fund, only the income of which is to be used and as follows: so much as may be necessary to keep my cemetery lot . . . in good order, for all coming time; one half of what remains of said income, and more if it be thought best by the Pastor and deacons of said church to be given for the same objects for which the benevolent offerings from the boxes in the said church are given: the remainder of said income to be used as the church may think proper."

Dea. Stone died 30 Sept., 1882. The amount of the above bequest was \$9,449.

**Mrs. DeWitt Legacy.** Mrs. Mary M. DeWitt, widow of Col. Alexander DeWitt, died 6 April, 1887. In a codicil to her will, dated 22 Feb., 1879, she made the town of Oxford and the Congregational Church of Oxford equally, residuary legatees, unconditionally. Of this legacy the Church received, May, 1890, \$14,000, with a balance in the hands of the executor.

**Universalist Society.** No religious organization other than the "standing order" existed in the town prior to 1785. Baptist Churches had been established in Sutton and Charlton, and a few Oxford families worshipped with them, and after the enactment of the Exemption law, in 1757, were free from ministerial taxation here, on the certificate of the officers of those bodies that they were there supporters of worship. The current of religious affairs seems to have run quietly until near the Revolution. In Jan., 1777, Jeremiah Learned, Samuel Davis, Jr., Marvin Moore, and Collins Moore petitioned the town to be exempted from the payment of the ministerial tax of 1776, which by a unanimous vote was refused. The following document, without date, is in the town archives. On it we find no recorded action. Most of its subscribers became active members of the Universalist Society.

"To the Selectmen of Oxford.

"We the Subscribers, Being Inhabitants of Said Town and the Denomination of Christians which are Friends, are Desirous of Common Justice With our Neighbors. Desire and Request you to Insert an article in your warrant for March meeting to see if the town will Vote to Leave us and all of Different Persuasions from your way of Worship and Do Not attend at your meeting out of the minister's Rates, as we Cannot in Conscience Pay them, it Being Contrary to God's word.

"Signed,

Jeremiah Learned.	Elijah Davis.	Joseph Davis, Jr.
Samuel Davis, Jr.	Simon Town.	John Mayo."
Marvin Moore.	Larned Davis.	

The beginnings of Universalism in Oxford, according to tradition, are attributable to Isaac Davis, M.D., of Somers, Conn., who it is

said made frequent visits to Oxford and in conversation made converts to his belief.<sup>1</sup>

Another pioneer was Caleb Rich, a native of Sutton, previously a Baptist, who removed to Warwick and was a soldier from that town at Cambridge, in 1775, and while on a furlough visited his friends and relatives here and very earnestly pressed his then new theological opinions, making converts. The chief agent however in establishing the denomination appears to have been ADAMS STREETER, who was first a Baptist at Charlton and later at Douglas, changed his belief about 1777, and for several years prior to 1785 had preached not only here but in other towns in the vicinity, and was at the latter date a resident of Oxford.<sup>2</sup>

**Society formed.** The records of the Universalist Society under date 27 April, 1785, open with the declaration that a number of professors of the protestant religion in Oxford and adjacent towns had for a number of years assembled for public worship and attended the instructions of Rev. Adams Streeter, and supported him by their contributions, and being assembled at the school-house on Oxford Plain, in order to form themselves into a body corporate and to follow such measures as are provided for that purpose by the constitution of the State—chose Dr. Daniel Fisk, Moderator,—and voted to denominate themselves, “The second Religious Society in Oxford, and the third Independent Religious Society in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts called Universalists.” Samuel Davis, Jr., Collins Moore, and Jonathan Davis of Oxford, Ebenezer Davis of Charlton, Ebenezer Rich of Sutton, and Israel Stone of Ward, were chosen a Select Committee with power to give certificates to members “in case there should be a vacancy of a Public Teacher.” It was voted to adopt a “Charter of Compact” as received from the first Independent Christian Society in Gloucester which provided for an Annual Meeting for the choice of officers, whose duties it prescribed; declared that funds should be raised by voluntary subscription to pay all expenses, to repair the “public edifice,” and for the “relief of the poor distressed brethren,”—and closed thus:

“Whereas the privilege of choosing and professing our own religion is inestimable and in order to maintain that privilege unimpaired, in case any person associating with us should suffer persecution from undue exercise of power, we do agree and resolve to afford all legal means of extricating him from difficulty and of enjoying the freedom held forth by the constitution.”

A declaration follows, that the subscribers belong to the second Religious Society in Oxford — called Universalists.” A subscription for the support of Rev. Adams Streeter as “Teacher of Piety, Religion and Morality” is appended.

**Members.** The signers of the compact were:

Jeremiah Learned, Abijah Harris, Collins Moore, Benj. Hovey, Marvin Moore, Samuel Davis, Jr., Jacob Kingsbury, Joshua Barnard, Samuel

<sup>1</sup> He was a practicing physician and died, aged 62, 1777. <sup>2</sup> See Streeter, Geneal. Department.

Kingsbury, Joseph Davis, Craft Davis, Benj. Davis, Jr., John Bounds, Isaac Moffitt, Caleb Smith, Josiah Kingsbury, John White, James Gleason, James Gleason, Jr., Levi Wight, Jonathan Corbin, Jacob Shumway, Jr., Asa Larned, Andrew Walker, Jacob Streeter, William Moore, Daniel Fisk, Abiel Atwood, Thomas Clark, Daniel Phillips, Ezra Conant, Joseph Rockwood, Larned Davis, James Streeter, Elijah Davis, David D. Town, Jeremiah Davis, John Mayo, Hovey Davis, Jonathan Shattuck, Ebenezer Redding, John Pratt, Jonathan Davis, Solomon Harwood, Elihu Moffitt, Benj. Learned, Aaron Parker, Jr., William Foster, Nathan Thurston, Abijah Davis, Solomon Cook, Thomas Wolcott, Abraham Fitts, Walter Fitts, James Phillips, Timothy Sparhawk, Thomas Davis, Ezekiel Davis, Edward Grow, David Mellen,—making 60 from Oxford and South Gore, 11 [not here named] were of Ward, —3 of Woodstock,—18 of Sutton,—4 of Dudley,—31 of Charlton,—2 of Holland,—and 1 of Sturbridge, a total of 130.

Mr. Streeter continued his labors as pastor. On 24 May, 1786, circular letters were voted to the sister Societies in Norwich and Portsmouth, and Choristers were chosen, viz.: Abijah Harris, Samuel Davis, Jr., and Jonathan Davis. On 16 Aug., of the same year, Adams Streeter, Ebenezer Rich of Sutton and Israel Stone of Ward were chosen delegates to the Annual Association to meet in Boston the Sept. following. Mr. Streeter was not privileged to attend this meeting as he died on the third day of the month in which it was held. After Mr. Streeter's decease the Society had no stated minister until 1788. On 20 April, an invitation was given to REV. ELKANAH INGALLS of Grafton to supply the pulpit for the ensuing year, which was accepted.<sup>1</sup> The next stated preacher was REV. THOMAS BARNES, who came in the Spring of 1789. He had been a Baptist but became a disciple of Caleb Rich and a co-laborer with him at Richmond, N. H., adjoining Warwick. He, it is said, in a large measure filled the place of Mr. Streeter. Under his preaching preparatory work was done toward building the Meeting-house, and the frame thereof had been raised and the exterior finished before his removal in the early part of 1793. At the annual meeting for that year the committee were instructed to hire "Public Teachers" for the first Sunday in each month.<sup>2</sup> The next regular preacher was MICHAEL COFFIN from the State of New York. He attended the Convention in 1793, and on 24 March, 1794, it was voted to invite him to preach one-half the time for the ensuing year. He continued until the early part of 1797, as appears, when he left town under somewhat discreditable circumstances.<sup>3</sup>

**Mr. Ballou.** We do not learn that the Society had a regular supply after Mr. Coffin until 1800, when it was voted to employ REV. HOSEA BALLOU for the ensuing year. In 1801, the vote was renewed, and in 1802, it was "voted, to engage him for the year, the first Sunday

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Ingalls was from Rehoboth, and settled Oct., 1784, as pastor of the Baptist Church in Grafton. Three years later he declared himself a Universalist. After leaving Oxford he returned to Rehoboth and died there.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Barnes went from this town to Wood-

stock, Conn., and thence in 1798 or 1799 to Poland, Me., where, after laboring in that region until 1816, he died 3 Oct. of that year.

<sup>3</sup> Rev. Thomas Whittemore said of him, "he was a man of talents, but his sun set in a cloud." [Life of Ballou.]

in each month as usual," and *Rev. Edward Turner* for six Sundays.<sup>1</sup> For about three years therefore the Oxford Society sat under the preaching of one of the ablest of the ministers of the denomination.<sup>2</sup>

Eighteen years of the Society's existence passed, and many changes had taken place. Other similar bodies had been formed in neighboring places, and instead of a large "Select Committee" from six or eight towns formerly chosen, the directors from 1804 to 1807, were of Oxford and Charlton only. In 1808, they were from Oxford and Ward and for that year the subscriptions were for the support of *Rev. Edward Turner*. There was no stated minister between 1803, when Mr. Ballou left, and 1811. Each year however there was a subscription to pay expenses, and for most of this time preaching was kept up at intervals, as the financial reports testify.

**Convention.** One of the first measures adopted by the Oxford Society was to call a Convention of all the bodies of like faith in the country, which was held 14 Sept., 1785. *Rev. Elhanan Winchester* was president, and *Dr. Daniel Fisk*, clerk.<sup>3</sup>

**Ballou's Ordination.** This Annual Session was held again here in 1791, and the celebrated *John Murray* was present. In 1794, again the Convention—which became a permanent institution in the denomination—assembled in the newly finished Meeting-house, and *Winchester* who had just returned from a long sojourn in England was a member. *Hosea Ballou* then 23 years of age was also present, and met *Winchester* for the first time. An interesting incident of this meeting was the impromptu ordination of *Ballou* who had then been preaching for three years. *Rev. Thomas Whittemore* describing this occurrence says :

"At one of the public services of the Convention *Winchester* preached. In the pulpit with him sat *Ballou* and *Joab Young*. As *Winchester* drew near the close of his sermon he began to have a clear reference to an ordination, especially to the 'Delivery of the Scriptures' to the candidate. He took up the Bible and pressing it against the breast of the young man said, 'Brother *Ballou* I press to your heart the written Jehovah!' The effect on the Congregation was sudden and powerful. After holding the sacred volume in this manner for a moment he said to *Young* in an imperative but affectionate tone, 'Brother *Young*, Charge him!' which the Elder proceeded to do."

*Ballou* was ignorant of *Winchester's* intentions until he began his remarks peculiar to the service.

The subscription for 1811 was for **REV. JOHN NICHOLS** of Woodstock, a liberal Baptist. He preached at least once a month for

<sup>1</sup>Turner was an itinerant, residing at Sturbridge, a man of ability and culture.

<sup>2</sup>Hosea Ballou was born in Richmond, N. H., in 1771; spent his early life in itinerating; chiefly resided at Hardwick, now Dana, until 1803, when he removed to Barnard, Vt. He went thence in 1809, to Portsmouth, N. H., and in 1815 to Salem, and thence in 1817 to Boston, where he died 7 June, 1852, aged 81.

<sup>3</sup>Elhanan Winchester was born 1751, at New-

ton, Mass., preached at 21, and was called the father of the Baptist Church in that place. He was of an unsettled and roving disposition, travelled largely, and made deep impressions wherever he preached. He settled over a Baptist Church at Philadelphia and while there became a Universalist. His character was unquestioned and his piety universally admitted. [His. of Newton.]

about two years. On 22 Dec., 1813, it was voted to "engage REV. RICHARD CARRIQUE another year," indicating that he had supplied for 1813 and continued the next year.<sup>1</sup> REV. JACOB WOOD was the next minister, and resided in town, continuing several years. From about 1817 to 1824 no records appear. At the latter date officers were elected as follows: John Mayo, Moderator; Larned Davis, Clerk; Richard Olney, Treasurer; Stephen Barton, Charles J. Stratford, Davie B. Kingsbury, Assessors; John Mayo, Cyrus Lamb, Nathaniel Davis, Ebenezer Rich and John Field, Committee. In 1824 a vote was passed to raise money by subscription to support preaching, and in April, 1826, \$200 was voted, to be raised by taxation for the same purpose, and 114 persons and firms were on the tax list. In 1827 and 1828 the subscription plan was adopted again, the latter year the sum of \$275 being voted. Until now there was no regular stated preacher, but occasional services were held.

**Mr. Maynard.** On 18 Feb., 1828, it was voted to hire REV. LYMAN MAYNARD one-half the time for a year. On 24 Dec., 1828, under his ministry a Church of 16 members was formed, denominating itself the *Second Christian Church, Oxford*, on a broad basis of belief; the points distinguishing the Universalists proper from the Restorationists not being alluded to in the creed. In 1833 the Church numbered 22.<sup>2</sup> On 23 Jan., 1832, it was voted to terminate the Society's contract with Mr. Maynard at the end of six months, and at the same meeting voted to confer with REV. SETH CHANDLER, or some other "believer in the Restoration of all things" to supply the pulpit at the end of that time, which vote was amended so as to read "some Unitarian," instead of Rev. Seth Chandler. On 2 Feb., 1833, the Church again voted "that this Church be hereafter known as the *SECOND CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OXFORD*, it having been previously called the *Universalist Church*." On 29 Oct., 1832, a call to MR. CHANDLER was voted to preach 32 Sabbaths in a year at a salary proportioned at \$325 per annum. The Church, 11 Dec., concurred, and he was installed 29 May, 1833; sermon by Rev. Samuel J. May of Brooklyn, Conn. On the last Sunday in May, 1834, his labors closed, he having asked a dismission.<sup>3</sup> On 28 March, 1835, it was voted that the Meeting-house be opened for one year to any denomination at any time when the Society do not occupy it.

**Mr. Paine.** By invitation of several members of the Society Rev. Benjamin Paine began his labors, and for about two years preached in the Meeting-house, laying the foundations of the Methodist Church in Oxford. During this time an effort, which came near being successful, was made to buy up the pews and transfer the house

<sup>1</sup> He at this time resided at Charlton and was for a time a preacher at Podunk parish. He died at an advanced age at Providence, R. I.

<sup>2</sup> In Aug., 1831, Mr. Maynard, with others, at a convention in Mendon, formally withdrew from

the Universalists, declaring themselves "Universal Restorationists."

<sup>3</sup> He was later minister at Shirley, where he died 1889.

to that denomination. On 7 June, 1837, it was voted that the house should be closed at the end of six months if the Methodists refused to pay the rent agreed on, viz.: "15 dollars for three fourths of the time for six months, or in that proportion." In March, 1839, it was voted to employ REV. GILMAN NOYES as preacher for one Sabbath in each month, and in 1840 the vote was renewed.<sup>1</sup> In March, 1841, it was voted to hire REV. ALVAN ABBOTT, the minister at West Sutton, one-half the time for a year; 1842, voted that he be hired for six months, and more if money is raised, and in 1843 the same for half the time if funds are sufficient.

The next stated minister was REV. ALFRED BARNES, who came in the spring of 1844 and continued for about two years, the house of worship having been remodelled during his ministry. The records at this period are very defective. In March, 1847, \$197 had been paid for preaching to REV. ROTHEUS M. BYRAM of Kennebunkport, Me., who continued about two years.<sup>2</sup> In the spring of 1849, REV. JACOB BAKER of Dudley became stated supply, continuing three years, and was succeeded in April, 1852, by REV. ALBERT TYLER, now of Oxford, who resigned his office in Jan., 1854, but continued to preach until April. REV. HARRISON CLOSSON from Chicopee succeeded Mr. Tyler in the spring of 1854, and continued until Dec., 1855, when he resigned. On 5 March, 1856, the Society voted to hire as a supply REV. O. H. TILLOTSON of Worcester, who officiated during the spring and summer of 1856 and 1857, closing 1 Oct., 1857. On 10 April, 1856, the constitution of the Society was revised on the basis of the doctrine of Universal Salvation. In March, 1858, REV. GEORGE PROCTOR began his labors, continuing until 30 Dec., 1860. So far as appears there was no regular preaching in 1861. In 1862 REV. ZEPHANIAH BAKER of Dudley was stated supply, continuing about two years, when the Society voted to have a young minister to be settled in town. Upon this vote REV. THEODORE L. DEAN of Shrewsbury came in 1864. REV. FRANKLIN C. FLINT of Shrewsbury preached for a time in 1865, and the same year REV. GEORGE J. SANGER (pastor at Webster; later settled at Essex, Mass.) became stated supply, continuing a year or more. On 4 March, 1868, the committee reported they had engaged REV. J. E. DAVENPORT for the year at a salary of \$900. He remained about two years and removed to Chicopee.<sup>3</sup> On 8 March, 1871, the Society authorized its committee to hire REV. WILLIAM W. WILSON, who supplied until 30 Sept., 1872.<sup>4</sup> Rev. Albert Tyler next supplied from the early

<sup>1</sup> Gilman Noyes was a farmer at Brimfield, 1843, and died there 1868.

<sup>2</sup> He later returned to Maine, and died there about 1885.

<sup>3</sup> He died about 1884 at Providence.

<sup>4</sup> William W. Wilson was born 1819 at Stoddard, N. H., began stated preaching at Laconia in 1843, and after about two years removed to Centre Harbor, and thence in 1847 to West Haverhill, Mass. In 1851 he removed to Dover, Me.,

continuing to 1856, when he removed to Southbridge where he was pastor eight years, leaving in 1864 and returning to West Haverhill. In 1867 he began preaching as pastor at Chatham, Mass., but the climate not agreeing with him removed, 1869, to Shirley, Mass. In Oct., 1870, he came to Oxford as supply, continuing until Sept., 1872, when his health failing he retired, and died 19 June, 1874.

part of 1873 to March, 1874, since which time there has been no resident minister. Preaching was continued by Rev. John H. Moore and Rev. Julius F. Simmons, pastors of the Webster Church, up to 1884. Later, meetings were irregular, until the spring of 1887, when they were resumed, and conducted first for a few weeks by Rev. Lucius Holmes of Charlton, and afterwards by Rev. E. W. Preble, the Webster pastor, who in 1890 continues to officiate.

**Baptist Church and Society.** A new Meeting-house having been erected at North Oxford, a Religious Society was formed 5 April, 1837, with the following members :

Jennison Barton, Amasa Eddy, William Copp, Smith Bruce, David Hall, Elbridge G. Warren, Robert Fitts, Waterman G. Warren, Maverick Jennison, Ebenezer Newton, Amos P. Newton, David Stone, David Holman, William Dalrymple, James Boomer, Martin Boomer, Ebenezer Cook, Warren Bruce, Fenner S. Hopkins, Daniel Jennison, Flavel Leach, Andrew J. Copp, Jonathan Flagg, Samuel Warren, William Boomer. [25.]

On 1 May a meeting of brethren recently dismissed from the Baptist Church in Auburn, chose as deacons of the new Church Jennison Barton and William Copp, and voted to call a council "to consider their case and if cause appears, to extend to them the hand of fellowship." This council met on 10 May, the day of the dedication of the house, and recognized the applicants as a Church, Rev. Harvey Fitts giving the right hand of fellowship. Thus became established the First Baptist Church at North Oxford, with a membership of 36, a majority of whom were from the Auburn Church.

**Mr. Lyon.** The first pastor was REV. ABIJAH S. LYON of Sturbridge, ordained 13 March, 1838. He was a man of good ability; graduated at Brown University in 1837. Soon after his settlement a revival began, resulting in an addition to the Church of nearly 40 members. On 6 March, 1847, he resigned.<sup>1</sup> On 7 Aug., 1841, Samuel Jennison and Martin Boomer were chosen deacons. On 6 May, 1843, the following was voted as the sentiments of the Church on the slavery question :

"Whereas the silence of the Church of the North on the subject of Slavery is construed by the church of the South into an argument in favor of that institution—*Resolved* that we regard Slavery as a very great evil, and a sin, and as a most palpable violation of the inalienable rights of man, and as diametrically opposed to the spirit and precepts of the Gospel.—'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them.'—'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

On 3 Oct., 1843, *Luther Stone* was ordained an Evangelist. On 6 April, 1844, Dea. Jennison Barton having removed, Lot W. Bruce was chosen deacon. On 5 June, 1847, REV. SOLOMON GALE of West Greenwich, N. Y., was chosen pastor. He remained until April, 1848, when he removed to Pomfret, Conn. On 4 Sept., 1847, Moses K.

<sup>1</sup> He was later settled at Chatham and Natick, Mass., and Newport, Minn., where he died 13 Sept., 1871.

Shepardson was chosen deacon in place of Mr. Bruce, deceased. The next pastor was REV. I. N. HOBART, who began about Jan., 1849. His was a pastorate of vigor and influence. He was dismissed 25 April, 1852, and removed to Bristol, R. I.; later he was State missionary in Illinois, where he died 23 Aug., 1887. Under his ministry, in 1850, the Church voted that "no person who uses ardent spirits as a beverage shall hereafter be admitted to membership with this church." In the spring of 1852 REV. JOSEPH HODGES, JR., from East Brookfield, became pastor, acting until 3 March, 1855. Later that year REV. JOHN E. WOOD of North Tewksbury came, continuing until May, 1856, after which time REV. H. A. JOY was stated supply for six months. In March, 1857, REV. C. M. HERRING from Dexter, Me., was engaged as supply. His services were highly appreciated. In 1859 he returned to Maine, where he has since labored successfully. In Dec., 1859, REV. HOLMES CHIPMAN from Machias, Me., became pastor. His service closed in the spring of 1861, when he removed to Vermont, where he died. The number of Church members as reported under his ministry was 121.

REV. JOSEPH SMITH, born at East Hampstead, N. H., succeeded Mr. Chipman. He was a man of ability but of infirm health, and was not settled. He began his labors in 1861, and continued successfully until 26 April, 1866, when he died suddenly, aged 58. Early in 1864 he was aided for several weeks by Rev. J. D. POTTER of Westboro', and many members were added to the Church as the fruits of a revival. On 28 Aug., 1867, REV. WILLIAM H. SHEDD was ordained pastor; sermon by Prof. Anderson, D.D., of Newton. He was an earnest man, and many conversions took place during his ministry, the Church membership increasing to 193. He resigned March, 1870, and removed to Waltham, and died 7 March, 1873, at Watertown. On 31 March, 1868, SHERMAN WARREN, and 3 April, 1869, WILLIAM NEWTON and WARREN SMITH were chosen deacons.

On 11 Sept., 1870, a call was given to REV. JAMES W. LATHROP of Beverly, who began his labors 1 Nov. His ministry of nearly three years was highly beneficial. On 1 Sept., 1873, he removed to Raynham; returned to North Oxford and was received to the Church 4 Nov., 1876. His present residence is at Oxford centre.

REV. OLIVER AYER from Groton, the next pastor, was settled in April, 1874, and closed his labors April, 1880. He was a good preacher, a faithful pastor, and an esteemed citizen. He remained at North Oxford until 1885, when he removed to Providence. In the fall of 1877 Mr. Potter was again invited to North Oxford, and a revival followed. On 1 May, 1880, REV. H. H. BEAMAN from West Bridgewater began his labors. His term of service was short. His wife died 15 June, 1881, from the shock of which he never recovered, but died suddenly the tenth of August following. In July, 1882, REV. WILLIAM H. FISH was voted a call, and continued until 1 June, 1883, when he resigned. On 27 Aug. a call was

voted to REV. W. H. EVANS from Littleton, who came and continued to 1 Oct., 1885, after which date there was no settled pastor until Nov., 1889, when REV. CHARLES R. BAILEY, the present incumbent, began his labors.

**Methodist Episcopal Church.** So far as known the first preaching in town by a Methodist minister was in 1829, in which year Rev. Ira M. Bidwell, as he himself stated, held meetings a few times in the south part of the town. He also says others preached the same year in the north part. The first service held on the Plain was in 1830, at the house of Abijah Davis, Esq., by John Lovejoy, who was the successor of Bidwell on Thompson circuit, and who came at the solicitation of William Hurd, who may be called the original man of the faith in Oxford. Thereafter occasional meetings were held in school-houses and dwellings, and as early as 1835 it is said Joel Knight and Joseph S. Ellis of Dudley had each preached in the South Meeting-house. In Feb. or March, 1835, at the invitation of Hiram Moffitt, Mr. Bidwell, then of Webster, came again to Oxford and preached twice at least, first at the school-house near the south end of the Plain, and next in the South Meeting-house. Several influential members of the Universalist Society favored the movement, and the house was freely opened as has been stated.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Harwood joined heartily with Moffitt in efforts to carry on the work, and a considerable sum was raised by subscription to pay expenses. Mr. Bidwell represented their case before the Conference of 1835, which for want of a proper man to send made no provision for them. On his way home from Conference Mr. Bidwell fell in with *Rev. Benjamin Paine*, then of Saundersville, and on stating the case to him Mr. Paine consented to come and look over the field. He found a condition of things which interested him and immediately began his labors on his own responsibility. His doings were approved by the Presiding Elder who appointed him as preacher, thus giving him the standing of "stated supply." In July he removed to town, and on 15 Sept. established a "Class" of 20 members. This was the founding of this branch of the Church in its initiatory stage. Mr. Paine remained two years preaching in the South house, which was hired three-fourths of the time, and the other portion of the time at the school-room of Richard Stone. The enterprise flourished, and the effort to buy up the pews in the meeting-house failing it was decided to build a chapel, which was done in 1841. *Rev. Thomas Tucker* succeeded Mr. Paine, and thereafter the society gradually enlarged and was prosperous.

From the completion of the new church building in 1868, to 1880 the pews were rented to pay expenses. At the latter date, under Mr. Wilder's ministry, the free seat system was adopted and continues, 1890.

<sup>1</sup> Richard Olney, Ellihu Harwood, Jr., Maj. William Moore, Maj. Elijah Pratt and Nathaniel Brown were of this number.

**Camp Meeting.** The only camp meeting held in Oxford was in 1840, beginning 24 Aug., in a woodland south of Buffumville. The attendance was large; 25 preachers were present, and the meetings were orderly and considered successful.

**Revivals.** In the winter of 1842-3, under Rev. Horace Moulton, there was a revival, meetings were held for 100 successive evenings, and many professed conversion. In 1850 there was unusual interest and 30 were added to the Church on probation. In the autumn of 1857 under Rev. William Gordon, the winter of 1866-7 under Rev. Daniel E. Chapin, and 1877-8 under Rev. Osman W. Adams, there were revivals.

Between the years 1865 and 1880 six young men from Oxford Church entered the ministry of this denomination, viz.: Ithiel T. Johnson, William F. Davis and Charles E. Davis, brothers, Nelson Devneau, Albert A. Kidder and William H. Marble.

**Ministers stationed at Oxford.** For 1835-6, BENJAMIN PAYNE, d. 31 Oct., 1883, at Ox.; 1837-8, THOMAS W. TUCKER, d. 6 Aug., 1871, a. 80; 1839, LUMAN BOYDEN, d. 9 March, 1876, at E. Boston, a. 71; 1840, WILLIAM R. STONE, d. 28 June, 1875, at Cambridge, a. 77; 1841, FREEMAN NUTTING, d. 7 Dec., 1853, a. 42; 1842, HORACE MOULTON, d. 11 Sept., 1873, a. 74; 1843, CHARLES C. BURR; 1844, NEWELL S. SPAULDING, d. 17 Aug., 1884, a. 84; 1845, CHARLES W. AINSWORTH, d. 23 Sept., 1851, a. 34; 1846-7, AMOS WALTON; 1848, J. S. J. GRIDLEY; 1849, ALBERT A. COOK, d. 4 Feb., 1879, at Milford, a. 63; 1850, DAMON Y. KILGORE, became a "Spiritualist," d. 25 April, 1888, at Philadelphia, Pa.; 1851, CONVERSE L. McCURDY, d. 22 Nov., 1876, at Wakefield, a. 67; 1852-3, WILLIAM A. BRAMAN, d. 11 April, 1884, at Springfield, a. 65; 1854, MOSELY DWIGHT, d. 17 Dec., 1882, at Chelsea, a. 78; 1855-6, BURTIS JUDD, in 1888, supernumerary; 1857, WILLIAM GORDON; 1858 to 1860, DANIEL WAIT, d. 22 April, 1883, at Brookfield, a. 69; 1861, JONAS M. CLARK, 1888, superannuated; 1862, GEORGE PRENTICE, Prof. in Middletown University; 1863-4, THOMAS MARCY, d. 21 Jan., 1889, at Newton, a. 75; 1865-7, DANIEL E. CHAPIN, d. 25 May, 1871, a. 57; 1868, ISAAC S. CUSHMAN, d. 6 Sept., 1870, a. 47; 1869-71, DANIEL WAIT; 1872, FRANKLIN FURBER; 1873-4, INCREASE B. BIGELOW, 1888, supernumerary; 1875-6, FREDERICK T. GEORGE in 1888, superannuated; 1877-8, OSMAN W. ADAMS; 1879-80, CHARLES W. WILDER; 1881-2, PHINEHAS C. SLOPER, d. 13 June, 1888, at Natick; 1883, JOSHUA GILL; 1884-6, WILLIAM GORDON; 1887-9, PORTER R. STRATTON; 1890, GEORGE W. COON.

**Protestant Episcopal Church.** Worship in the Episcopal form began July, 1863, in Sanford's Hall, was conducted by different clergymen from churches in the vicinity until 11 Oct., when Rev. WILLIAM F. LHLOYD became rector. During his ministry the church

edifice was built, and a good congregation gathered. His services closed 30 June, 1867. He was succeeded by REV. WILLIAM H. BROOKS, D.D., of Pittsfield, who began 20 Oct., 1867, and accepted a call to the rectorship 9 May, 1868. His labors ended 1 Oct., 1869. For several years afterward there was no settled ministry, and the church was closed, except that occasionally *Rev. Benjamin F. Cooley* of Rochdale officiated on a Sabbath afternoon. During the early part of 1877, and until October, REV. J. D. REID was stated supply. On 7 Oct., 1877, *Rev. W. F. Lhoyd* was engaged as acting rector and continued until 2 Feb., 1879. After his second term of service ended the church was closed for a time. Later *Rev. Thomas W. Nickerson*, present rector at Rochdale, conducted service for several seasons during the summer on Sunday afternoon. Much of the time, however, there was no service. On 21 June, 1885, REV. ARTHUR PROFFITT assumed the rectorship and officiated until 27 June, 1886. In 1889, regular worship was held on Sunday afternoon, conducted by the rector of Webster Church.

The Diocesan Records give the number of communicants as follows:—1864, 6; '65, 8; '66, 13; '67, 16; '68, 15; '69, 20; '70, 14; '71 and '72, no report; '73, 8; '74 to '80, no report; '81, '82 and '83, each 15; '84, 10; '85, 15; '86, 15. In 1878,—Sunday-school, 30 scholars, 6 teachers; Wardens, 1883 to 1886, Emory E. Harwood, Leonard E. Thayer; 1887, Leonard E. Thayer, Joseph Sharples.

**Roman Catholic Church.** The first Roman Catholic service in Oxford, was conducted by *Rev. Fr. Gibson* of Boston on 28 July, 1851, at the house of Michael Toomey, H. 175, on Millbury road—house burned in 1883. The next was by *Rev. Fr. McNulty* of Webster, on Christmas, 1852, at Mrs. Mary Ann Young's in Hodges' Village. From that time at Mr. Toomey's, and the school-house which stood near, at Mrs. Young's, and at North Oxford, mass was celebrated at irregular intervals until 1857, *Fr. McNulty* officiating. In 1858, soon after the building of the first house of worship was undertaken, and before its completion, *REV. FR. JAMES QUAN* of Webster took charge of the Parish, and with his assistants conducted services regularly here until 1 May, 1886, at which time *REV. FR. CHARLES J. BOYLAN* was put in charge and, 1890, continues.

**First Meeting-house.** At a town meeting held 29 July, 1714, it was voted to build a Meeting-house 30 feet square, and 18 feet stud, to be set on the west side of the highway near Twichell's field, John Town, Benjamin Chamberlain and Isaac Larned were chosen a building committee, and it was voted “that every lot man shall pay his proportion in labor as the committee shall direct, or pay two shillings and 6 pence per day for neglect of the same.” This enterprise was not entered upon for nearly three years but the house was

in time built near the northwest corner of the common, north of the highway over Camp Hill. It was a plain substantial structure, without porch or tower, with double doors on the south side, a pulpit opposite and galleries on either side. The main body of the house probably had seats of plank with rude backs, running in two tiers the length of the house with an aisle in the centre—the men occupying the westerly and the women the easterly tier—and three or four privileged citizens had box-like pews in different parts of the house, on either side of the pulpit and near the doors.

On 30 Nov., 1714, it was voted to "build a house 15 feet long, 12 feet wide and 7 feet stud, and set it by Lieut. Moore's." The design of this building is a matter of conjecture. Lieut. Moore was the inn-keeper, and as this building was to cost only £4. 5s. and as Moore agreed to take it of the town or permit the town to remove it when they saw fit, it may have been for temporary use as a house of worship and for town meetings until the projected Meeting-house could be erected.

**Appropriation.** On 29 Jan., 1717, £100 was voted by the town towards building a Meeting-house and it was decided "to go about building it forthwith," and John Town, Richard Moore, Ebenezer Learned, Isaac Larned, and Benoni Twichell were chosen to "take in and dispose of" the money voted, the said house "to be a girt house boarded and clapboarded on the outside." Precisely what was done upon this vote is difficult to determine from the records. In the warning for a meeting 19 Aug., 1717, notice was given that it would be held in the "meeting-house." This may have been the temporary building "by Lieut. Moore's," or the unfinished new house. The building certainly was not then nearly finished, as on 27 Jan., 1718, the town met and chose Philip Amidown, Ebenezer Learned and John Town a "new committee for building the meeting-house." This meeting it is recorded was by vote continued "one hour after sundown." The selectmen were instructed to "make a rate" forthwith for the said one hundred pounds and deliver it to the constable for collection. The building proceeded and the house was occupied long before its completion. In March, 1721, Benoni Twichell was chosen to sweep the Meeting-house. Feb. 11, 1723, permission was voted to Mr. Campbell to "build a pew the east side of the pulpit, from that to the middle of the post under the gallery beam, and extending to the corner of the deacon's seat, at the charge of the town," and Capt. Richard Moore a like privilege opposite on the west side of the pulpit. On 29 March, 1724, Ebenezer Learned was voted leave to build in the northeast corner joining Mr. Campbell's. On 13 May, 1724, it was voted to expend one-half the interest money due the town [on the colonial loan]; "of the first three years, that it should buy glass for to repaire the meeting-house windows and for naills for the meeting-house spedely." At this time as we shall see hereafter the house was but a shell and unfinished inside.

In 1727 it had need of repairs and 9 Oct. £10 were voted "to be added to the old arrearages towards repairing the meeting-house." On 4 May, 1730, £20 were voted towards finishing the Meeting-house, and the selectmen instructed to spend the same within six months. On 6 March, 1732, it was voted to lay another floor and alter the seats and ceil the sides of the house, and also that "Richard Waters shall build three pews and alter the stairs," at the town expense.

On 5 March, 1733, it was "voted to lath and plaster the meeting-house." In the years 1734 and 1735 the house was considerably changed internally, and the latter year brought nearly or quite to a completion, having been about 18 years in building. On 4 March, 1734, it was voted :

"That Capt. Ebenezer Learned shall have a pew on the easterly part of the meeting house behind y<sup>r</sup> woman's seats adjoining the double doors, he paying ten pounds and also his equal proportion towards finishing the house. also that Samuel Davis have the same privelege on the west side the double doors on the same conditions, also that Richard Moore may enlarge his pew, turning y<sup>r</sup> pulpit stairs if Mr. Campbell be willing and make a door for the deacon's seats: also that Uriah Gleason, Jonas Pratt, Jonas Gleason, Isaac Larned, Ethemer Amidown, Simon Gleason and Joseph Pratt, have leave to build a pew on the back side of the front seat in the gallery in the men's part, and that Isaac Larned have the pew in the northeast corner of the house formerly Ebenezer Learned's, all to pay their proportion toward finishing the house."

These alterations were made by Richard Waters, who was "reckoned with" by a committee chosen 16 Feb., 1736. The last entry referring to this subject was 6 Jan., 1737, when £14 was voted to pay final bills. The house was occupied until 1748. On 5 March, 1750, it was struck off at auction at £66 to Moses Gleason. It did not, however, go into his possession, but was sold by a committee for the purpose in 1752 with the lot to Dr. Jabez Holden, who used parts of it in building a barn, which was removed by Benj. F. White after his purchase of the place.

As time passed, population increased, Mr. Campbell grew in the esteem of the people, and the old sanctuary was becoming too small for their needs. The town extended northerly, and the location of the first house was quite one side from the centre. Very soon after its completion, therefore, the subject of the building of a second and larger house was agitated.

**New Meeting-house.** On 12 March, 1739, the town voted "that when there shall be a new Meeting-house erected it shall be set in the centre of the 12,000 acre grant." On 25 Aug., 1743, a vote was passed to proceed to carry out the plan for a new Meeting-house "for the better accommodation of the inhabitants of the town." On the 10th of June, previous to this vote, Daniel Boyden petitioned the General Court in behalf of the inhabitants of the northwest part of Sutton, the southwest part of Worcester, the southeast part of Leicester and the northeast part of Oxford to be set off as a separate

precinct. While this petition was pending this action in reference to a new house was taken, and the request, probably on that account, was dismissed. The question of a location became a matter of warm controversy, and the subject was referred to William Ward, Esq., of Westboro', Maj. John Keyes of Shrewsbury, Capt. John Harrod of Uxbridge, Capt. Josiah Converse of Brookfield and Capt. John Hubbard of Rutland. On 8 March, 1744, William Ward, John Keyes and John Hubbard met, and after a hearing fixed upon the north common as the proper location, which action was ratified by the town 23 Oct., 1744, and at the same meeting Samuel Davis, Ebenezer Learned, Israel Town, Elijah Moore and Joseph Phillips were chosen "to consider dimensions and cost" and to provide materials. Later Jonathan Pratt and Samuel Davis, Jr., were added to this committee, which was authorized to set a price on all materials and labor. The sum of £600 was voted toward the expense, "to be done in labor and material according to the return of the committee." The building of this second house was to the town as great an effort as was that of the first to the little settlement 30 years before. The building was not only spacious but elegant for the times, and one of the arguments of the Charlton people when asking to be set off was that the new house of worship which they had been taxed to build was expensive above any other similar structure in the vicinage. It was nearly square, about 50 feet on either side, with entrances without porches on the east, west and south. The high pulpit, overhung by the ponderous "sounding board," stood against the north wall, and wide galleries with a row of high square pews next the wall ran on the other three sides, while in the southeast and southwest corners higher structures occupied by the tithing-men mounted almost to the ceiling. Square pews of panel work, balustraded at the top, filled the lower floor. The house had no means of warming or lighting. There is a tradition that the site was presented to the town by Col. Ebenezer Learned, but no record appears. The materials were mainly provided by the town's people from their farms, and doubtless much of the labor of construction was done by them, and several years elapsed before the completion of the building.

On 29 Oct., 1745, the town voted "to address General Court for a tax upon the unimproved lands two miles west of the 12,000 acres towards the charge of building." On 3 March, 1746, Jonas Pratt was chosen "to gather and collect rates for the meeting house," and the building committee was instructed "to provide the rest of the timber and other material for said building to be completed forthwith and to cause said house to be framed and raised by the middle of June next, and covered and enclosed seasonably so as to secure it from being damnified by the weather." The work upon the house progressed in the summer of 1746, so that according to a well founded tradition it was raised on the twenty-first day of October, the birth-

day of Salem Town, grandson of Mr. Campbell.<sup>1</sup> On 25 May, 1747, it was voted to raise £500, old tenor, towards finishing the house, and Oliver Shumway was made collector to gather the same. At the same meeting it was voted "to reimburse the present inhabitants of the west part of Oxford" what they have paid or may pay towards our Meeting-house, "when they are set off to be a society by themselves, towards building a Meeting-house for them." On 9 June, 1747, the inhabitants of Oxford presented a petition to the General Court for leave to tax non-residents "toward the building and finishing a Meeting-house which they are now building there." On which, 4 Dec., it was ordered that the town be empowered to lay a tax of one penny per acre, for three years for the said purpose. The inhabitants of the N. Gore were non-taxable. Of these it is recorded that Ebenezer and Joshua Merriam paid each ten pounds, and Jesse Smith three pounds towards the Meeting-house. On 18 May, 1748, "voted that the committee cause the under floor to be laid and the glass put up and provide the rest of the materials for the house as soon as convenient." On 13 July "voted that the town shall build the pews and dispose of them" [instead of granting "pew spots" for individuals to build upon]. Also "that there be built two pews, one each side the broad alley, one behind the men's seats and the other behind the women's seats, to accommodate the gentlemen that have had their land taxed toward the building of our new meeting house, when any of them shall come to our meeting."<sup>2</sup> It was also voted to meet to hold worship in the new house on the fourth Sabbath of the current month, July, 1748. Probably in the then unfinished house, worship was continued from about this date. It was not until 30 Oct., 1752, that a committee was "chosen to dignify and appraise the pews." This committee consisted of David Baldwin the builder, Duncan Campbell and Benjamin Davis. The drawing for choice of pews began 1 Dec., 1752, choice being granted according to the individual sums paid toward the building fund. The following is the list with prices, old tenor:

Ebenezer Learned, No. 3, £52. 16; Samuel Davis, No. 18, £44. 0. 2; Elizabeth Mayo, No. 14, £45. 15. 4; Elijah Moore, No. 8, £51. 0. 10; Richard Moore, No. 7, £48. 8. 1; Rev. John Campbell, No. 13, £46. 12. 11; Samuel Davis, Jr., No. 1, £52. 16; Jonas Pratt on Samuel Eddy's right, No. 17, £39. 12. 3; Edward Davis, No. 2, £51. 18; Josiah Kingsbury, No. 6, £47. 10. 6; Jonathan Pratt, Jr., No. 19, £28. 3. 8; Duncan Campbell, No. 5, £48. 8. 1; William Davis, No. 22, £22. 17. 2; Ebenezer Coburn on Ebenezer Eddy's right, No. 20, £24. 13. 4; Ebenezer Humphrey, No. 9, £48. 8. 1; Isaac Larned, Jr., No. 10, £46. 11. 11; Joseph Phillips, No. 11, £39. 11. 3; Dea. Jonathan Town,

<sup>1</sup> Authority of Samuel Hartwell, Esq.

<sup>2</sup> In Aug., 1752, the town rented these pews, one to Josiah Wolcott, the other to John Willson, at four shillings per annum. In 1765 John Nichols and Edward Raymond were granted seats in these pews by the town. In May, 1767, they were sold at auction, one to John Nichols, the other

to James Griffin. In May, 1781, Lemuel Kallock and Elijah Dunbar, owners of Charlton lands, brought a claim to the town for £100, it being the overplus on sale of lands in Charlton toward building the meeting-house, which the town refused to recognize.

No. 12, £40. 8. 10; John Larned on Jeremiah Shumway's right, No. 16, £22. 17. 2; Thomas Gleason, No. 23, £23. 17. 2; Thomas Davis, No. 24, £23. 17. 2.

A record under date of 1 Aug., 1753, refers to the house as "almost completed," and on 7 Sept., 1753, David Baldwin, the builder, received in full for his work. There were, however, other various things to be done, as appears from the following records: March, 1759, Elijah Moore, Ebenezer Eddy and Jeremiah Shumway were chosen to "finish the windows cut out last," and also to see about the underpinning. In 1760 Alexander Campbell was chosen "to underpin the meeting house and secure it from further damage, and to see the house is finished," the payment for which was voted in May, 1761. In March, 1761, changes in the gallery were voted, so there might be more room,<sup>1</sup> indicating prosperity and growth. Thus after 15 years of effort was the second principal public work of the town accomplished. Its completion came almost simultaneously with the decease of the beloved minister.

**Repairs.** In May, 1786, an attempt was made to get a vote to repair the house, which failed. In 1789 it was voted that individuals have permission to do this. Nothing, however, appears to show that anything was done until 1793, when liberty was granted to any so disposed, to repair and build a porch to the house. From a deed of sale of a pew we learn that Sylvanus Learned, Amos Shumway and Jonathan Harris were a committee to do this work, and it was probably completed in 1794, having been done by subscription. The east and west outside doors were closed, and on the south front was built a projection about 12 feet square, containing a vestibule and two flights of stairs leading to the galleries, having a double curved roof, not as high as the main roof of the house, with a circular ornamental window over the south door, and being a decided improvement to the architectural effect of the building. No other repairs probably were ever made on the house. It had in 1825 traces of a coat of yellow paint. A record says "met Nov. 8, 1792, for the purpose of painting the meeting-house." Col. Sylvanus Town contracted to do this for £16. By vote Mr. James Butler was permitted to color the west end at his own expense.

**House sold.** Services were held here from 1819, two Sabbaths in each month, until the completion of the present house on the Plain in 1829. In May, 1830, Ira Barton, Jonathan Davis and Jonathan Rice were chosen to inquire into the town's interest in the old house and lot, and to receive proposals for its sale. Later it was voted to

<sup>1</sup> On 4 March, 1751, Samuel Davis and others were granted by the town permission to build noon houses on the common near the Meeting-house, for comfort and convenience during the interval of public services on Sunday, and in 1755 Timothy Harris, Josiah Kingsbury and Isaac Larned were voted the same privilege. In 1761 it was voted that John Nichols have leave to build near the Meeting-house a horse stable.

In March, 1794, the town voted liberty to James Butler, Capt. Sylvanus Learned and others to build a "hay market on the common near the Meeting-house." With the Meeting-house, horse sheds, stable, half a dozen noon-houses, two large stone "horse blocks," and this hay market, the old common seems to have been well occupied.

sell it at auction. At this sale Alexander DeWitt bid \$230 for the land and \$50 for the building. Afterward the vote to sell was reconsidered, there being no warrant for further proceedings, as the house was to an important extent the property of the pew-holders. In June, 1835, the town for the sum of \$28 quitclaimed to Jasper Brown its interests, requiring the building to be removed within six months. Brown soon after bought the individual rights, and the same year sold to Nahum Sibley, by whom the house was taken down and removed. The question of the ownership of the land has never been adjudicated.

**Universalist Meeting-house.** The third Meeting-house built was the Universalist, which is now standing, although considerably changed from its original plan. Its site is a part of the old Campbell tavern estate, the lot having been leased to the Society by Ebenezer Davis and Samuel Campbell.<sup>1</sup> At a meeting of the Universalist Society, 14 Sept., 1791, it was voted to build a Meeting-house, and on 12 Oct. Samuel Davis, Capt. Jonathan Davis and John Mayo were chosen to "superintend and build" the same. On 7 Nov. voted to build a house 46 by 43 feet with a porch or tower at one end, to be built in the Tuscan order, equal to the Ward Meeting-house in quality, and to appropriate toward the building the money due the Society from the town. It was also voted to let out the work "by the great," the covering and painting the outside and laying the lower floors, and the contract was awarded to Levi Davis of Charlton for £271, the lowest bid. The amount apportioned by the town assessors to the Society was £121. 13, this being their part of the money arising from the sale of public securities by the selectmen. A building fund additional was raised by subscription, as follows:

Jeremiah Learned, £20; Capt. Jonathan Davis, £15; Samuel Davis. £6; John Mayo, £6; Lt. Abijah Harris, £10; Joseph Healy, £3; Marvin Moore, £6; Abiel Atwood, £2; Capt. Joseph Atwood, £2; Daniel Fisk, £6; Elijah Davis, £5; Learned Davis, £5; Jeremiah Davis, £5; Abijah Davis, £6; Thomas Davis, £3; Joseph Davis, £2; Craft Davis, 12s.; Ezekiel Davis, £2; James H. Davis, £1; Philip Brown, £2; John Pratt, £3; Collins Moore, £3; Jeremiah Kingsbury, Jr., £3; Josiah Kingsbury, £2; Jacob Kingsbury, £3; Benjamin Learned, £1; Thomas Clark, 10s.; Joseph Rockwood, 6s.; Sibley & Stockwell, £3; Isaac Moffitt, £2; Joel White, £1. 12; Ebenezer Robbins, 12s.; Benjamin Fitts, Jr., 12s.; David Fitts, 12s.; Stephen Ward, 8s.; Abel Bonzey, 12s.; James Phillips, £2. 10; Lemuel Moffit, 10s.; James Butler, £2. 14; Andrew Sigourney, £1. 10; Peter Jennison, £2. Charlton names: Levi Davis, £5; Ebenezer Davis, £10; Asa Davis, £4; Stephen Bullen, £2. 13; Joseph Rich, £1; also a few in Sutton and Ward.

**Bell.** The building was raised and covered probably during the year 1791, as on 25 April, 1792, Samuel Davis, Jonathan Davis and

<sup>1</sup> No record of this lease is known to exist. In the deed of sale of the Campbell tavern stand from Ebenezer Davis to Samuel Campbell, Oct., 1792, was a reserve "to the second Religious Society the use of the land under and around

their Meeting house as now fenced so long as they shall maintain and keep a Meeting house, according to the lease I and Samuel Campbell have heretofore given them." Wore. Rec., CXV., 610.

John Mayo were authorized to procure a bell, and on 2 July they were empowered to build a cupola in order to hang it.<sup>1</sup>

On 5 Jan., 1793, Samuel Davis, Jonathan Davis and John Mayo were instructed to let out "by the great" the finishing of the interior and to superintend the same, which on 29th was let by auction to Simeon Hathaway of Sutton at £237. Previous to this the pews had been "dignified and appraised" by a committee consisting of Ebenezer Davis, Jeremiah Learned and Jonathan Davis, and in the disposition of them the highest proprietor was given the first choice and so "in rotation to the lowest." This committee were authorized to give deeds and were to hold the pews in their hands until sold as security for the cost of finishing the house.

The following subscription appears :

Capt. Jeremiah Learned, £34; Jonathan Davis, £27; Abijah Harris, £18; Samuel Davis, £11; Daniel Fisk, £10; Abijah Davis, £11; Elijah Davis, £8; Jeremiah Davis, £8; John Mayo, £11. 4; Learned Davis, £7. 14; Ebenezer Davis, Charlton, £19; John Pratt, £5. 5; Marvin Moore, £10. 4; Collins Moore, £4. 8; Jeremiah Kingsbury, Jr., £5. 18; Joseph Davis, £2. 10; Jacob Kingsbury, £3; Joseph Healy, £3. 15; Josiah Kingsbury, £2.

**Pew-holders.** The pew-owners were as follows :

Joseph Healy, Josiah Kingsbury, Jacob Kingsbury, Gideon Sibley, Jeremiah Davis, Elihu and Jeremiah Motlitt, Abijah Harris, John Mayo, Jonathan Rich, Judah Waters, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Jr., Jeremiah Learned, Abijah Davis, Ebenezer Rich, Elijah Davis, Henry Phelps, David Putnam, Learned Davis, Stephen Bullen, John Sweet, Collins Moore, Samuel Davis, Amos Rich, Philip Brown, James H. Davis, Joseph and Ezekiel Davis, Abiel Atwood, Jonathan Davis, Peter Jennison, Andrew Sigourney, John Pratt, Joseph Putnam, Arthur Daggett, Asa Davis, Daniel Fisk, James Butler, Levi Davis, Joshua Stockwell, James and Benjamin Davis, Samuel Kingsbury, Jacob Gleason, Elijah Kingsbury, Thomas Davis, John Putnam, Elipheta Holman, Samuel Robinson, Reuben Rich, Parley Sibley, Stephen Marsh, Jr., Ebenezer Lamson, Ebenezer Gould, Reuben and Simeon Waters, Israel Trow, David Fitts, Samuel Campbell, Jr., Henry Wolcott, Nehemiah and Timothy Davis.

On 24 April, 1793, it was voted to employ some suitable person "to keep the key of the meeting-house and to ring the bell one hour before any stated meeting and at meeting time, and to toll at any funeral if desired by the relatives of the deceased."

**House completed.** Oct. 4, 1793, is an account of expenditures from which it appears the outside of the house was then finished, the cupola built, and the bell in position. In the year 1794, the interior was completed. On 8 Dec., the report, which does not appear in the records, of a committee chosen to settle with the committee to finish the inside of the house, was accepted by the Society. In 1796, the bell having been broken, was recast. In the latter part of 1803, a movement began having in view the purchase of a *pipe organ*, a rarity in country churches of that day. Payment was made by subscription March, 1804. One hundred and forty dollars were sub-

<sup>1</sup>This bell weighed 713 pounds and cost at the foundry £71. 14s., and was paid for by a subscription.

scribed by thirty-six persons, and the balance of the cost (being \$122.92), was paid by Jonathan Davis. The instrument was set up early in 1804. Ebenezer, son of Jason Collier, then residing at Charlton, was the first organist, and Ira Barton and Richard Moore followed.

The plan of the interior was the same as that of the old house at the north common, and it contained 60 square box pews of panel work, with seats facing in different directions. Stoves were introduced about 1815. The front porch was about 12 feet square and projected from the main structure at the centre. At the top, sheltering the bell, was a circular cupola which was swept away by the great gale of Sept., 1815, and for about two years the bell stood exposed on the top of the tower. Between July and December, of 1817, the spire as it now appears was built by Rufus Moore, Jeremiah Moffit foreman, and on 21 Dec., the sum of \$550 was raised on the pews to meet the expense.

**House remodelled.** The building stood unaltered until 1845, when a movement began for the remodelling and entire rebuilding of the interior, and on 11 Oct., a vote was passed to this effect, and Benjamin Barnes, Craft Davis, Luther Clemence, Samuel Mayo and John Fitts were chosen a committee to carry out the vote. A floor was thrown across the galleries and the main audience room finished in the upper part, and below were made a spacious store and shops. In order to effect these changes the pews were bought up by the Society at an appraisal of \$375, which amount was raised partly by subscription and partly by the sale of pews after the changes were made. A repair subscription was drawn and according to its terms the profits of the basement story were to pass to the subscribers in proportion to their payments. Nineteen persons paid in the aggregate \$1,225. The alterations were made in the winter of 1845-6, and on 21 Jan., 1846, it was voted to empower the building committee to rent the basement. This vote was later rescinded, indicating that there was doubt as to the Society's authority. On 21 Jan., 1846, the building committee was instructed to procure a bell.

In 1861, the lessees of the basement made alterations and fitted up two stores instead of one, and brought the entrances from the south to the east side, remodelling the whole front and adding a portico, in which condition it remains at the present day. On 2 April, 1868, is entered in the records an account of moneys spent in frescoing, carpeting and painting the interior of the church, then completed.

**New Congregational house.** The next house of worship built was that of the Congregationalists, on the common. On 21 April, 1828, at a meeting of the Society, a committee consisting of Jonathan Davis, Abijah Davis, Peter Butler, James Farwell, and Stearns Witt<sup>1</sup> was chosen to consider the subject of building a new Meeting-house,

<sup>1</sup> This name was a little later changed to DeWitt.

which reported on 12 May, to the effect that it was impracticable to purchase the South Meeting-house or to repair the old one, and that it was desirable to build a new one, and recommended that measures be taken to this end. This report was adopted, and Jonathan Davis, Stearns Witt and Stephen Davis were chosen "to draft a constitution by which the proprietors shall be governed in building a house, also to select a site for the same and report at an adjourned meeting."

This committee reported the form of a general subscription payable to a building committee—the pew-holders always to have control of the house, each one having one vote; pews to be appraised for enough to pay the expense of the house and a bell, and sold at auction, and if sold for more than enough to pay expense of building, the overplus to go to the Society, and if for a sum insufficient to pay the expense the Society to make good the deficit to the subscribers. The names of the subscribers do not appear. On 27 April, 1829, Jonathan Davis, Stearns Witt and Stephen Davis were chosen building committee. The house was erected during the summer and autumn of 1829, at a cost of about \$6,000. The sale of the pews amounted to \$6,062. The dedication took place 3 November, 1829, Rev. Ebenezer Newhall preaching the sermon.

**Plan.** The pulpit was placed at the south end of the audience room and there were only two aisles, the entrance being on either side the pulpit facing the audience. The singers' seats were at the north end and narrow galleries ran on each side.

An act of incorporation of the pew-holders was procured, approved 12 March, 1830, by which Jonathan Davis, Stearns DeWitt, Stephen Davis, Delano Pierce, Josiah Russell and their associates, were empowered to make by-laws, choose officers and raise money by assessment to keep the house in repair, etc. The first meeting of the corporation was on 14 April, 1830, at which a code of by-laws was adopted. This organization was continued until 1857. Jonathan Davis was chairman of a committee to confer with the officers of the Second Religious Society concerning the organ and stoves in the South Meeting-house. Later the organ was removed to the new Meeting-house, where it was used several years, Josiah Russell organist, and was set aside into a corner of the gallery where it was unused for a time and was taken down by Jeremiah D. Moore and removed to the house of his father, Maj. William Moore.

**Pew-holders.** The following is the list of purchasers of pews:

Alexander DeWitt, \$166; Stearns DeWitt, \$200; Delano Pierce, \$199; Stephen Davis, \$180; Peter Shumway, \$150; Sumner Bastow, \$140; Andrew Sigourney, \$130; Seth Daniels and Sylvanus Harris, \$115; Samuel Dowse, \$90; Joseph Brown, \$80; John Hurd, \$65; Jonathan Davis, 8 pews, highest, \$166; Peleg Foster, \$50; Peter Butler, \$146; Abijah Davis, \$152; Jonathan Davis, Jr., \$160; Ira Barton, \$150; John Wetherell, \$150; Samuel Smith, \$140; Martin Sigourney, \$130; Henry G. Learned, \$115; Samuel Merriam, \$90; Jotham Merriam, \$80; Luke R. Stone, \$65; Sylvia Pope, \$55; Nathan Hall, \$110; Abijah, Erastus and Loring Davis, \$75; Abigail Plummer, \$60;

Richard Olney, \$100; Prince and Rand, \$100; Thomas Nichols, \$100; Shumway and Learned, \$120; Jotham Eddy, \$100; Nichols and Prince, \$95; Washburn Lumbard, \$95; Benjamin F. Town, \$75; John Mellish, \$65; Brown, Hurd and Moore, \$65; David Nichols, \$118; Josiah Russell, \$75; Jonas Larned, \$60; Stephen Prince, \$100; Daniel Moulton, \$100; John Larned, 3d, \$100; Rufus Harris, \$120; Stephen Davis, \$100; Alfred Kingsbury, \$95; Joab Maynard, \$95; Justin Root and Israel Moore, \$95; Charles P. Nichols, \$77; Jason Collier, \$65; Joel Eddy, \$65; Stearns DeWitt and Samuel Dowse, \$65.

**Removal.** The building was erected at the north side of the common fronting to the south, and formed with its setting of elms a beautiful terminus to the street. But as in 1838 the highway, on account of the railroad crossing, was laid out in a straight course northerly, and passed very near the church, and building lots consequently were opened north of it, its removal became desirable. In April, 1852, the town voted that its present site might be occupied, and 15 June, 1853, money having been subscribed to defray the expense, the proprietors consented to the removal, and in July, that a basement story might be put under it for Church uses. In the fall of 1853 the change was effected, and a large *lecture-room* fitted up at a cost of nearly \$1,600. In the spring of 1857 it was proposed to bring the pews into a common stock. Many were freely given up, and by a subscription of \$1,335 those not given were bought, and all, with a single exception, were made the property of the Society. On 13 June, 1857, for the first time the pews were rented at auction.

**House remodelled.** On 18 April, 1860, it was voted to proceed to make thorough repairs and to entirely renovate the building. Samuel C. Paine, George Hodges and Loren C. Parks were chosen a committee to supervise this work, which was done the following autumn and winter. Pews, galleries, floor and pulpit were made new, and pine and paint gave place to hard wood finish, at a cost of \$3,760.70, which was paid by subscription. The Society assumed the debt of \$300 which the Church owed on the basement, in consideration of which the Church made over to the Society its ownership in the same. At this time the lecture-room was remodelled and reseated. The church building was re-opened with dedicatory services on 13 March, 1861.

**Organ.** The present organ, built by James D. Moore of Worcester, was purchased for \$1,400 of the builder in the summer of 1865.

In 1885 radical changes were made in the basement for better accommodations for social gatherings, the entrance changed to the front and the stone work relaid, involving a cost of \$2,148.75, of which sum Mr. Allen L. Joslin paid about one-third.

**Baptist Meeting-house.** In 1836, a demand existing in the growing North Oxford villages for church privileges, a Baptist Society was formed and a movement began for a new Meeting-house. A

subscription for the purpose, provided that the said house should cost \$3,000 and be divided into \$50 shares, each to have a vote, the cost to be averaged on the pews. The subscribers were:

Asa Cutler, Joseph Stafford and Geo. Torrey, 8 shares; the same, 2 shares [being the building spot]; David Hall, 6; David Holman, 2; Stephen Barton, Jr., 2; H. A. Pettibone, 2; David Stone, 4; Warren Bruce, 1; Richard Sanford, 1; J. Gardner, 1; James Boomer, 2; Amasa Eddy, 2; Ebenezer Newton,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Amos P. Newton, 1; Samuel Warren, 1; Rev. John Paine, 2; Jonah G. Warren, 1; Waterman G. Warren, 1; Elbridge G. Warren, 1; William G. Davidson, 1; Ebenezer Cook and Benjamin Tolman, 1; Martin Boomer, 1; Damon and Bartlett, 2; Jennison Barton, 1; Ebenezer Brown,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; R. Appleton & Co., 3; William Copp, 1; Daniel Dow,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Ansel Whitcomb, 1; Erastus Torrey,  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

On 5 May, 1836, it was voted to build on the lot west of the brick store, the house to be completed by Dec. 1st, and chose Richard Sanford treasurer, Robert Fitts of Auburn, James Boomer of Charlton and Joseph Stafford, David Stone and David Hall building committee. William Howe of Spencer was builder. The land was deeded by Cutler, Stafford and Torrey, 16 June, 1836, to this committee, who, 15 May, 1837, conveyed it with the house to Jennison Barton and William Copp,deacons of the Church.

**Dedication.** The dedication was 10 May, 1837, the day the Church was recognized. The bell was bought with "choice money" from the pews. A spire 95 feet in height originally existed, but was swept away down to the belfry by a wind 1 April, 1859. The house measures 53 by 41 feet; cost of building \$3,200. For about eight years the basement story remained unfinished. On 9 Sept., 1844, it was voted to repair the house, and 29 Nov. to finish the basement story, which was done in 1845, and dedicated 5 Jan., 1846.

**Pews bought up.** In the spring of 1856 the Society voted to adopt the plan of renting the pews yearly to pay expenses, and proceeded to buy them up for this purpose. A few weeks later it was voted to "take advantage of the acts of the Legislature on this subject, passed in 1845 and 1854." The plan was carried out, and until 1884 the pews were rented annually. At the latter date the free seat system was adopted and is now continued, expenses being paid by voluntary subscription.

In 1878 changes were made in the interior, the singers' gallery dropped and the house much improved. In 1888 decorated windows were put in, and the walls frescoed.

**The Methodist Chapel** was erected in 1841 on Barton Street, a few rods southwesterly from the site of the present building. On 8 June Richard and Abigail Olney deeded to the Trustees of the Church, for \$100, the lot for the same. It was a plain structure without a tower, 33 by 40 feet, with two aisles and four tiers of pews, the pulpit at the south end opposite the entrance and a singers' gallery at the north end over the vestibule. The cost was about \$1,500.

More room being required, in 1843 an addition of 18 feet at the rear was made at the expense of about \$500, which was paid by Mr. Jonathan Sibley. This chapel was occupied about 25 years.

**Meeting-house.** Preparations for a new house began in the autumn of 1865. On 20 Nov., Wilson Olney deeded to Lament B. Corbin and William H. Thurston the lot on which it stands. In Jan., 1866, it was voted by the trustees to procure plans, and in February Mr. Corbin, Mr. Thurston and Daniel Rich were chosen a building committee and were instructed to build a church about "48 by 80 feet," and on 5 March it was voted to set it "on the corner lot opposite the parsonage." On 8 April, 1867, the pew-holders in the chapel relinquished their rights that the building might be sold, and the proceeds went toward the expense of the new house. Later the chapel was bought by Craft Davis, who removed it and fitted it up for dwellings. The building of the new house went on during 1866, and early in 1867 the vestry was occupied. The edifice was completed in the spring of 1868, and dedicated on 8 April. A bell weighing about 2,500 pounds was put in the tower, and after a little more than a year was broken and replaced by the present one, weighing about 2,000 pounds.

A clock also, now in the tower, built by Stevens of Boston, was bought by subscription at a cost of \$500.

**Episcopal Church.** The site was purchased 18 April, 1863, by William A. Wheelock, who in May, 1864, conveyed it to George Hodges, Joseph Burrough and Emory E. Harwood for the Protestant Episcopal Church. Foundations were placed during the following summer, and the corner stone laid with ceremonies on 20 September. The building is of a dark stone, quarried on the hill half a mile easterly from the town hall, and was planned by A. H. Esty of Framingham. It was first occupied 8 Oct., 1865, and consecrated by Rt. Rev. Manton Eastburn, D.D., 16 Nov. following. The cost was not far from \$20,000, a large part of which was paid by George Hodges. An organ, built by Johnson of Westfield at a cost of \$1,800, was put into the church, Dec., 1866.

"The whole edifice, externally and internally, is harmonious and elegant, and highly creditable to the architect and the mechanics who have carried out the details. It is an architectural ornament such as few country villages possess." *Worcester Spy*, 17 Nov., 1865.

**Catholic Church.** On 12 Oct., 1853, Alonzo H. and Rufus R. Dana deeded to John B. Fitzpatrick 35 square rods near the common, about 20 rods north of the present edifice, where in 1857 a building was put up. It was a part of the present house and less than half its size. On 2 May, 1866, a larger house being needed, the present lot was purchased, the original building moved thither in 1867, and the large transept was added in its present form, making the seating capacity about 500. On 12 March, 1867, John O'Shea,

the purchaser of the lot, deeded the same to Bishop John Joseph Williams of Boston. The house was dedicated by Bishop Williams, 11 Oct., 1868.

**Parsonages.** The first parsonage in the town was built by an incorporated association, the plan originating in 1815, during which year subscriptions for it were made. On 11 Dec., 1816, Nathan Hall, Elias Pratt, John Merriam, Stephen Prince, Sylvanus Town, Charles Town, Peter Butler, Ebenezer Merriam, Abijah Davis, Archibald Campbell, James Gleason, Samuel Coburn, Joseph Brown, Jr., Martha Kingsbury and David Nichols were incorporated under the name of "Oxford Ministerial Association." These were authorized to raise by subscription \$4,000, to purchase land and build a house and other necessary buildings for the use of the Congregational minister in Oxford, under the direction of trustees; to elect officers, form by-laws, etc. Peter Butler was treasurer, and on 18 March, 1817, Sylvanus Town deeded to him for \$150 two acres of land near the north end of Main Street, being H. 190. On 12 Feb., 1830, Peter Butler quitclaimed the same to the Association.<sup>1</sup> In 1833 the shares were bought up by Washburn Lumbard and its use as a parsonage terminated.

**Methodist Parsonage.** Late in the year 1845, Sumner Putnam bought the lot on which the Methodist Parsonage stands, and in 1846 built the house which, on 27 Sept. of that year, he deeded to the Trustees of the Society. It has been since occupied as a ministerial residence.

**Baptist Parsonage.** On 6 Sept., 1867, John Rhodes and Theophilus W. Wilmarth deeded to Ebenezer Newton, Trustee of the Society at North Oxford, land for a parsonage. The house was built in 1868 and paid for by subscription.

**Episcopal Parsonage.** This house was built in 1834 by John Wetherell for a residence. In Feb., 1848, he sold to George Hodges, who remodelled and enlarged it, occupied it 13 years and removed to his factory village. In November, 1873, he conveyed it to his daughter, Mrs. Slater, who the succeeding April deeded it to the "Trustees of Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church."

**The Congregational Parsonage** was built by subscription under the direction of Allen L. Joslin, Charles Fuller and George F. Daniels, building committee, in 1871, on a lot which had formerly been a part of the Stearns DeWitt estate. The cost was \$4,570.98, including land. The Ladies' Society furnished necessary fixtures at a cost of \$312.61.

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<sup>1</sup> A certificate, 1 Nov., 1830, by which Abijah signed Peter Butler, Treas. and Alex'r DeWitt, Davis was made proprietor of share 11, was Clerk.

## CHAPTER V.

## EDUCATIONAL.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS. HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS. SELECT SCHOOLS. PASTOR'S LIBRARY. SOCIAL LIBRARY. SOCIETY LIBRARY. LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY. FARMERS' LIBRARY. FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY. REFERENCE LIBRARY.

**Schools.** The first mention in the records of a school in Oxford is 1 Oct., 1733, 20 years after the settlement, when the town instructed the selectmen to hire a schoolmaster, from which we infer that the village then contained at least 50 families, the law of 1692 requiring every town of that number to "constantly provide a schoolmaster." We have no knowledge of the incumbent previous to 1740. At that date the selectmen hired Richard Rogers, previously of Worcester, at a salary of 60 pounds per annum.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Rogers filled his office for about 20 years. In 1751 a house was built for him, 16 by 18 feet "beside convenient room for a chimney," at a cost of £13. 6s. 8d., which he occupied until his decease. Later it was used by tenants. Its location was probably near the north common nor far from H. 179.

In 1734 £24 was voted for a school to be kept in four places in the town. In Dec., 1735, it was voted to divide the town into four parts, "for the scoul to be kept at, Six weeks in each part." In 1736 £23 was raised for school and sweeping the meeting-house.

**School-houses.** The plan of four places for the school was soon given up, and in 1738 one central house was proposed and a vote passed to build, 14 by 20 feet with a chimney at each end, which vote was rescinded. Up to this time the school had been kept in private houses. In 1740 several meetings were held to consider the subject. On 11 June, at a meeting called at 6 o'clock in the morning, it was voted that about 20 families on Prospect Hill might build a house and draw their proportion of money for a school; that those living between "Prospect" and "y<sup>e</sup> brook that runs between Mr. Campbell's and Joseph Rocket's" [at the north end of the Plain] might do the same, and those south of said brook might also have the same privilege, all houses to be built by subscription. In May, 1750, it was again voted that the school be kept in four places in town, two at the north and two at the south. In 1756 another change was made, and "the two houses in the north part of the town were

<sup>1</sup>This was a sum more than double that raised by the town for this purpose. It was not until many years later that the towns were required to sustain free public schools as they now exist. Such sums were voted as were thought proper to

levy on the town at large, the selectmen were required to furnish school privileges for all, and the expense above what was paid by towns was met by parents in proportion to the number of scholars.

brought into one." This caused dissatisfaction, and in 1759 a committee was chosen to consider the matter and report. The result is not recorded, but it was not permanent. In March, 1760, a larger committee was elected to devise a satisfactory system, which reported: one place in the north part of the town "at the foot of the hill between Leicester and Prospect roads," and for the south part "at the two school houses."<sup>1</sup>

In 1763 the people in the northeast part of the town, now Auburn, were granted liberty for the year to lay out their proportion of the money where they should agree. In 1766 the condition of affairs being unsatisfactory to the remoter inhabitants, Edward Davis, Esq., proposed the rescinding of all former votes and the adoption of the following plan: "that liberty be granted to such as agree thereto to set up a School-house in the south part of the town near to Jonathan Fuller's on their own cost;<sup>2</sup> and also that there may be another house in the north part of the town in the lane eastward from Jonas Pratt's [near Town's Pond]: also that Prospect Hill and vicinity be allowed to build a house where they may agree and draw their part of the money, except some small part towards the extraordinary expense of hiring a grammar-school master, to prevent the town from being liable to a fine.<sup>3</sup> Also that all other remote parts of the town may, if they choose, draw their money from year to year, with the exception aforesaid, provided they use it for schooling." This scheme was adopted, and the next year the house on the Plain near Jonathan Fuller's was built, and also one not far from Jonas Pratt's, east of Town's Pond. But dissatisfaction still existed, and in 1768 another large committee was called to examine and report, which recommended that a school should be kept in the house on the six-rod road east of Jonathan Fuller's, one in the house on Jonas Pratt's land, one on Prospect Hill, one northwest from Asa Conant's [now Taft's mill, North Oxford], and one near Abial Lamb's [present almshouse], "in case the inhabitants in the several divisions are at the charge of building houses." This plan seems to have been satisfactory, at least for several years. In Jan., 1775, Jeremiah Shumway, Joseph Hudson and others on the hill northeast were set off to have a school by themselves. In 1782 Edward Davis and others in the east part of the town were set off in like manner, and Ebenezer Humphrey, Joseph Hurd and others, their neighbors, were set to Mayo district, Fort Hill.

**Wards.** In 1783 William Eddy, Aaron Parker and others, their neighbors, were set to the northeast "squadron." In 1785 these divisions, which had before been called "squadrons," were recorded as "wards," which as population increased became established throughout the town.

<sup>1</sup> "The two school houses," of which we have no record, undoubtedly stood the one not far from the north common and the other on the Plain.

<sup>2</sup> Jonathan Fuller lived near the site of Joslin's shoe factory.

<sup>3</sup> In 1767 the town was fined £5 for not keeping a grammar school.

**District System.** In 1788 Elisha Davis and Lemuel Crane were deputed to suggest any plans thought advisable for the improvement of the schools, who reported that each ward remain as then constituted and "continue to draw their proportion of money, that collectors be appointed in each district, and that the committee of each ward be empowered to employ and pay a teacher as by general consent shall be thought best, to the amount of their funds." This report was accepted, and thus was inaugurated the long-continued *district-system*. In 1792 a ward of 11 families was set off in the northwest part of the town, but in 1801 was discontinued and its inhabitants set to the north ward. On 29 Feb., 1800, a large committee was chosen to consider the subject of re-districting the town. The result was a report that no change could be made which would improve the plan already in practice. In Nov., 1808, several families residing on "Long Hill," in the northeast part of the town, were set to the North Centre district.

Down to 1809 school-districts had been named after some leading resident therein. In March, 1809, a committee of one from each district was chosen to number, name and define each ward, which reported as follows: The district known as Jonathan Davis' [east] to be number 1; that known as John Mayo's [southeast], number 2; Jeremiah Kingsbury's [south], number 3; Elijah Learned's [west], number 4; Ephraim Russell's [centre], number 5; James Butler's [north centre], number 6; Elias Pratt's [northeast], number 7; Sylvanus Learned's [north], number 8. After this date school matters appear to have been not much agitated until April, 1815, when upon report of Jeremiah Kingsbury, Jonathan Davis and Sylvanus Town, committee, it was voted that those living in the part recently set to Oxford from Charlton might draw from the treasury their proportion of school money and expend it in Charlton or Dudley, as they chose, or join the centre or Plain district in Oxford. In May, 1818, a committee reported that allowing money raised in town for schools, to be paid in other towns was "attended with very bad consequences," and should be discontinued. The report was adopted, and those who had been allowed that privilege were annexed to the Plain district. In April, 1818, district No. 2 [Fort Hill] was discontinued and its inhabitants set to three adjacent districts.

**Re-districting.** From 1820 to 1845 the policy of increasing the number of schools prevailed, and from time to time several districts were set off in different parts of the town, unadvisedly, as results proved.<sup>1</sup> In the spring of 1845 a committee of one from each district

<sup>1</sup> In 1820 the Larned neighborhood in the west part of the town was made a district, but in 1822 was annexed to the Plain. In 1826 the Thread village, and in 1829 the Oxford Woolen Co. were permitted to draw their money, and each opened

a school, and Samuel Slater, etc., were voted the same privilege. In 1831 a district was made in the Lovett neighborhood in the east part of the town. After the incorporation of Webster all the south part of the town was set to the Plain district,

was chosen to return new districts with geographical lines, which reported that the plan of small divisions, small schools and short sessions was detrimental, and the benefits of larger and better graded schools far overbalanced the consideration of the travel necessary to reach them. A division of the town into 9 instead of 11 districts was advised, and geographical lines recommended as follows: No. 1, to embrace the southeast corner of the town and the Lovett neighborhood, H. 17; No. 2, the central southern part of the town, Fort Hill and Main Street as far as the DeWitt and Dowse store; No. 3, the southwest portion of the town west of the river north to the Woodbury farm, H. 75, including the hill neighborhood west; No. 4, the present Howarth and Buffum villages and Conlin's, H. 85; No. 5, north end of the Plain to near, but not including, present Ithiel T. Johnson's, H. 185; No. 6, from No. 5 north to the Kidder place, H. 133, with south part of Long Hill, extending from Charlton to Sutton line; No. 7, from No. 6 north to the Gore line, extending from Charlton to Sutton line and including Wellington's, H. 129; No. 8, the North Gore; No. 9, the northeast part of the town, including the North Oxford depot neighborhood and Bradford G. Edson. The inhabitants of the north part of No. 7 immediately moved for a change, and in May, 1845, the district was divided near its centre, the line east and west passing near the Baptist Meeting-house. Thus Texas village and the west slope of Prospect Hill were made a district, numbered 10. Minor changes were later made in other localities, but substantially the lines as described were adhered to until the abolishing of the district system, and a subject which had been more discussed and voted upon in town meetings than any other, was finally disposed of.

**Advanced Schools.** In 1853, the law requiring a grammar school, the subject was as usual referred to a committee, and Emory Sanford, Ira Merriam, Theophilus W. Wilmarth, Stephen Barton, Jr., Seth Daniels, Alexander DeWitt and Stephen Davis reported in March, 1854, recommending the establishment of grammar schools, not only because the law required it, but because "something should be done to elevate the character and condition of our common schools," and advising that \$600 additional to the usual sum be raised to establish two higher schools, one on the Plain and one at North Oxford. This report was adopted.

**Town System.** In April, 1854, it was voted that the district system be abolished and that the town system go into effect in March, 1855, and a committee was chosen to carry the vote into effect. Great opposition arose in the outer districts to this action, and in August it was reversed and a vote passed to adopt the district system for three years.<sup>1</sup>

making it so large that it was in 1833 divided into three portions.

Until March, 1836, the office of school committee was merely honorary. It was then voted that the board should consist of three, who

should carefully supervise the schools according to law and receive therefor the sum of \$30.

<sup>1</sup>The law of 1853 gave school committees power to abolish districts unless the towns voted to retain them.

**Complaint.** In September the district attorney notified the selectmen that he had received a complaint against the town for not keeping a grammar school, and that he would lay the matter before the grand jury unless assurance was given him that the law would be complied with, upon which, 23 Sept., it was voted 105 to 87 that the action of the August meeting be rescinded and the town system be adopted. A committee of one from each district was chosen to act in the case, to receive estimates for a house on the Plain, to select a spot for the same and to report.

**High Schools.** In March, 1855, this action was annulled. In April a proposition to establish a school in the Town Hall was voted down, and a vote passed to build a school-house on the Plain, and to provide a place for a high school at North Oxford, and William Kimball, Stephen Barton, Jr., and Moses Burdon were chosen to supervise the whole matter. The sum of \$6,000 was raised to defray expenses and the selectmen were authorized to take land for a house, and on 10 Sept. their action in the selection of a lot near the Methodist Chapel was approved. In the fall and winter of 1855-6 the house was built by Otis Learned at a cost of \$2,850, the upper room only being finished. The cost of the lot,  $77\frac{1}{2}$  rods, was \$425. The house was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies 9 Aug., 1856, John E. Kimball, then a student at college, giving an address. In 1856 one-half the house and land in No. 7 was purchased by the town for high school purposes at \$1,500. In April, 1864, it was voted that scholars from other towns be admitted to the high schools on terms to be fixed by the school committee.

**Town System established.** In April, 1867, it was again voted to abolish the district system and to "organize under the provisions of Chap. 39, Sec. 3, of the General Statutes." A committee of 11 was chosen to supervise the change and appraise the property of the several districts as provided in the act. This committee consisted of Rev. Daniel E. Chapin, Walter L. Rosebrook, Theophilus W. Wilmarth, Lyman A. Wetherell, Edwin Bartlett, Cyrus Kilder, Nathaniel Eddy, Albert Lackey, Jonathan P. Dana, George Hodges, Isaac B. Hartwell. The appraisal was as follows: District No. 1, \$454; No. 2, \$930; No. 3, \$310; No. 4, \$297; No. 5, \$961; No. 6, \$509; No. 7, \$896; No. 8, \$91; No. 9, \$173; No. 10, \$147; total, \$4,771. Under this arrangement the process of grading was entered upon so far as possible, the high school at North Oxford was discontinued, and a grammar school established instead (which since has been mainly under the charge of male teachers), and a primary department was opened on the lower floor of the North Oxford house.

**Grammar School.** The schools in the Plain districts being too large the lower floor of the high school house was in 1867 fitted up and a grammar school opened, made up of advanced pupils from these districts. This school has been very prosperous and has been

in charge generally of male teachers. In 1868 a house near the North Oxford railroad station was built at a cost of \$2,787. In 1872 a house in district No. 8 [North Gore] was built and with furnishing cost \$1,376. In Sept., 1873, it was voted to sell the house in No. 6 [north centre].

**North Oxford School-house.** In June, 1874, Rufus G. Alverson, Joseph Dart, Lewis Stockwell, Charles H. Wellington and Moses Burdon were chosen a committee to consider the subject of the house at North Oxford and report. In July the sum of \$3,000 was voted to be expended upon it so far as necessary in repairs, and a thorough remodelling of it was effected by this committee at a cost of \$3,062. In April, 1877, the sum of \$400 was voted to repair house No. 4. In April, 1878, \$750 was appropriated to repair house No. 2. In 1879, \$350 was raised to repair house No. 3. In April, 1881, it was voted to build anew at the north end of the Plain, and \$4,000 was appropriated for the purpose. The present building accommodating two large schools, intermediate and primary, was built that year, at a cost, including furnishings, of \$4,601 exclusive of lot, which cost \$500.

**Appropriations** for schools began with £24 in 1734, fluctuating with the value of the currency to 1740, rising gradually until 1750, when £20 "hard money" was voted. This sum with slight variations was granted annually until 1761, when it was raised to £30 and continued for six years. In 1767 it was increased to £40, and in 1768 to £50, at which point it continued until the Revolutionary war. No money was voted in 1776 or 1778. In Dec. of 1777 £60 was raised. In 1781, coming back to "hard money," the sum voted was £60, each district to draw its proportion and the school tax to be made separately. This was the annual grant for 24 years. In 1806 it was increased to \$400 and in 1812 to \$500, and continued thus (with the exception of 1821 and 1822 when it was \$400) to 1826. In 1827 it was increased to \$600, continuing until 1835, when \$800 was raised. Subsequently the sums were as follows: 1836 and 1837, \$900; 1838, \$1,200; 1839, \$1,000; 1840 and 1841, \$1,200; 1842, \$1,100; 1843, \$1,000; 1844 and 1845, \$1,200; 1846, \$1,000; 1847 and 1848, \$1,400; 1849, \$1,200; 1850 to 1856, \$1,500; in 1856 the first money, \$1,000, was raised for a high school; 1857, \$1,500 to districts, \$1,200 to high school; 1858, \$1,200 to districts, \$1,000 to high school; 1859 to 1861, \$1,500 to districts, \$1,000 to high school; 1862, \$1,500 to districts, \$800 to high school; 1863, \$1,500 to districts, \$600 to high school; 1864, \$1,600 to districts, \$600 to high school; 1865, \$1,600 to districts, \$800 to high school; 1866, \$2,000 to districts, \$1,000 to high school; 1867, \$2,500 to districts, \$1,200 to high school; districts abolished; 1868, \$4,000 for all; 1869 to 1871, \$4,500; 1872, \$4,000; 1873, \$5,000; 1874, \$6,000; 1875, \$5,000; 1876, \$4,600; 1877, \$4,500; 1878 to 1880, \$4,000; 1881 to 1884, \$4,500; 1885, \$5,000.

**High School Teachers.** Samuel W. Cook, summer 1856 to summer 1858, now a dentist at Worcester; John E. Kimball, fall and winter of 1858-9; Jairus Lincoln, Jr., of Northboro', spring of 1859; George Mason, autumn 1859 to summer 1860, now at Washington, D. C.; Joseph Lippitt, autumn 1860 to March, 1864, now accountant at Providence, R. I.; Josiah B. Davis, autumn and winter 1864-5; Charles R. Phipps, spring 1865; James B. Batcheller, autumn 1865, son of Rev. David Batcheller and now deceased; Francis E. Burnette, winter 1865-6, now principal of McGaw Institute, Reed's Ferry, N. H.; Charles H. Goulding of Leominster, spring 1866; John C. Hammond, winter 1866-7, spring 1867 and winter 1867-8, now lawyer at Northampton; Jesse R. Davenport, summer 1868 to July, 1869, now druggist at Putnam, Conn.; Maria L. Adams, fall of 1869; Mary E. Terry, 10 months in 1870, health failed; Newell Wedge of Sutton, spring 1871; A. E. Ford, autumn of 1871 to spring 1873, now at Clinton; John A. Pierce of Edgartown, spring 1873; Stephen A. Snow, autumn 1873 to autumn 1875; Charles A. Buffum of Salem, winter and spring 1875-6, later teacher at Easthampton; Cornelius E. Wood, autumn and winter 1876-7; J. B. Atwood of Somerville, spring of 1877 to July, 1879; Fred. A. Holden, autumn and winter 1879-80, later, clergyman; Alfred S. Smith, and later L. B. Lane, spring 1880 to spring 1881; Samuel A. Melcher, spring 1881 to close of 1883, now teacher at Whitinsville; D. H. Felch, spring and autumn 1884; George A. Willey, winter of 1884 to present time, 1890.

**North Oxford Teachers.** James C. Mills, 1856 to 1858; F. Tourtelotte, 1858; James C. Mills, winter 1858-9; Leander Poor, 1859 and 1860; Mr. Hatch of Peterboro, N. H., autumn and winter 1861; Nathaniel Eddy, 1862; Charles H. Goulding, 1863; Charles D. Thomas, began winter 1863, enlisted in the army; Rev. Joseph Smith, 1864; Charles R. Phipps, winter 1864-5; F. L. Smith, autumn 1865, teacher at Salem, 1890; Dwight S. Herrick, winter 1865-6; John C. Hammond, autumn of 1866 and of 1867. Newell Wedge, winter 1870; Miss M. E. Stone, 1871; Flora A. Lamb, 1872; Charles H. Furber, autumn 1872; Ella J. Moore, 1873; Martha D. Cole, 1874; Miss M. L. Davis, 1875; Miss S. H. Munger, winter and spring 1875-6; Alfred S. Smith, winter 1876-7; and later in succession: Stephen W. Ferguson, W. Palmer and G. W. Lyman.

**Select Schools.** So far as learned the first select school in Oxford was that for young ladies, conducted by Misses Luia and Abigail Thayer, sisters of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer, U. S. army, and of Mrs. Moulton, wife of Rev. Josiah Moulton, the minister. It was at first located at the Dr. Fisk house, opposite Town's Pond [H. 141], and was opened about 1807, and continued for three years, having been each year suspended during the winter. Mr. Moulton in building the large house near the common, now Campbell's, finished a small hall for its accommodation and it was kept there the last year.

It was prosperous, pupils coming from other places and was well patronized by the town's people. In addition to the common English branches, the higher accomplishments were taught. This being a new departure in the line of education the matter excited a general interest among the people, and it was esteemed a very worthy institution. In 1820 Miss Bancroft of Worcester, a sister of the historian, taught a select school for young ladies for one season at the "Gleason house," corner of Sigourney and Main Streets, H. 239. In 1826 and 1827 Mrs. Martin Sigourney conducted a like enterprise at the old Sigourney mansion, Sutton Avenue.

The most successful private school in Oxford was that of Richard C. Stone and his successors. He first taught for a few months at the Dr. Fisk house, H. 141, and removed to the Plain where he began in 1830 in a room fitted for the purpose in the rear of his house, H. 202, continuing until 1834. He had tact and energy, and pupils, male and female, attended from many neighboring places. Natural philosophy, chemistry, the higher mathematics and languages were taught. Miss Eliza Whittemore, an accomplished graduate of Leicester Academy, was assistant, giving lessons in French and the ornamental branches. In the summer of 1834 Stone was succeeded by Orlando Chester. He was a good scholar but lacked the skill and efficiency of his predecessor. In the spring of 1836 he retired and J. Lewis Stone, son of Richard C., came in and taught one term. In Oct., 1836, John O. Burleigh assumed charge. He was a well trained teacher and managed successfully until the spring of 1842, when he removed from town. James C. Seagrave of Uxbridge was next master and taught through the spring, autumn and winter of 1842-3. He was a college student, and left his studies temporarily on account of ill health, and returned to college in 1843. No school was thereafter maintained at this location.

In the spring of 1843 Misses Mary B. and Celia E. Campbell established at the mansion near the north common a boarding-school for misses. Pupils attended from this and surrounding towns, and several were from New York city. In the autumn of 1844 they removed to Springfield. In 1854-6 Misses Mary B. and Elizabeth DeWitt taught a young ladies' school at the family residence, H. 240, receiving day pupils and boarders. Later there were from time to time several small select schools, taught by ladies in different localities in the town.

**Holbrook Lectures.** Much interest existed in town in the winter of 1826-7 in a series of popular scientific lectures by Prof. Josiah Holbrook of New Haven. They were delivered at the hall of the centre tavern, and extended through many weeks, with two lectures a week, the subject being Natural Philosophy and Chemistry, illustrated by apparatus and experiments, which made them entertaining

as well as instructive. During this time Mr. Holbrook remained in town and was the occasional guest of many of the families of the vicinity.

**Larned Lectures.** In the winter of 1884–5, through the liberality of a former townsman, Mr. Charles Larned of Boston, a series of free popular lectures and concerts was instituted, many of which were of a high order. They continued four consecutive years and were a source of much profit and enjoyment to the large audiences which attended.

**Pastor's Library.** The first collection of books in Oxford constituting a library, of perhaps not over ten volumes, was contributed, a part as early as 1719, by Paul Dudley, Rev. Benjamin Wadsworth and other gentlemen of Boston and vicinity, well wishers of the town, for the use of the minister. Several of these volumes were preserved as late as 1840 in the receptacle of the Society Library, which was formed later. Among them were large specimens of costly book-making, finely printed and bound in the most substantial manner. Some volumes are now in existence, two of which contain valuable inscriptions; the first, a scripture commentary printed in London in 1624, was in 1701 the property of Mr. Wadsworth, minister of the first church in Boston, once President of Harvard College. On the margin of the first leaf is written "For Oxford Library." Opposite, on the blank page, "The gift of the Rev'd Benja. Wadsworth—for the use of the Church or Parish Library of Oxford in the County of Suffolk, 1719." The other is entitled "Hexapla," or commentary on Romans. On the back of the title-page is written "Roxbury 3<sup>d</sup> July 1736. For the use of the Parish Library in Oxford New England the Rev Mr. Cambel being the present minister

Given by Paul Dudley."

Other contributions were a large folio in Latin, being "An Exposition of the Psalms, given by Rev. Dr. Colman," a volume of sermons by Samuel Hieron, given by Samuel Taylor of Boston, and one written by William Morice, Esq., given by Paul Dudley.<sup>1</sup>

**Social Library.** The second, called the "Social Library," was established about the time of the Revolutionary war through the influence of Josiah Wolcott, Dr. Stephen Barton, Jonathan Davis and others, and was an important institution of the village in the latter part of the last century. Its early records are lost. It was at first a stock company and the proceeds of the sales of shares were expended in purchasing books. Donations of books were also made by individuals. Its depository was for many years at the Butler tavern, and later was removed to the dwelling-house of Peter

<sup>1</sup> Rev. J. Campbell in his book published in 1743 acknowledges his indebtedness to this collection, and adds: "The Honorable Judge Dudley devised this liberal thing and sedulously pro-

motes it among Gentlemen. The Donors' names are in a Catalogue of the Books, *in perpetuum Doni memoriam*; I hope their Names will be in everlasting Remembrance with the Lord."

Butler, in whose care it remained until his decease in 1857. A catalogue and list of members, dated 1 March, 1818, gives 113 volumes and 30 proprietors. Total cost of books, \$254.27. The catalogue was as follows:

British Album, Brown's Elements, Barclay's Apology, Chesterfield Abridged, Clark's Travels, 3 v., Campbell's Narrative, Dean's Husbandry, Dialogue of Devils, Domestic Encyclopedia, 5 v., Domestic Cookery, Encyclopedia, 18 v., \$120, Franklin's Works, Female Biography, Goldsmith's Works, 6 v., Grandpre's Voyage, Holmes' Sketches, 2 v., The Hive, Herriot's Travels, Heathen Gods, Indian Wars, Locke on the Understanding, 2 v., Life of Washington, 5 v., Paradise Lost, Memoirs of Cumberland, Modern Europe, Prideaux's History of the Bible, 4 v., Parents' Friend, Pope's Works, 4 v., Parke's Travels, Porteus' Evidences of Christian Religion, Relly's Works, 2 v., Rights of Women, Rambler, 4 v., Rollin's Ancient History, 8 v., Robertson's America, 2 v., Seneca's Morals, Self Knowledge, Shakespeare, 6 v., Spectator, 8 v., The Task, Thomson's Seasons, Telemachus, 2 v., Thinks I to Myself, Vicar of Wakefield, Views of Religions, Whitney's History of Worcester County, Mrs. Williams' Letters, Winchester's Letters.<sup>1</sup>

The proprietors were :

James Butler, Peter Butler, Lemuel Crane, Jonathan Davis, Rufus Davis, Abijah Davis, Nehemiah Davis, Stephen Davis, Jonathan Davis, Jr., William T. Fisk, Asa Harris, Samuel Harris, Jonas Hartwell, Bradford Hudson, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Samuel Kingsbury, Stephen Kingsbury, Sylvanus Learned, Abisha Learned, William Lamson, John Mayo, Richard Moore, Thomas Meriam, Jotham Meriam, John Pratt, John Putnam, Amos Rich, Joseph Stone, William Sigourney, Samuel Ward.

It is known that in 1841 a few shareholders drew out their proportion of books permanently, but not nearly all did so, and on 7 March, 1859, the affairs of the association were closed by the sale of the remaining volumes at auction, for \$8.55, to Mr. Daniel Rich.

**Society Library.** In Jan., 1792, the Congregational Church voted £30 from the Hagburn Fund toward a new library. Mr. Dudley, the pastor, seems to have been the prime mover, and with Capt. Elisha Davis, John Dana and Capt. Ebenezer Humphrey was deputed to buy books. The record recites, "The following are the conditions on which the Church agrees to lay out money . . . in junction with other gentlemen subscribers in the town." The following, outside the Church, paid each 15 shillings and were members: John Ballard, Jonas Eddy, Lemuel Crane, Anthony Sigourney, Simeon Kingsbury, Ebenezer Shumway, Jr., Jesse Stone of Ward, Allen Hancock, Amos Shumway, Jr., Joseph Hurd, Daniel Kingsbury, Ambrose Stone, Jr., Sylvanus Town; Sigourney sold 1796 to Elias Pratt. In Feb., 1792, books to the value of £27. 14s. were bought and the library was soon opened. In accordance with the by-laws Mr. Dudley was librarian, acting efficiently while he remained in town.

<sup>1</sup> In 1839, Judge Barton, then of Worcester, presented to the library four large supplementary volumes of the British Encyclopedia with a volume of plates. In his accompanying note he says: "In tendering it to your association I shall only make a small but grateful return for the pleasure and benefit I derived in the days of my boyhood from their useful library."

The titles of the books first purchased were :

Gibbon's Abridgment, 2 v., Robertson's America, 2 v., Guthrie's Grammar, Morse's Grammar, Dodd's Thoughts, Fordice's Sermons, Paley's Philosophy, Citizen of the World, 2 v., Blackstone's Commentaries, 4 v., Webster's Essay, Paradise Lost, Night Thoughts, Beattie's Evidences, Beattie's Moral Science, Stackhouse His. of Bible, 6 v., The Task, Edwards on the Will, Jenyns' View, Mason on Self Knowledge, Watts' Death and Heaven, Ramsay's History, Doddridge's Rise and Progress, Child's Friend, 2 v., Minot's Insurrections, Keats' Pelew Islands, Vicar of Wakefield, Edwards on Sin, Edwards on Redemption, Gardiner's Life, Blair's Sermons, 2 v., Boston's Distinguished Characters, Edwards on the Affections, Edwards against Chauncy, The Spectator, 8 v., Doddridge Sermons, Christian Theology, Pilgrim's Progress, Martin's Grammar, Newton on Prophesies, 2 v., Seneca's Morals, Hopkins on Holiness, Edwards on Virtue, American Preacher, 3 v., Butler's Analogy, Price's Dissertations, Hervey's Meditations, Bigelow's Tour, 2 v., Millot's Elements, 5 v., Locke's Essay, 2 v., Ferguson's Astronomy, Dean's Husbandry.

The library opened with about 80 volumes. Later, from time to time, additions were made by gift and purchase, and the aggregate was probably nearly double that number. It is no slight compliment to the intelligence and good taste of the people of those times that, as the records testify, these solid volumes were for many years extensively circulated and read throughout the town.

A prudential committee of five was chosen annually to manage its general affairs, and for the first 20 years the following constituted this committee : Ebenezer Learned, Elisha Davis, Samuel Harris, Lemuel Crane, John Ballard, Ebenezer Humphrey, Joseph Hurd, Joshua Turner, John Dana. On Mr. Dudley's removal in 1799 Jonathan Harris was chosen librarian and continued until Jan., 1806, when Rev. J. Moulton became, *ex-officio*, the custodian. He retained the position until April only, when Col. Sylvanus Town was elected, serving until the settlement of Mr. Batcheller in 1816. In Oct., 1822, Mr. Batcheller died, and Jan., 1823, Calvin Perry was librarian, at which time interest had much declined. In Jan., 1825, the Church voted \$60 for new books, and Seth Daniels was chosen librarian. About this time the name was changed from "Society Library" to "Second Social Library." In July, 1831, John Wetherell was in charge, continuing two or three years at least. Later the library was removed to the vestibule of the new Meeting-house, where it has since remained. It had no care, and being in a public place many books disappeared, there being at present only a remnant of about 25 volumes.

**Library Association.** This was an organization of young people, numbering 50 or more, formed in 1856. It first took the

<sup>1</sup> Some of the entries on the records of fines are quite suggestive of the olden times, as when Lemuel Crane "greased Blackstone," Peter Shumway "dropped tallow on the American Preacher," Silas Eddy "dropped tallow on and burnt Stackhouse," John Dana "a drop of the

candle on book," Amos Shumway "blurred Josephus" [smut]. In Dec., 1890, the few remaining volumes of this collection, and also of the first or Pastor's Library, were by vote of the Church presented to the Free Public Library.

form of a reading-club, meeting at private houses once in two weeks. Conducted by its members was a literary paper called the *Evening Star*. An attempt was made to raise funds by lectures, but was unsuccessful. In December a dramatic entertainment was given which put over \$50 into the treasury which, with membership fees, fines, etc., enabled the society in Dec., 1857, to buy 84 volumes and a case, and a library was opened under the name of the "Association Library." The public were given the use of it by the payment of one dollar per annum for each person. The number of books was increased until it reached about 150 volumes, and the selection was good. Issachar Shumway was first librarian, and the books were kept for a time at the office formerly Dr. Nichols', near the present Dr. Cushman house, since removed to Barton Street. In Jan., 1860, the interest in the society had fallen off. In February meetings were suspended and a committee chosen to care for the library, funds, etc. In November meetings by vote were discontinued. The books were removed to the store of B. W. Childs, one of the committee, remained there for several years, and later were transferred to the Free Public Library.

**High School Library.** A year or two after the opening of the high school in 1856, a small library had been gathered for its use, chiefly by private contributions. At the same time the Library Association flourished, and in May, 1859, with the design of concentrating the forces, the school voted to incorporate its collection with that of this body. The books continued in the care of the Association for two years, and in May, 1861, the volumes received from the school were returned, and with them a case in which the whole had been kept, and the school library was re-established in its old position. Additions to it have been made and the collection now numbers about 250 volumes, and is a valuable adjunct to the educational appliances of the school.

**Farmers' Library.** The Oxford Agricultural Library Association was formed 25 July, 1859. The town had been canvassed by an agent of certain book publishers, and 68 shares at \$3 each were sold. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, and a library of 148 volumes costing \$225 was established. George Hodges, Jr., was first president, and William E. Pease, treasurer and librarian, continuing from first to last. The books were kept at the Post-office and were read considerably for the first few years, but as additions were not made to much extent the interest was not sustained and on 15 Aug., 1870, the collection was by unanimous vote given to the town to be incorporated in the Free Public Library.

**School Library.** In 1841 school libraries were being printed and established in Massachusetts under the sanction of the Board of Education. The plan contemplated 100 volumes at a cost of \$57. At this date 37 volumes had been issued and the sum of \$23.55 was raised by subscription in District No. 7, North Gore, and paid 17

March, 1842. By-laws were adopted, officers chosen and the library opened. In 1843 it became the property of the District, George W. Hartwell was chosen librarian, and the books were kept at his house.

**Free Public Library.** This institution owes its origin to the kindly regard and generous impulses of a distinguished son of the town—Hon. Ira M. Barton. Bearing in mind the benefits he in his youth received from a similar source and the appreciation in which he had been held by the people, he gave the town in his will the sum of one thousand dollars “towards establishing a Free Public Library.”<sup>1</sup> This gift was formally accepted in April, 1868. In November, 1869, on the report of a committee appointed the previous April, it was voted to organize a Town Library under the provisions of laws of the State. In April, 1870, an ante-room of the High School-house was appropriated to its use, and a committee was chosen to fit up the same, purchase books and provide for putting the library in operation. The money refunded from the dog-tax was appropriated to the same purpose in accordance with Chap. 250 of the Acts of 1869. In the autumn of 1870 the library was opened. April, 1871, Charles A. Angell, George F. Daniels and E. Harris Howland were chosen committee, with power to employ a librarian and to make by-laws. In 1874 the books, then numbering 1700, were removed to the new Town Hall. The town has, since the beginning, with the exception of one or two years, voted to it the dog-tax fund, which, beside paying running expenses, has brought the number of volumes (April, 1890) up to over 4,000.

**Reference Library.** A very valuable feature of the institution is the Reference Department with its cyclopedias, dictionaries and books of reference on a great variety of subjects, numbering 450 volumes. For this the town is indebted to the liberality of Hon. George L. Davis of North Andover, who, appreciating the value of public records, in 1876, proposed to the town to present to it \$500 for the benefit of its library if it would cause its earlier records of births, marriages and deaths to be copied and indexed. In April, 1876, this offer was accepted and the proposed work was completed during the following summer.

<sup>1</sup>Judge Barton's will, dated 1 June, 1867, contained the following: “One thousand dollars to the inhabitants of the town of Oxford, my native place, towards establishing a Free Public Library

in that town, as an inadequate return for the kindness and patronage of their fathers in my early professional life.”

## CHAPTER VI.

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

MAIN STREET. FORT HILL ROAD. SUTTON ROAD. QUABOAG LANE. MILL ROAD. OLD CHARLTON ROAD. DUDLEY BRIDGE. NEW CHARLTON ROAD. POST-ROAD. SURVEY OF ROADS. DOUGLAS ROAD. HIGHWAY DISTRICTS. DOUGLAS TURNPIKE. MILLBURY ROAD. DUDLEY ROAD. HARTFORD TURNPIKE. NORTH GORE ROADS. STREETS RELOCATED. STONE ARCH BRIDGES.

**Eight-rod way.** Three principal avenues existed in the town at the time of the English settlement. 1. The "Eight-rod way," so called, which, beginning at the fork of the present Thompson and Webster roads, at H. 62, ran northerly over Johnson's Plain, the Great Plain and Town's Plain to the north cemetery, a distance of nearly three miles. Upon this central highway were located chiefly the home lots of the English settlers. The selectmen, confirming the original location, on 6 Feb., 1714, laid out this way as follows :

"Beginning at a white oake tree on Jonsons plain neir Woodstock path, running northwardly marked on the west sid to nelands feald on the great plain by the old mill place, from thence marked on the east Sid by Staks and trees tel it coms to the brooke on the northwardly Sid of peter Shumway's frame of his house [now Ithiel T. Johnson's, H. 185] from thence on the west Sid of the Swamp to and by the Ends of the home Lots of John towne and Israel towne and Daniel Eloit Juner sd way being Eight rods wide."

Two changes have been made in this way since its original location. The first was that made by Rev. John Campbell in 1723. His petition to the proprietors was as follows :

"Gentlemen, whereas I have for the benefit of Travellers and Inhabitants Turned the eight rod highway opposite to my house and the two rod highway that leads to the Great Meadow: the eight rod highway is shortened about 10 or 11 rods and the other about so many, as also it hath saved the makeing of a bridge of some considerable charges and therefore I humbly request that you would be pleased to accept of the turning of the above said ways at your next meeting.

"(Signed) JOHN CAMPBELL."

Granted 19 March, 1723.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The original route was on the west side of the common or "training-field" and continued across the flat, now called the "prairie," crossing the brook at its northern extremity. This accounts for the location of the first meeting-house being so far west of the main road: it was, when built, directly on it. The change Mr. Campbell made caused the 8-rod way to pass the *east* side of the common, down the hill, crossing the brook

at the stone brdge east of the railroad, and bearing westerly entering the original location about 60 rods further north. A way from the Plain past Mr. Campbell's house to the great meadow was a necessity and as a bridge was needed there it was desirable that the main road should cross the brook at the same place, instead of having two bridges.

The second change was made in 1793. Until that time the road near Peter Shumway's house on Johnson's Plain, H. 64, turned to the east so as to pass around the hollow north of the site of the Johnson house. At that date it was laid out directly across the hollow in its present location.

**Four-rod way.** 2. The "four rod way" led from the main road to the fort. This was at the same date laid out as follows:

"beginning att the Eight rod way on the Southwardly Sid of an orchard neer the old mill runing over the old mill brook to a rock on the East of Said brooke from thence marked on the northwardly Side with mark trees tel it comes to barnous land neer the north East Corner of Joseph Chamberlin's Sener's home lot, said way being four rods wide."

**Six-rod way.** 3. That named in the records of home lots as the "six rod way," being the road to Boston through Sutton, of which no description is recorded prior to May, 1729, when it was accepted as a town road.

**Quaboag Lane.** Another of the oldest ways\* in the town, and one which probably had no legal status, perhaps originally an Indian trail, was the "Quaboag" or Brookfield "Lane," which, fording the river at the stone arch bridge, entered the 8-rod way from the west near the house of the late Benjamin Paine, H. 221. In 1764 and in 1772 efforts were made to have this lane closed, but failed.

Of the old "Woodstock Path"—now the road to Webster—long trod by Connecticut pioneers, Huguenots and others, there is no descriptive record.<sup>1</sup> On 24 Nov., 1729, it was voted that the bridge over the river on Woodstock road be paid for by the whole town.<sup>2</sup>

In 1731 a road south toward Killingly was accepted.

**Mill Road.** Another highway travelled much in early times, not accepted as a town road until 11 March, 1754, was the 2-rod way beginning at the northeast corner of the burying-ground leading over the hill to the mill, and on westerly. This and the Quaboag Lane were the only roads to Sturbridge and the south part of Charlton until after the Revolutionary war.

**Charlton Road.** March, 1731, a highway running from the 8-rod road on the north side of Town's Pond past the little cedar swamp and crossing the river near the Joseph Brown place, H. 88, was accepted, and soon opened. In May, 1738, a committee was chosen to fix the location of a bridge over the river on this road.

**Bridges.** The first bridge of which there is any record was that built over the mill brook in the 8-rod way one mile south of the centre on the Webster road, voted 24 May, 1716. At the same date it was also voted to build a bridge "made passabel for horses over y<sup>e</sup> brook" on the road to the fort. There doubtless had been previously a foot-bridge here. Another was voted at the same time over the brook 100 rods east of the centre on the Sutton road. There

<sup>1</sup> In 1672 was established a post route "to goe monthly from New York to Boston," via Hartford, which undoubtedly followed this path.

<sup>2</sup>This bridge was near the location of the present stone arch bridge on the Webster road.

is a tradition that a beaver dam existed here on which a crossing was made before the bridge was built. In 1736 the Court of Sessions ordered a cart bridge to be built over the river in the North Gore "on the road to Oxford."

*Building* a road was a thing unknown in the earlier days. "Ways" were opened over the natural soil, and the people as best they could, travelled them on horseback or in ox carts. After 10 or 12 years, in March, 1728, a small sum was voted to repair them. In 1765 it was voted to clear them of snow in the winter.<sup>1</sup>

**Roads accepted.** March, 1732, from Ebenezer Learned's, towards Worcester and Leicester, two rods wide. 1740, from present Rockdale west to Daniel McIntire's, near Charlton line. 1742, that ordered by the Court of Sessions, from Woodstock to Worcester, Ebenezer Learned chairman of committee; the way followed old roads in Oxford.

**Bridge on Dudley Road.** In Nov., 1742, the town was "presented" before the court for not keeping a good bridge over the river on the Dudley road. The bridge was repaired and the case dismissed. In 1759 the selectmen represented to the Court that they had been at great expense in maintaining this bridge, that but two families lived on the Dudley side of it, and it was little service to the town but wholly used by travellers and inhabitants of Dudley; that it was then out of repair and must soon be re-built, asking that the County assume the cost. This petition was dismissed.

**Roads accepted.** 1748, from Josiah Kingsbury's, now in Webster, into the "8 rod" or Killingly road; from Roger Amidown's, now Clark's, H. 39, to the "8 rod" way; in 1749, from Jacob Town's, H. 87, into the old Charlton road north of Town's Pond; from Blood's and Dresser's, later Charlton, to Ballard's mill, now Howarth's; in 1750, from Hudson's on Long Hill to the north Meeting-house; from Ebenezer McIntire's, Charlton, over Mashamucket Hill to the north branch of Little River into the road from Dresser's to Ballard's mill; in 1751, from Sutton line near Ensign Kidder's toward Oxford over land of Hovey, Bogle and Oliver Shumway into a road near Hudson's.

The road leading easterly from the north common existed before 1750. In March, 1753, the town accepted a way from Benjamin Davis', then living near H. 22, northwest into this road, giving him a way to the Meeting-house.

Soon after 1750 Duncan Campbell began erecting a house in the 8-rod road at the head of the common, the site of the present schoolhouse, H. 189. In March, 1754, the town voted to allow him to shut

<sup>1</sup> Within the memory of many now living the travelled way through our beautiful Main Street consisted of from one to half a dozen carriage paths of deep ruts cut in the loam, abounding in mire and mud-holes in the wet season, and winding in all directions from one side to the other

through the length of the Plain, and not until the grading of the railroad in 1838, when good materials were to be had in abundance, was the present straight and solid way constructed in the middle of the street.

up four rods of the highway, the Court of Sessions granting him leave "to turn the road near his improvements," provided he made the new road as good as the old. In making this change a strip of land a part of the 8-rod way was left on the west side of his house. In March, 1771, this strip, 16 rods long, was voted by the town to Rev. Joseph Bowman, then owner of the adjoining estate on the west. On 11 March, 1754, the town accepted the County road to be four rods wide from the stone bridge southerly to the common, passing the Campbell or Wolcott house.

**Roads accepted.** March, 1760, from Ebenezer Merriam's, North Gore, to Edwards' mill, later Lamb's; 1771, from Jacob Shumway's, H. 170, and John Hudson's, southeast to Sutton line; 1772, from Israel Phillips' southerly through Freeland's land to the Leicester road. In 1768, by order of Court was laid out a road from Dudley to Worcester, following the old road in Oxford.

**Charlton road.** After Charlton had been about 20 years incorporated its people began to object to the indirect and hilly route to Oxford, past the Augutteback mill and over Camp Hill, and moved for a new way south of the falls, shorter and quite level, and petitioned the Court of Sessions thereon. The result was that before June, 1774, a road was laid out from Lieut. John Nichols' on the Sturbridge road near the present school-house in the Buffum district, easterly over the river at the present stone bridge, as it now is, and entering the main street near the tavern at the centre.<sup>1</sup> This project was considered a great undertaking, and the town opposed it until forced by the authorities to act. In June, 1774, Ebenezer Learned, Alexander Campbell and Capt. John Larned were chosen to secure an alteration in the route and to have it laid farther to the south, probably so that one bridge might be made to answer for both the Larned neighborhood and Charlton. But this plan failed. The Revolutionary war came on and for eight years we hear nothing of the matter. In 1782, a vote was passed to pay John Nichols £50 for the new road going through his land. In July of that year Abraham Hill, Ebenezer Learned and Daniel Fisk were chosen to petition the General Court for relief from extraordinary charge which fell upon the town by the new County road going through the land of Lieut. Nichols and others. In Nov., 1783, Ebenezer Learned, Daniel Fisk and James Butler were chosen to petition the General Court for authority to make a lottery "to build a bridge and make a road from Doct. Lord's [the tavern keeper] to Lieut. Nichols'." In March, 1784, the selectmen were directed to petition the Court to discontinue this road, and in June a committee was chosen to view the route with the Court's

<sup>1</sup> A committee of the Court of Sessions reported Dec., 1773, on a road from Sturbridge to Oxford, "through Charlton near the house of Capt. Curtis, and through Oxford near the house of —— Nichols till it meets the County road . . . south of Ephraim Ballard's, Innholder." A later

report in detail gives, "began four rods south of the house of Ezra Bowman [who had succeeded Ballard], Innholder . . . on [westerly] . . . to a popple in Quabog or town road, thence west to the River and Coburn's land, thence on near John Nichols' house."

committee.<sup>1</sup> No effort, however, could relieve the town from its responsibility. In Jan., 1785, the project of a lottery was revived and Daniel Fisk, Samuel Harris and James Butler were chosen to again petition the General Court to grant leave to raise money by such means, or failing in this, to ask that it be made a County expense. After the failure of all expedients the town took hold of the work in earnest, and in June, 1785, Capt. John Larned, Ebenezer Humphrey and Amasa Kingsbury were chosen to oversee the building of the bridge, and in October surveyors were authorized to call upon "as many persons as they think proper to work on the new bridge, and give each one shilling extra per day for their encouragement, which makes 3s. per day." Soon thereafter, this enterprise which had apparently so tried the courage and the resources of the town for more than ten years was completed.<sup>2</sup>

**Roads accepted.** 1788, past the Lovett farm, H. 17, to Sutton,—"north end of the floom of Samuel Davis' mill," named in record. March, 1786, from Dea. John Davis', H. 29, to Sutton road. 1791, from Learned's village [Texas] west towards Charlton, 2 rods wide [now discontinued]. May, 1793, from North Common west, as now trod, to "the bridge west of the north meeting house," intersecting the old road to Charlton north of Town's Pond, which was discontinued March, 1819.

**Post road.** In 1796 was projected a great post route from Hartford to Boston, passing through Sturbridge, Charlton, North Oxford, Grafton, etc. In Jan., 1797, Sylvanus Town was sent as delegate to a convention at Grafton to consider this subject. In May the selectmen were directed to meet the Court's committee "respecting a stage road through the town." In June the town remonstrated against the plan. It, however, was pushed on and the road partly built. But it was an ill-advised scheme so far as its location in Oxford was concerned on account of the natural obstacles existing. From Charlton line easterly its course was through Texas village, striking the foot of Prospect Hill near the Severy place, H. 113, and leading over the hill as it now exists in a direct line four rods in width, entering the Worcester road near the house formerly of Joel Carter in Auburn. But the descent on the easterly side was so abrupt that it was impossible, without a heavy outlay, to make a passable stage road. There

<sup>1</sup> A petition of the inhabitants of the town of Oxford was presented setting forth that "whereas some time ago a road was laid out beginning where the road from Boston enters the main road in Oxford . . . and runs west about one mile and a half as will appear by the records, that there are already within the extent of seven miles six good roads and bridges across a large river called the French river, kept in constant repair, at a very great cost to said town, besides sundry other bridges over large mill brooks; that the new road will be very little advantage to the inhabitants of said town, as the old road

must be kept in repair as two of the principal mills in said town stand on the old road"—and therefore praying that the expense of the said road might be made a county charge, or be discontinued, etc.

<sup>2</sup> An explanation of the extraordinary action of the town in this matter is found in the straitened circumstances of the people, so heavy was the already accumulated burden of the war debt, the ministerial debt and other unusual expenses consequent upon the war that the addition of even a small amount was resisted as unreasonable.

the enterprise within Oxford limits terminated, and the road was built on a new route two miles farther north in the valley through Rochdale.

**Survey of roads.** In 1797 all the roads in town were surveyed and geographically described. Daniel Fisk, Sylvanus Town and Jonathan Davis located the highway from Dudley to Ward line, fixing the width of the main street at seven rods, and from the Plain to the north common at six rods, in front of the north common at seven rods and thence northward at six rods, reserving a former grant to Josiah Wolcott [or Duncan Campbell] in 1754. Marvin Moore, Jonathan Harris and Jeremiah Davis established the bounds of all roads in the south part of the town excepting the above named :—

1, To Sutton; 2, from Sutton road southerly to the Major Moore place, H. 30; 3, the north road to Sutton [past Lovett's]; 4, from the 8-rod road to the Silas Fitts place, H. 39; 5, from the "training field" north of the cemetery to Nichols' mill; 6, from the 8-rod road toward the old Fort; 7, from Kingsbury's [now in Webster] to the Thompson road; 8, the Thompson road from Johnson's Plain south to village line; 9, from the north common to Sutton line. They also refer to the "Nealand road," "Quaboag Lane," "Edwards' road," "Dea. Harwood's road," H. 40, the County road toward Charlton, and that to "Robertson's [Robinson's?] mill."

Jeremiah Learned, Ebenezer Learned and Jonas Eddy reported for the north part of the town :—

1, The road east from Carbuncle [Town's] Pond, following a track which had long been open, between H. 139 and H. 141, past Ambrose Stone's, H. 166, Crane's, H. 165, Shumway's, H. 164, Hovey's, H. 162, Kidder's, H. 161, Blanchard's, H. 160, across a corner of Sutton now Millbury, past Daggett's, H. 159, and turning west to John Pratt's, H. 147, thence south past H. 151, H. 153, the present North Oxford railroad station, Adams', H. 174, Turner's, H. 175, back into the same road, at a point one-fourth of a mile east of the pond, two rods wide, excepting that part from the pond easterly to the intersection, which was to be two and one-half rods; 2, from the "great road" at Town's Pond west to the river, and on across "Collie-cum brook" to Charlton line; 3, from the latter north over Mount Pleasant [Rocky Hill] across the McIntire road into the Leicester road; 4, the Leicester road from near the Ebenezer Learned place to the N. Gore south line; 5, from Ebenezer Merriam's to the Leicester road; 6, from the Uriah Stone place to Richard Moore's [east of the river(?)]; 7, from Lamb's mill up Prospect Hill to Ward line; 8, from Israel Phillips' south to the Leicester road, and from this road to Israel Trow's house; 9, the McIntire road [west from Rockdale across the river to Charlton line]; 10, from William Eddy's [now Pope's], H. 132, to the County road near Kidder's, H. 133; 11, a road north from the road between John Pratt's, H. 147, and Arthur Daggett's, H. 158; 12, from Jonathan Kidder's, H. 161, southeast to Sutton line.

In Aug., 1799, a highway from the Salem Learned neighborhood [southwest] to the new County road to Charlton, intersecting it one-third of a mile west of Main Street, was accepted. This road crossed the river at a ford with a foot-bridge a short distance north of the present bridge.

**Douglas road.** In 1800 a County road from Cumberland, R. I., through Douglas and a part of Sutton and Oxford was laid out, and

in March, 1803, Nathan Hall, Abijah Davis and Marvin Moore were chosen to contract for its building in Oxford. In 1801 a County road was laid out from Jeremiah Kingsbury's, now Webster almshouse, southeast, near the pond, to Philip Brown's in the South Gore, and in August Jonathan Davis and Abijah Davis, committee, reported that they had let it out to be built, 234 rods at \$110.

**Town districted.** In 1802 the town was first districted for the repairs of the highways. Surveyors had been previously chosen with no special limits. This year five districts were made, viz.: the East, South, North, Northeast and Centre. Before this date little labor was bestowed upon the roads; but as wheeled vehicles came into use there was a demand for better ways and also better implements for repairs. An attempt was made to purchase ploughs for the purpose but failed. In May, 1802, a vote was passed authorizing the selectmen to buy "six scrapers for use on the roads." In March, 1810, Mr. James Butler proposed to furnish at his own expense "a suitable plough" to be kept at his barn for the use of the town, which offer was accepted with thanks.

**Roads accepted.** Sept., 1803, from present Howarth's village north to Charlton road; May, 1804, from Thomas Davis', H. 28, north to Sutton road; Nov., 1805, from John Hudson's, H. 168, south to William Hudson's, Long Hill.

The Freshets of the winter of 1806-7 were disastrous to the bridges on the river, and all were more or less damaged. The dam also at Aaron Sibley's mill, North Oxford, was destroyed.

**Bridge and Causeway.** For many years the residents west of the Maanexit and south of the "Little River" suffered great inconvenience for want of means of crossing the main stream. They were obliged either to ford it below the mouth of Little River, which they did for a long time, or to ford the latter stream near its mouth and go up to the bridge on the Charlton road in order to get to town. Several ineffectual efforts were made by John Larned and others to obtain action in the matter. At length, in 1807, the town was induced to listen to their appeals, and voted to build a road from Kingsbury's, H. 74, to the County road to Charlton, including a bridge, and a causeway across the meadow. Jeremiah Kingsbury, Jonathan Davis and Jonathan Harris were chosen to contract for and supervise the work, which was completed and accepted Oct., 1807.<sup>1</sup>

**Roads accepted.** March, 1808, from Solomon Harwood's, H. 40, to the town road; from Dea. Dana's, H. 22, northwest to the "eight-lots road"; April, 1810, from the Worcester road near its junction with the Leicester road, east to near the present North Oxford railroad station; May, 1811, on the west side of the river

<sup>1</sup> The style of this first bridge was far different from that of the present one. It was built very low to save expense of stone work, and at high water for weeks at a time was submerged and

impassable for pedestrians. The upstream end was lowest so that the water in flowing over pressed upon the planking which was held in position by stones piled upon it.

south from the "great bridge" to Dudley line, nearly following the old "Woodstock path"; May, 1812, from near John Larned's barn, now Moses Larned's, Webster, southwest toward the North Village; same date, from Elijah Rich's, H. 5, to old Douglas turnpike.

**Turnpike.** The Douglas, Sutton and Oxford turnpike was built by a company of which Jonathan Davis was president, and was completed in 1810. A committee of the Court reviewed it and established a toll-gate at the house of Abram Briggs. It was made a County road in 1834. In 1817 at several town meetings votes were taken on a new road from the "North Factory" toward Leicester, and a committee was chosen to petition the Court of Sessions for a discontinuance. It was, however, ordered built and was finished in 1818, Rufus Moore, William Moore and Stephen Barton having charge.

**Roads accepted.** July, 1817, from Nichols' mill east and south by the pond to Charlton road; a cart road with bars and gate existed here previously; March, 1819, from Joel Eddy's, now Pope's, H. 132, to Worcester road; May, 1819, from Joseph Elliot's factory [Rockdale] to Mr. Adams' house; April, 1821, from Daniel Rawson's by Ephraim Kingsbury's to town road; July, 1822, from Stephen Prince's, now Conlin's, to town road.

In April, 1823, it was voted to pay interest to William Hurd on money due him for "building the Great Bridge." This repairing was probably done in 1822, and was a rebuilding of the wood-work. It was what was termed a "gallows bridge," of heavy timber and planking.

**Millbury and Sutton roads.** In 1823 a road from the north common, east to Sutton line was planned, but was opposed by the town. At the same time a movement was made for a road from the same point northeast to Millbury; on the latter it was voted to leave it to the discretion of the town agent to oppose or not, as he saw fit. This way had been laid out by the Court's committee in 1812. Both these roads were opened as County roads, and 1 Aug., 1825, \$1,200 was raised by the town to meet the cost. Stephen Barton, Stephen Davis and Joseph Lamb were building committee.

In Sept., 1824, a road from the Elliott mill, near the Hawes place, southeast to the Joshua Turner house, H. 175, was discontinued.<sup>1</sup> In Nov., 1825, was accepted a way from south of the mill at Buffumville north to the Charlton road. In May, 1826, that part of the old Worcester road between Rockdale [Bartlett's] and Nathaniel Ide's residence, H. 125, was discontinued. In 1827 the Court of Sessions ordered changes in the Sutton road from near Capt. Ebenezer Rich's, H. 15, east a third of a mile or more to school-house No. 1. In June,

<sup>1</sup> On 30 Oct., 1824, the heirs of Samuel Stone executed a lease to the town, while used for a highway no longer, of land for a road from the lower mill in Leicester to Luther Stone's mill in the Gore, about 62 rods from Oxford line, "running along near the river, three rods wide." The original is among the Hartwell papers.

1829, Samuel Slater had petitioned for improvements in the road from Oxford to his factories, on which changes were made, the principal one being near the town line, beginning at Oxford almshouse and instead of passing over the hill continued directly at the west foot of it in a level course. The work was completed in 1830.

**Dudley road.** In Sept., 1829, Jonathan Davis, William Moore and Benjamin F. Town were chosen to oppose a road from Dudley to Worcester to pass through the west part of Oxford, which was done successfully. As a compromise, perhaps, in 1830 the road from near John Larned's, H. 71, southwest to the "Upham Neighborhood" in Dudley was laid out, and in 1831 was built, and the old way past the William Hurd place, H. 60, up the steep hill, was discontinued as a County road. In 1832 the "new County road to Southbridge" is named. It was built in the spring of that year, and in the main followed the old road in Oxford.

**Roads accepted.** 1832, from Samuel Mayo's [Huguenot Fort], H. 33, northwest to the "Harwood" road at Bondet Hill; from Main Street at the Universalist Meeting-house west to the Charlton road, called Barton Street, 35 feet wide; 1833, from Andrew Fitts', H. 31, to the house of Samuel Mayo [Fort Hill]; in 1833 the road from Charlton to Worcester through Texas village was laid out, and built in 1834; 1834 from near Peter Shumway's, H. 64, to Bondet Hill road; 1835, from Isaac Bolster's, H. 6, to Thomas Rich's, H. 5; from North Oxford tavern north to the new Charlton and Worcester road; 1837, from the Thread village to Stephen Prince's, H. 85.

**Hartford turnpike.** The "Central Turnpike" to Boston, east part of the town (Webster to West Sutton), built in 1826 and 1827 by a corporation of which Jonathan Davis was treasurer, was in 1838 laid out as a County road and accepted by the town.

**Gore roads.** The North Gore having been annexed to Oxford, in March, 1838, the roads in that locality were accepted, viz.: that from Leicester line to Oxford old line, 281 rods; that past Jotham Meriam's and that past Samuel Meriam's to Charlton line. Jan., 1841, the bridge over the river at Cyrus Lamb's mill, North Oxford, was rebuilt, the old one having been carried away by high water.

**Roads accepted.** May, 1841, from David Stone's, H. 125, west to main road; April, 1842, from Reuben Davis', H. 3, to Douglas Turnpike; March, 1844, from Marshall Pratt's, H. 173, south to Sutton road; April, 1844, from Simon Larned's, H. 73, north to Dudley road; Nov., 1844, from Millbury line past Alger's, H. 161, Hiel Day's, H. 162, Edson's, H. 163, and Luther Burnet's, H. 166, to Millbury road near brick school-house; April, 1845, from the McIntire road southwest past Thomas Appleby's, H. 94, to Charlton line; May, 1845, from Joseph Brown, Jr.'s, H. 22, south to Sutton road; Nov., 1846, from Artemas Merriam's, H. 103, to Rufus Eddy's, H. 105; April, 1847, from near Nehemiah Collier's, H. 186, east past the John Campbell homestead [now Hall's], turn-

ing south to the common; Sept., 1847, from the Sutton road, near H. 13, north through Saccarappa and west to Francis Sibley place, H. 19, ordered by County Commissioners; April, 1847, from near John Hurd's, H. 42, past David Day's [on Bondet Hill] and Nathaniel Davis place to David Wait's, H. 28; Nov., 1848, from Ebenezer Crane's to Charlton road near Horace Pope's, H. 89a; Sept., 1850, from Charlton road near Methodist church south to Wheelock cottage, 40 feet wide; Nov., 1851, from Simon Larned's, H. 73, south to the old Dudley road.

**Main Street improved.** In 1838(?) Main Street was extended from the common north across the meadow, changing its location to the west to avoid a railroad crossing, and was built by the Norwich and Worcester R. R. Co., and as a compensation Ebenezer Rich was authorized to deed the railroad a right of way across the town farm. Later a committee was chosen to settle with the company. In 1839, through the efforts of Samuel Dowse and others who subscribed for the purpose, the roadway across the Plain had been gravelled from the railroad excavation.

**Streets re-located.** In July, 1851, it was voted to request the County Commissioners to relocate and establish the bounds of the roads from Webster to Auburn, and from Sutton to Charlton line, with Barton Street, and Mr. Lester, surveyor, was employed to find the old lines. In Nov., 1852, it was voted that the County Commissioners be invited to review this survey and to fix bounds. This was done in Sept., 1853.<sup>1</sup>

In May, 1852, after some controversy, the road from the railroad station to the villages at North Oxford was laid out by the County Commissioners. The same year was built that from Buffumville south to Webster road.

**Roads accepted.** Nov., 1853, from North Oxford railroad station east to near Shepardson's, H. 165; March, 1854, from Sutton road south, first street east of railroad; 1856, from Conlin's, H. 85, north to Charlton road; April, 1866, the street running north from the north side of the old cemetery, and east from this to Main Street at S. C. Willis, Jr.'s, each three rods wide; also from Main Street at Lewis Stockwell's to the first named, two rods wide.

In 1854, Main Street from near the centre, nearly a half-mile north,

<sup>1</sup> The line of Main Street was established as follows: Beginning at the south end at monument No. 1, 2 rods and 16 links N.  $50^{\circ}$  E. of the northwest corner of the brick house, thence N.  $33^{\circ}$  E. 24 rods and 8 links to monument No. 2 [near H. 209], thence N.  $14^{\circ} 20'$  E. 219 rods and 6 links to monument No. 3 [near the tall elm north end of the street], thence N.  $26^{\circ} 10'$  E. 25 rods and 5 links to monument No. 4 [in the doorway of John Shea's house]. This is the original line of the street which from No. 1 to No. 3 is seven rods wide. Beginning at opposite No. 3, at a monument a few rods north from the house

of Allen L. Joslin, thence N.  $15^{\circ}$  E. 25 rods and 12 links [across the common] to monument No. 1 [at southeast corner of land of B. F. White, H. 244]. From No. 3 where the road is seven rods wide, the road diverges to monument No. 4, where it is 12 rods and half a link wide; thence from monument No. 1, N.  $14^{\circ} E. 99$  rods to No. 2, which is six rods 17 links N.  $36^{\circ} 15'$  W. from the northwest corner of the house of George Wicker. From the head of the common where the road is six rods and 22 links wide the road converges to five rods and 18 links at No. 2.

was straightened and graded, the part across the meadow being raised several feet and the approaches cut down, at a cost of \$536. April, 1868, voted \$500 to grade Main Street, to be done by the selectmen. A much needed drainage was obtained, and the street improved by forming gutters and raising the travelled way. In 1872 the road at North Cemetery Hill, the most difficult in the principal highways of the town, was improved at a cost of \$1,672.

In 1872-3 a new road from near Rochdale to Texas village was built, and thence south to the North Cemetery the old rebuilt, costing \$15,491, the heaviest and most important piece of work of the kind done at one time in the town. In 1877 the Commissioners ordered built on Long Hill toward Millbury, a road which was constructed that year by Wheelock and Shurtleff at a cost of \$693. April, 1877, May Street opened; April, 1882, Wolcott Street accepted, 1884, two streets running from Main west to Fremont accepted; 1885, accepted Water Street, running east from the common. Nov., 1887, from North Oxford railroad station to Charles H. Wellington's, H. 129, and \$700 voted for the same; built by Wellington and opened to travel May, 1888.

**Bridges.** In 1858, stone arch, on Webster road, built by Brigham Converse, cost \$665; winter of 1874-5, over the Maanexit on Charlton road, nearly completed and fell, April, 1875; rebuilt by Charles N. Walker, 1875, cost about \$2,000; 1879, over the river in North Gore by Wellington Brothers, cost \$850; 1880, at Buffumville, by Joseph L. Woodbury, cost \$1,000; 1884, at Howarth's, by Joseph L. Woodbury, cost \$2,000; 1889, over mill brook, east of centre, by William Y. Woodbury, cost \$392; 1889, over the river at Rockdale [Bartlett's], by P. F. and M. Kenney, cost \$2,200.

## CHAPTER VII.

### MILITARY.

FRENCH WAR. FRENCH NEUTRALS. REVOLUTIONARY WAR. GEN. LEARNED. STATE GOVERNMENT. SHAYS REBELLION. ADAMS' ARMY. WASHINGTON'S FUNERAL. SOLDIERS OF 1812. MUSTERS. INDEPENDENT MILITARY COMPANY. MINOR MILITARY AFFAIRS. CIVIL WAR. COMPANY E. BATTLES OF 15TH REGIMENT. OXFORD SOLDIERS. MEMORIAL TABLETS. GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. SONS OF VETERANS. WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. DECORATION DAY. COMPANY E ASSOCIATION.

**French War.** There is no recorded action of the town on this subject. The State raised nearly 7,000 soldiers for the war, the object of which was the conquest of Canada, and the number which went from Oxford indicates that the people were ready to meet the demands of the times. Capt. Ebenezer Learned was the most efficient military man of the place, and was ably seconded by Rev. John Campbell, who was skilled in army affairs. Very few appear to have entered the service previous to 1756. Two companies of militia then existed, commanded respectively by Edward Davis and Samuel Davis, brothers, from both of which soldiers were enlisted in a new company under Learned. Preparations for the campaign were made in the spring of 1756, the company had marched to the seat of war, and as a part of Col. Ruggles' regiment was in camp at Lake George, 9 Sept. A roll of this date numbers 51 men.

**Rolls.** The following are the names from Oxford, others were from surrounding towns:

Ebenezer Learned, Capt., age 28, b. at Ox.; Elisha Rich [Sutton], Lient., a. 38, b. at Bellingham; Elijah Town, Sergt., a. 35, b. at Ox.; privates: Joseph Baker, a. 25, shop joiner, b. at Woodstock; Solomon Smellidge, a. 22, b. at Boston; Ebenezer Davis, a. 18, b. at Sutton; John Barnes, a. 19, blacksmith, b. at Boston; Elijah Curtis [N. Gore], a. 19, b. at Topfield; Hezekiah Eddy, a. 23, b. at Ox.; Samuel Manning, a. 17, b. at Salem; Jonathan Eddy, a. 20, b. at Ox. [son of Samuel, d. at Fort Edward]; Isaac Larned, Jr., a. 18, b. at Ox.; Caleb Barton, Jr., a. 20, tanner, b. at Ox.; Stephen Shumway, a. 20, b. at Ox.; Samuel Baker, a. 60, joiner, b. at Woburn; Josiah Kingsbury, a. 24 [son of Josiah], clerk, b. at Ox., d. 1756.

Jeremiah Learned was Ensign under his brother Ebenezer. John Wiley, Jr., and Joseph Phillips are on a previous roll, whether they were in service does not appear. A roll, 12 Oct., 1756, gives "Solomon Smellidge, dead; Stephen Shumway, sick; Isaac Larned, Jr., sick at Albany." In his petition to the General Court, 27 May,

1757, Isaac Larned says, "by reason of the small pox being there he was removed to a barn, and continued very sick . . . suffered very much by cold and hunger . . . I tarried with him about a week and nursed him and then he died."<sup>1</sup> In May, 1757, Ebenezer Eddy and David Town, Jr., were voted pay for assisting "sick and dying" soldiers in returning from Crown Point expedition.<sup>2</sup> Caleb Barton was voted £3 for expenses to Fort William Henry, where his son Caleb d. 1756. Experience Stockwell's husband Ichabod was in Capt. Learned's company, set out for home, was taken sick at Sheffield and d. Nov., 1756; she was allowed £2. 2s.

**A roll** of Philip Richardson's Co. in Ruggles' Reg't, 26 Aug., 1756, gives Enoch Jones, Serg't, N. Gore, a. 22, b. at Sutton; Noah McIntire, a. 30; Philip McIntire, a. 58, both b. at Salem, both from Oxford, Charlton District, Capt. Dresser. A roll of Capt. Joshua Meriam, N. Gore, 26 Sept., 1758, gives Joshua Meriam, Capt., Uriah Stone, clerk, Isaac Hartwell, Robert Meriam, Hezekiah Eddy, Elijah Curtis, Ebenezer Lock—served three years, tradition—privates, from Oxford, N. Gore. These were in service Sept., 1757; marched to relieve the province forts, went to Sheffield, were out eight days, and returned.

The results of the campaign of 1756 were indecisive, through the inefficiency of Gen. Abercrombie. The year 1757 was disastrous to the colonial arms.

**Fort William Henry taken.** On 3 Aug., 1757, Gen. Montcalm with a large force besieged Fort William Henry which, with 2,372 men, after a hard struggle capitulated on the 9th. The surrender was followed by a wanton massacre of nearly 300 of our soldiers by the Indians. Dismay seized the people of Massachusetts, and on all hands the militia hastened to the rescue. The enemy did not, however, follow up his advantage, and the reliefs were ordered back. Detachments from the two Oxford companies marched 10 Aug. as far as Sheffield, 105 miles, and were out 16 days, as follows, first detachment, date of roll 18 Aug. :—

Edward Davis, Capt.; John Edwards, Lieut.; Jeremiah Learned, Ens.; Jedediah Barton, Sergt.; Joseph Edwards, Sergt.; John Town, Sergt.; Phinehas Ward, Corp.; Moses Town, Corp.; Alexander Nichols, Jacob Comins, Ebenezer Eddy, John Wiley, William Eddy, Joseph Phillips, Jr., Israel Phillips ("detached and sent to Stockbridge"), Daniel Fairfield, John Duncan, Hezekiah Merriam, Jr., Jonathan Phillips, Silas Town, Samuel Larned, Ebenezer Gale, Jr., Joseph Gleason, Samuel Eddy, Jr., Elisha Gleason, Moses Gleason, Jr., Joseph Goggins ("detached and sent to Stockbridge"), Josiah Wolcott, Aaron Parker, Edmund Town, Joseph Pratt, Jesse Pratt, Nathan Shumway, David Pratt, privates.

#### The second detachment :—

Samuel Davis, Capt.; John Larned, Capt.; Elisha Davis, Sergt.; John Nichols, Sergt.; Amos Shumway, Sergt.; William Parker, Sergt.; Jeremiah Shumway, Corp.; John Davis, Corp.; Thomas Town, Isaac Larned, Jonas

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Arch., LXXVII., '4. <sup>2</sup> Ibid., LXXVII., 30.

Coller, John Shumway, William Nichols, John Barton, Jonathan Fuller, Ichabod Town, Joseph Pratt, Jr., Stephen Jewett, Joseph Davis, Benjamin Hudson, John Marvin, Isaac Town, Adams Streeter, Arthur Humphrey, Peter Shumway, Joseph Kingsbury, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Roger Amidown, Abijah Harris, Zebulon Streeter, John Dana, Samuel Manning, John Watson, John Robbins, John Coburn, John Shumway, Jr., William Comins, William Learned, Joseph Wilson, John Moore, privates.

The company were mounted and marched under Capt. Davis to Springfield and thence to Sheffield under Capt. Larned.<sup>1</sup>

In October, 1757, Capt. John Larned with 29 men, of whom 12 were of Oxford, called the "Minute expedition," marched as far as Westfield, being out from Oct. 20 to Nov. 11, three weeks and two days. Roll :

John Larned, Capt.; Jonathan(?) Nichols, Lieut.; Jacob Cummins, Sergt.; Jeremiah Shumway, Corp.; Joseph Davis, John Duncan, Ebenezer Fish, Nathan Moore, Ebenezer Eddy, William Lamb, John Nichols, Elijah Larned, Arthur Humphrey, privates.

A return of men enlisted in John Chandler's regiment for the invasion of Canada under Gen. Amherst, 1758, gives :

John Bogle, a. 32; Elijah Town, a. 40; Abraham Pratt, a. 19; William Lackey, a. 28, Serg. [was granted land]; Joseph Goggins, a. 19;<sup>2</sup> Moses Town, a. 37; Solomon Comings, a. 18; Samuel Streeter, a. 17; Abijah Gale, a. 30 [served several years,—tradition]; John Duncan, a. 53; Nathan Moore, a. 32; David Town, a. 24; John Ballard, a. 28; Abel Leavens, a. 17; Peter Shumway, a. 24; Jonathan Phillips, a. 24; Elijah Larned, a. 19; Richard Moore, 3d, a. 22; Zebulon Streeter, a. 21; all of Oxford.

On a roll of Capt. Newhall's company, Leicester, are Joseph Goggins, Joseph Kingsbury, Israel Phillips, Zebulon Streeter, all of Oxford.<sup>3</sup>

In 1760 Micah Pratt represented that his son David was, in 1758, sick at Half-moon, 160 miles distant; that he hired a horse, carried provision for himself and horse and got his son home; lost 13 days' time and used 1 gal. of rum. Paid 34s. 4d. June, 1760, Edward Davis' son Edward was in Jeremiah Learned's company, sick at Ticonderoga; he went for him and got him home. Allowed £1. 19s. 4d. March, 1761, Ebenezer Eddy's son Thomas in service under Capt. White in 1758, was sick; his father went for him; he so far recovered as to enlist again in 1759 under Jeremiah Learned; was sick again and came home. Received £3. Peter Shumway in the Canada expedition, 1759, was sick. Paid March, 1761, 12 shillings. Same date Benjamin Fitts asked pay; marched for relief of Fort

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Arch., XCV., 518, 536.

<sup>2</sup> Goggins was in Capt. White's company and served through the campaign. In Feb., 1761, he had been 38 weeks, five days in Capt. McFarland's company, and that month re-enlisted for further service.

<sup>3</sup> The following is extant:

"Charlton Apl 15 day 1758.

"These may serly whome It may Concern That

Capt Isaac Hartwell of the Country Gore Has  
hired Nathaniel Eustis of the above sd Charlton  
to Go into his Majesty's Service In the Expedit-  
tion against Canada In his mans Room Ebnezer  
Lamson by Name and I Accept him in sd lam-  
son's Room.

"JONATHAN TUCKER, Cap."

William Henry—name left off the roll. Granted 24 shillings. David Town, Jr., asked aid on account of sickness. Granted 35 shillings, Nov., 1761. Nearly all these sums were paid to Capt. Edward Davis for the petitioners.

**Canada surrendered.** In July, 1758, Louisburg, the key of the Canadas, was taken. In July, 1759, Niagara yielded, and a few weeks later Ticonderoga was surrendered and consequently Crown Point abandoned. On 13 Sept. came Wolfe's victory at Quebec. On 6 Sept., 1760, Gen. Amherst sat down with a large force before Montreal, and two days later French dominion in Canada ended, and “all that magnificent structure which the genius of Champlain and the patient labors of the French Jesuits had devotedly raised, vanished.”

**A roll** of Capt. Jeremiah Learned's company, 6 Feb., 1760, includes the following :—

Jeremiah Learned, Captain; Jonathan Holman of Sutton, Lieut.; William Lamb, Samuel Learned, Reuben Barton, Corporals; David Pratt, Jr., Thomas Eddy, Edward Davis, Jr., Hezekiah Meriam, Jr., Samuel Manning, Jr., Ebenezer Lamb, privates; all of Oxford.

This company, most of the members of which were from Sutton and Charlton, was in 1760, at Ticonderoga.

Other Oxford men known to have been in the service were :—

Israel Whitney in Cape Breton exp., 1745; Jonas Gleason, Cape Breton expedition, Jan., 1752; William Campbell in Louisburg expedition, 1758; Naphtali Streeter, 1759; Richard Rogers, the schoolmaster, 1760; Edmund Barton, Samuel Call. Jacob and Josiah Town, sons of Dea. Jonathan, were at Fort Edward, 1755, and Jacob d. there. John Streeter d. 28 Nov., 1756, at Sheffield. Benjamin Davis, Lieut., served many months. [Samuel Jennison, Lieut. in 1756, not from Oxford.]

On a roll of Capt. McFarland's company, 3 Feb., 1761, are :

Abijah Gale, Micah Pratt, Abraham Pratt, Nathaniel Smith, Reuben, son of Oliver Shumway, William Lackey and Joseph Guggins, all of Oxford, who had then served from 35 to 38 weeks each.

At this date the war was nominally ended, but Massachusetts raised a force of 3,000 men early in 1761.

After the close of the war in the first regiment, Worcester County militia, March, 1763, were officers from Oxford as follows :

Edward Davis, Major. *First Oxford Co.*, Elisha Davis, Capt.; John Nichols, Lieut.; William Larned, Ensign. *Second Oxford Co.*, Jeremiah Learned, Capt.; Jedediah Barton, Lieut.; John Town, Jr., Ensign—in 1771, Edward Davis, Major. *First Oxford Co.*, Elisha Davis, Capt.; Ephraim Ballard, First Lieut.; William Watson, Second Lieut.; Thomas Town, Ensign. *Second Oxford Co.*, Joseph Phillips, Capt.; Samuel Eddy, Lieut.; Isaac Putnam, Ensign.

**French Neutrals.** A source of perplexity to the government at the beginning of the war in 1755 was the plantation of French in Nova Scotia. The number of these has been variously stated, the lowest estimate being 7,000. Though British subjects their sympa-

thies were with their fellow-countrymen and it was charged that they furnished them with provisions and other means of carrying on the contest. After consultation the Governor and Council determined to remove them by force. Their lands and other property were declared forfeited, and from the town of Grand Pré alone nearly 2,000 were removed. Some escaped, but to prevent their subsistence the country was laid waste and buildings destroyed.<sup>1</sup>

"Where is the thatched roof village, the home of Acadian farmers,  
Men whose lives glided on like rivers that water the woodland  
Darkened by shadows of earth, but reflecting the image of heaven?  
Waste are their pleasant farms, and the farmers forever departed!  
Scattered like dust and leaves, when the mighty blasts of October  
Seize them and whirl them aloft, and sprinkle them far o'er the ocean.  
Naught but tradition remains of the beautiful village of Grand pré."<sup>2</sup>

**Sent to the towns.** These people were "scattered like dust and leaves" throughout the colonies. About 1,000 were brought to Massachusetts, sent to the towns and bound out to service. Sixty-three came to Worcester County, a large family named Dugar to this region, two of its members to Sturbridge, three to Oxford, two to Charlton and two to Dudley. They experienced many hardships, families were separated, and being Roman Catholics prejudice existed against them and they were treated little better than slaves.<sup>3</sup> A petition for redress was sent to the General Court, signed by nine persons from several towns, among them Claude Bennois of Oxford, as follows, [translation] :—

"To his Excellency the Governor General of the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, and to the honorable Gentlemen of the Council,

"We have taken the liberty to present to you this Request, inasmuch as we are in Grief on account of our Children. The loss we have suffered [in being deprived] of our habitations and brought hither, and in our Separations from one another, is as Nothing Compared with that which we experience now, in having our Children taken by force before our very eyes. Nature itself cannot endure this. Were it in our Power to take our Choice, we would choose sooner to yield up our Bodies and our Souls than to be separated from them. Wherefore we beseech you and your honours, that you would have the goodness to appease this Cruelty. We do not by any means Refuse to work for the support of our Children provided it be endured for our families [intact]. Beseeching you that you would have the goodness to regard our Request: thus doing You will oblige Your very humble and very obedient servants."

On this petition it was ordered that the selectmen "desist from binding out any of them—that houses be provided for each family so they may keep together," and if any should be bound out "the assent

<sup>1</sup> Eminent writers have characterized this action of the authorities as unjustifiable and cruel in the extreme.

<sup>2</sup> Evangeline, the heroine of this poem, was the daughter of the wealthiest farmer of Grand Pré. Mr. Longfellow wrote: "The poem of Evangeline is only historical as it is based on the fact of the dispersion of the Acadians. The story itself is a tradition—the details and the name are of my own invention."

<sup>3</sup> By a law passed 10 June, 1756, selectmen and overseers of the poor were "ordered to keep the French People from Idling and Wandering about," and that none be permitted to travel from town to town without the leave of two, either of the selectmen or overseers of the poor. Prov. Laws, III., 960.

of two justices of y<sup>e</sup> peace in y<sup>e</sup> County be first had thereon, and all of them treated with kindness and humanity." Passed by the Council 15 April, 1756. House of Representatives concurred 17 April, 1756.<sup>1</sup>

**Claude Bennois.** On 2 Feb., 1757, Gludo Benway [Claude Bennois, signer of the foregoing petition from Oxford<sup>2</sup>] represented to the General Court that he and his family were placed by the government at Cambridge and his children were by the selectmen of that town afterward sent to Mr. [Duncan] Campbell of Oxford, whither the petitioner and his wife followed them, that said Campbell dispersed their five children, whereupon the petitioner and his family fled to Newtown, that the selectmen of said town refused to do anything for them and "threaten to send them to Goal,"—praying the Court would provide some comfortable abode for them, they "being willing to do all in their Power to Support themselves." On this it was ordered that the selectmen of Newton be allowed to remove petitioners to Cambridge, where they were originally placed. The Council non-concurred, and on 8 Feb. voted that they be sent to Dunstable. On this the House of Representatives ordered the petition to "lie on the table," and Benway had no redress. On 11 April, 1757, Henry Gibbs, Esq., of Newton, asked of the Court that "Glude Benua his Wife and Five Children," lately sent to Oxford, and then of Newton be removed elsewhere—upon which it was ordered that they be sent to Dedham, that the selectmen of that town receive them "and govern themselves with regard to them according to law."<sup>3</sup>

**Campbell's Petition.** On 2 June, 1757, Duncan Campbell represented to the General Court "that the selectmen of Newton bound out to him five children of some of the late inhabitants of Nova Scotia, that on his placing them at Worcester their parents followed them there, and as the result they all went away"; asking allowance, on which was voted him 42 shillings, 3½ pence.

In November Mr. Campbell presented another memorial setting forth that:—

"last May session [he] preferred a petition to the honorable Court that £17. 13s. 4d. might be allowed [him] for transporting from Cambridge to Oxford and keeping some French Neutrals . . . from which [he] hath never received any profit or service, they refusing to work—that upon said petition said Court was pleased to allow [him] no more than 42s. 3½d.—that the honorable Board have sent your petitioners servants to the town of Dedham and so he is deprived of any service from them until this time, notwithstanding the great expense he was put to in maintaining them . . ."

He prays he may be allowed the remainder of his account "or that he may have an order from the honorable Court to take those that were bound to him from Dedham and compel them to work."

The chief item in his bill was for boarding the family at Capt. Thomas Stearns', Worcester. Upon this petition, on 20 March, 1758,

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Arch., XXIII., 49.

<sup>2</sup> This name furnishes another instance of the changes in the early times of the French "ois"

into "way," as in "Chamois" to "Shumway."

<sup>3</sup> Prov. Laws., III., 1059.

in the House of Representatives, five pounds, nine shillings and four pence were ordered paid, but the Council non-concurred.<sup>1</sup>

**Expenses.** On 26 Aug., 1757, a warrant was drawn to pay from the treasury of the colony £15. 6s. 6d. to the selectmen of Oxford for the support of "French from Nova Scotia sent there."<sup>2</sup>

A large family named LeBlanc came to Oxford.<sup>3</sup> Supplies from 10 March, 1758, to 24 May, 1759, were furnished them by Dr. Alexander Campbell, for which he sent a bill of £21 to the Legislature. From May, 1759, to March, 1760, Edward Davis, Esq., provided for them at an expense of £18. This family, father, mother and nine children, later removed to Brimfield.<sup>4</sup>

**Revolutionary War.** Two adverse influences combined to modify in a measure public action in the time of the Revolution; first, the existence to a considerable extent, especially in the north part of the town, of a sentiment opposed to the popular current; and second, the limited means of the people.<sup>5</sup> The majority, however, stood firmly together, and were heart and hand in the great movement, and although at times there was a lack of promptness, all demands for men and supplies were met.

In May, 1774, an article in a warning for a town meeting was as follows: "to see if the Town will give their Representative any Instructions concerning the Making good the Damage done in destroying the Tea in the Harbor of Boston sometime past." This article was "not brought to a vote." A warning dated 12 Sept., 1774, has an article "To see if the town will pass a resolve that they will keep strictly to our Province Laws made agreeable to our Charter and that we will support the Justices and other Officers of the Town in the Execution of their Offices agreeable to Said Laws, or act thereon." A postscript to this warrant expressed the desire of several leading citizens "that all the Officers and Soldiers may appear" at said meeting "in Order to Consider of Some Measures to be taken to Govern the Military Body of this town." The meeting was held 29 Sept., Edward Davis, Moderator, and passed the following:—

#### Resolves.—

"Resolved that as by the late acts of Parliament we are deprived of the Constitutional Laws of the Government of the Massachusetts Bay we will Indeavor so far as in us lies to Maintain and keep Peace & good order in this

<sup>1</sup> Province Laws, VI., 98.

<sup>2</sup> Council Rec., XII., 290.

<sup>3</sup> Perhaps the same as ordered 10 Sept., 1756, to be removed from Point Shirley to Needham. Prov. Laws, III., 1058.

<sup>4</sup> On 24 June, 1766, the House of Representatives, in response to a petition of Francis LeBlanc, ordered the sum of £5. 2s. 8d. to be paid from the treasury for a doctor's bill as set forth in said petition, and that Brimfield should show cause why said sum should not be added to its next province tax.

<sup>5</sup> To give an idea of the resources of the town, we copy from the valuation list of 1771, the returns of money at Interest: "Edward Davis, £200; Ebenezer Learned, £200; John Nichols, £100; William Davis, £50; Elisha Davis, £50; Isaac Hartwell, £80; John Larned, £65; Sylvanus Town, £25; William Nichols, £10; Jacob Shumway, £10; Amasa Kingsbury, £10; John Harwood, £12; Josiah Eddy, £6, total, £851; considerably less than \$5,000. In a State return, 1781, the amount of money on hand and at interest was given as £490.

Town and Support and uphold all Civil Officers in the Execution of their Offices so far as they conform themselves to the Charter Rights of this Government, and assist them duly to punish all offenders against the same laws and do bear Testimony against all Riots as well as against any number of men Collecting in Body's together to hurt the Personal Property of anyone.

*"Resolved* that we Ever have and will be True and Loyal Subjects of our most Gracious Sovereign George the 3d. King of Great Britain, so long as we are permitted the free Execution of our Charter Rights.

*"Resolved* that considering the present Alarming and Distrest Circumstances of this Province it is highly Necessary for the Militia Officers of this Town to Resign their Commissions and therefore do advise the said Officers to resign accordingly and for the Souldery as soon as may be to Elect the same Officers to take the Command of the Different Companys in this Town if they will accept and the Major Part of the Souldery shall Elect them and if any Refuse to Serve then to Chuse others Experienced in the arts of War in their Stead.

"Voted and Chose Doctor Alexander Campbell and Capt. Ebenezer Learned to Attend the Provincial Congress at Concord, the second tuesday of October next, or at any other Town in the Province that shall be agreed on. The foregoing Resolves are past with no other aim or View than to keep Peace and Order in this Town untill we can hear of Some Measures taken by the Continental Congress now sitting at Philadelphia to which we mean Strictly to Adhear."

In November a meeting was called "to hear some Resolves of the Grand Congress," and also of the Provincial Congress and act thereon. At this meeting Edward Davis was moderator. Adjourned to 16 Dec. "Then met" and voted "that the Province Tax in the hands of the Constables be paid into the town treasury, and the town will protect said Constables," and chose Lieut. William Campbell, Daniel Phillips and Lieut. Samuel Eddy a committee of inspection to see that the association of the Continental Congress be duly observed.<sup>1</sup>

**Minute-men.** In the warning for March, 1775, was an article "To see if the town will use all proper ways and means in a Constitutional way and manner to Defend themselves against any Invasion against them whatsoever: and Grant pay to the Minute-men so called or act thereon." On which it was voted "That we will in all Reasonable ways and means whatsoever Strive to maintain our Charter Rights and priveledgs by all Constitutional measures even to the Resque of our lives and property." "Voted That there shall be ten stands of fire arms fixed with Bayonets provided by the Select Men at the Cost of the Town and Kept for those that are not able to find themselves

<sup>1</sup>These articles of association were adopted in Continental Congress, 24 Oct., 1774. By them the members, for themselves and their constituents, "under the sacred ties of virtue, honor and love of country," agreed not to import or use English goods, not to import or purchase slaves, or tea brought from the East Indies, but to encourage the growing of wool, and the raising of finer breeds of sheep, to favor frugality, economy and industry and promote agriculture, the arts and manufactures among the people; to discourage dissipation, horse-racing, gaming,

shows, etc., to wear no mourning for deceased friends excepting crape on the hat, or black ribbons and necklaces for ladies, and to furnish no gloves at funerals; to take no advantage of a scarcity of an article to raise the price thereof, and to withdraw fellowship and patronage from all who did not adhere to the scales of prices which might be adopted. They also recommended that in every State, county and town committees be appointed to see that these articles be observed.

in arms in time of need." These provisions were for the "Minute men," who had been enlisted under an act of Provincial Congress, 26 Oct., 1774.

On 17 April, 1775, Col. Ebenezer Learned moderator, it was voted "that the Publick Money for 1773 be paid to Henry Gardiner, Esq.," receiver under the Provincial Congress. The town thus fully committed itself to the support of the new Provincial Government.

**Lexington Alarm.** Two days later at Concord and Lexington active hostilities began and the community was stirred by the preparations of its soldiers hastening to the scene of action. Ebenezer Learned was the leading spirit of the hour, and the minute men rallied under John Town as Captain, and with other companies in the vicinage, under Learned as acting Colonel soon joined the army near Boston.<sup>1</sup> They were, it appears, organized only as minute men until after the action of the Provincial Congress, which, on 23 April, issued a call for 13,500 men for eight months. The Committee of Safety urged their continuing in the service until permanent organization could be effected. "Beating papers," with an offer of Colonely, were immediately given to Learned, who distributed them to captains, by whom the men were enlisted. His regiment went into camp 19 May at Roxbury, and field and company officers' commissions were issued on the 23d.<sup>2</sup>

**Army supplies.** On 29 June, 1775, Provincial Congress sent to the towns a requisition for supplies for the army, including 13,000 coats which had been promised, one each, to the eight-months men. On 30 Aug. the selectmen sent to the public stores five shirts, five pairs of breeches and nine pairs of stockings, and on 16 Oct. 37 coats with the following notes:—

"As thro' want of flax we could not send our proportion of shirts, &c., but we have a prospect of getting our proportion of coats sometime in October, that was set upon Oxford."

"We have provided thirty-seven coats, containing one hundred and thirty-nine yards, and one-half—making thirty-seven coats, 4s. per coat £7. 8s. Total value £47. 1s. 9½d."<sup>3</sup>

**Independence.** In a warning, 6 July, 1776, was an article "to see if the Town will instruct their Representatives about Independence on Great Britain, or act thereon." The meeting was held 8 July at two days' notice, with Edward Davis as moderator. The action of Congress had been anticipated and the town voted "to advise their Representative in the General Court that if the Honorable Congress should for the safety of these Colonies declare them independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain, to Concur therewith,

<sup>1</sup> Some details of the part acted by these troops are given hereafter under "Gen. Learned in the Revolution."

<sup>2</sup> Temple, His. N. Brookfield.

<sup>3</sup> The average price of cloth was about 5s. per yard. James Brown the tailor cut these coats and made 20, "Mrs. Hurd" made five, "Mrs. Allen" four and "Mrs. Amidown" eight.

and that the said Inhabitants do solemnly engage with their Lives and fortunes to Support them in the Measure."<sup>1</sup>

In the previous March, William Campbell, Samuel Eddy and Amos Shumway had been chosen a Committee of Correspondence and Safety. At this meeting Reuben Lamb and Ezra Bowman were added. On 7 Feb., 1777, the selectmen were ordered to supply for the army shoes, stockings and shirts, one-seventh as many as there were inhabitants 16 years old and upward. We find no recorded action on this order. Feb. 24, 1777, at a town meeting, Col. Ebenezer Learned was moderator, voted to raise money to enlist the quota of soldiers now sent for to recruit the Continental Army; to add to the bounties offered by the American Congress and the "State," £14 to those enlisting for three years or during the war before any draft be made in the town. Voted and granted one thousand pounds "to be proportioned on the Polls and Estates," making allowance for past services in the present war, by actual service or hire; and chose Col. Ebenezer Learned, Reuben Lamb and Hezekiah Bellows a committee to adjudicate said services.

**Royalists.** June, 1777, the town was called to choose a person to "lay the evidence of the inimical dispositions of any in town to the 'United States of America,'" before the court as required by a recent law, and chose Daniel Griffith for this service. Three weeks later it was "voted to Dismiss those that were in the List suspected to be inimical to the States of America."

In Nov., 1777, Joshua Merriam, John Ballard and Andrew Patch were chosen to take care of soldiers' families, as required by a late law. In December it was voted to reconsider all action relating to raising money for soldiers, which appears to have been in anticipation of conforming to a new law of the Legislature.

**Dark days.** The summer of 1777 was a time of gloom and apprehension. The British army under Burgoyne was on its way southward from Canada, and the authorities were using every means to put men into the field to meet the emergency. The 28th day of August was observed in Massachusetts as a day of fasting and prayer for the success of the American arms. Hopes were kept up that as every movement of the enemy carried him further from his base he might in the issue be defeated. These hopes were later realized, and the crisis passed with victory on the side of the colonists. The clouds for the time lifted and the 18th of December the people met to give public thanks to Almighty God for His blessings on the cause.

On Jan. 1, 1778, it was voted to pay the town's proportion of the State money agreeably to a late act of Court.

<sup>1</sup> The proclamation of the Declaration of Independence was made in Massachusetts on this wise. In Council, July 17th, 1776, it was ordered that said declaration be printed and a copy sent to the minister of each parish in the State of every denomination, to be read the first Sunday

after its receipt at the close of divine service, after which it was to be delivered to the clerk of each town or district, who was required to enter it in the public records, "there to remain as a perpetual Memorial thereof." As such it stands on the Oxford records.

**Confederation.** At a meeting, 2 Feb., 1778, "to see if the town will Vote to accept the Terms of Confederation and Union as the Congress set forth and published," Duncan Campbell, moderator, it was "Voted to concur with the Confederacy proposed by the American Congress." As fitting action to accompany this declaration it was "voted to pay the sum of £880. 14s. 9d. into the state treasury: then the meeting was desolved."<sup>1</sup> Notwithstanding this praiseworthy action the town was behindhand in its quota of men. A few weeks later a return was made on an order of the General Court, 3 Feb., 1778, as follows: Whole number of male inhabitants in town, 16 years and upwards, 279, of which one-seventh was 40; there were in service 29, showing a deficiency of 11 men.<sup>2</sup>

On 17 June, 1778, the General Court passed a resolve that towns should furnish shirts, shoes and stockings for the army, of which Oxford's share was 28 each. In September the town voted to pay interest on money the selectmen might borrow to meet this demand, and also chose Joshua Merriam, Jonathan Pratt, Jr., and Ebenezer Coburn to provide for soldiers' families. In November £45 bounty was "voted to soldiers who went to Providence for 6 months last spring," and £200 for soldiers' families, also £213 "to buy clothing deficient last spring, and to pay for that provided by individuals." On 6 Jan., 1779, there were allowed to the town through William Hancock, selectman, by the authorities, 28 shirts, 28 pairs of shoes, 28 pairs of stockings, valued at £133.

As time passed the state of affairs became more critical and at the annual meeting for 1779, seven selectmen, Edward Davis, Esq., chairman, and five for a committee of "Correspondence, Inspection and Safety," Reuben Lamb, chairman, were elected. There was, however, little or no town action during the year on the subject of the war. In October and November authority was given the treasurer to borrow, not to exceed £700, for the use of soldiers' families.

**The Town fined.** By a vote of the Legislature, 9 June, 1779, any town which should on the last day of July be deficient in its quota of men was required to pay a fine of £350 for each man lacking. Oxford is in the list as deficient six men. There is a document in the State Archives,<sup>3</sup> without date, but of 1779 or early in 1780, from which we learn that previous to the time of its being drawn a requisition had been made for recruits of nine months' men, and that Oxford was in arrears and consequently fined £3,000. The selectmen demurred and in their memorial stated the town had raised one man more than had been credited, and furthermore represented that

"there is a Gore of land between Oxford and Connecticut that is ordered to do military duty in Oxford, whereby our proportion of Continental men is three or four more than would have been our 'cota,' and as they do not live

<sup>1</sup>This record is in an unusually bold handwriting of Dea. Samuel Harris, the town clerk, and evidently was written under the influence of the "Spirit of '76."

<sup>2</sup>Mass. Rolls, XLII, 51.

<sup>3</sup>CCCXVII., 124.

in Oxford we cannot tax them one farthing towards raising men . . . said Town hath completed every draft excepting this, and it is not for want of good will, but by reason of thirty-seven persons in town that refuse to take up arms by reason of their religious principles,"

which 37, with those in said Gore, amounted to "about one-third part of the Training Band and Alarm List in Oxford."

A committee to whom this was referred reported that Oxford had three men in the Continental army for which it had not had credit, and therefore recommended that £1,800 of the fine be remitted—which was voted 12 April, 1780. As there is no recorded action of the town on the subject we infer that the men were later furnished and no fine was exacted.<sup>1</sup>

**Army Supplies.** On 14 Oct., 1780, it was voted, in compliance with a resolve of the General Court, 15 Sept., "to raise 5,760 pounds of beef" for the army, which Sylvanus Town, Elisha Davis and Amos Shumway, Jr., were chosen to provide. On 1 Jan., 1781, the question of furnishing men and beef was again before the town, a requisition having been made on 4 Dec., 1780, for 12 men and 11,062 pounds of beef. Edward Davis, Alexander Campbell and Abraham Hill were chosen to petition the "General Assembly for some relief in our Taxes, and More particularly about our Quota of Men and Beef." At a meeting 5 Feb., 1781, it was voted not to "raise the Beef," but to furnish the men. In May the town again refused to furnish the beef, but on 19 July reconsidered the matter and chose Ezra Bowman, Reuben Lamb, John Dana, Sylvanus Town and Amasa Kingsbury a committee to provide it as required. Action was, however, so tardy that "Sundry Gentlemen" were threatened by the "Superintendent of the Commonwealth" with an execution to enforce the requisition. These refusals were much deprecated by the loyal citizens and an association was at once formed to meet, so far as possible, personal responsibility. The following is in the town archives :—

"An account of the names of the several persons in Oxford that when they found they could not obtain a vote in the town to raise the beef ordered by the General Court . . . being sensible of the great need of keeping up an army and supplying them well in the field, we associated together and raised money and paid the same into the hands of the agent to procure beef as by receipts will appear, to the full value of our proportion of said beef when carefully compared with the whole town: Edward Davis, Ebenezer Learned, Amos Shumway, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Joshua Merriam, Ezra Bowman, James Butler, John Ballard, Benjamin Hovey, Elias Pratt, Jonas Eddy, Samuel Harris, Ebenezer Humphrey, William Hancock, John Shumway, John Town,

<sup>1</sup> A plan often adopted in raising recruits for the army was by "classing." The tax payers were grouped by the assessors, the rich and poor in as equitable a manner as possible, in as many divisions as there were men to be raised, and each class was taxed to raise one man. This was found to be a very efficient method. The

custom is recognized in the following receipt:

"Leicester, Aug. 30, 1781, this day recvd one man for the town of Oxford to Serve in the army for three years for the clase wherof Mr. James Merriam is Clearman.

"SETH WASHBURN, Superint."

Josiah Kingsbury, David Newcomb, William Eddy, Ambrose Stone, Nathaniel Hamlin, Isaac Hartwell, Uriah Stone, Joshua Merriam, Jr., James Merriam, Asa Conant, William Everden, Jedediah Barton, Levi Davis, Joshua Turner, Joseph Hurd, John Pratt, Benjamin Shumway, Reuben Eddy, Wid. Content Hovey, Ebenezer Pray, Silas Eddy, John Nichols, Allen Hancock, Thomas Pratt, Josiah Shumway, Amos Shumway, Jr., Abisha Shumway, Peter Shumway, John Cariel, Bartholomew Woodbury, Samuel Rich, Jr., Daniel Harwood, Samuel Waters, Reuben Lamb, Paul Sibley, Jason Collier."

This may be regarded as a roll of honor. The amount which they contributed was sufficient to purchase, according to a memorandum attached to the list, 3,617 pounds of beef, leaving 7,445 pounds yet to be furnished by the town.

**Execution served.** The threatened execution was served and the balance of the beef consequently provided, as appears by the following document addressed to the assessors of Oxford:—

"Whereas we the subscribers, inhabitants of the town of Oxford some time past were arrested by one Benjamin Hovey a Sheriff's Deputy for the County of Worcester by virtue of an Execution issued by one Phelps, called superintendent for purchasing beef and dictated by one Col. Davis, said to be his agent; have paid to said agent 7573 pounds of beef which with the interest cost thirty three shillings per hundred; we do therefore hereby request the Gentlemen Assessors of the town of Oxford to assess the inhabitants of the town for said money and to be paid in equal proportion as the law directs.

ABRAHAM HILL;  
ELISHA DAVIS for self  
and Brother JOHN DAVIS,  
ALEX'R CAMPBELL."

"Oxford, June 25, 1782."

In the General Court, 4 Feb., 1784, on the certificate of Jacob Davis, agent of Oliver Phelps, that the town of Oxford had filled the requisition of 4 Dec., 1780, for beef for the army, "*Resolved* that the Execution against the town be stayed, and there be no further process thereon." The records of the General Court, 7 Oct., 1783, show that the town had been fined £214. 2s. 6d. for failing to furnish soldiers as required by resolve of Dec., 1780; but at that date it appearing that the town's quota had been filled it was ordered that the treasurer credit Oxford the amount of the fine in the next State tax. On 22 June, 1781, a third call for beef was made, which was promptly met. A return of clothing and supplies, in 1781, gives as received from Oxford, 19 pairs shoes, 19 pairs hose, 18 shirts, 10 blankets.<sup>1</sup>

The close of the war was now approaching. A receipt of Seth Washburn, superintendent, dated at Leicester, 27 Dec., 1781, acknowledges the filling of its quota of men for the public service by the town of Oxford. A call for four men from Oxford was issued in March, 1782, but we find no record of action upon it.

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Arch., CXL., 272.

**Incidentals.** In 1776, Stephen Streeter of Douglas, and two well-to-do Oxford farmers, were by the authorities of these towns, in the performance of their legal duties, ordered to march to reinforce the American army, and refused. On 14 Jan., 1777, the General Court considered a petition from these men stating that the selectmen, etc., of these towns, notwithstanding their claim to be Quakers, had on their refusal, as aforesaid, "thrown them into Worcester Goal," asking relief. The Court replied that as in the act calling for soldiers the duties of selectmen, etc., respecting Quakers had been pointed out, if there had been abuse or wrong it should be tried in a court of justice before a jury. We have no further light on this subject so far as concerns the Oxford men, but Streeter was persistent. [See Streeter.]

On 6 Jan., 1777, in the General Court it was resolved that Alexander Nichols shall have a hearing before the selectmen, company officers and Committee of Correspondence and Safety on his case. No record of hearing found. The State owned a large quantity of salt; by a resolve of the General Court a distribution of a part was made among the towns, Oxford receiving, June, 1777, 66 bushels at 10s. a bushel. Edward Davis of Oxford represented to the General Court that he had occasion for laborers in the "farming way" and requested that he might have one of the Brunswick prisoners "now on board the guard ship in Boston harbor."

"8 Oct., 1777. Ordered that the commissary of prisoners deliver to the petitioner one of said prisoners to be employed in his family as a servant if they should consent thereto, said Davis engaging to support them, allow them reasonable wages and return them when the Council call for them, and pay expenses of bringing them."<sup>1</sup>

George King and others stated to the authorities they had purchased salt in Massachusetts to take to Windsor, Conn., which was stopped by the committee of Oxford and taken; prayed for relief.—20 Aug., 1777, ordered the petition be granted and the committee "are directed to deliver the salt to the petitioner."<sup>2</sup> In the *Massachusetts Spy* of 16 Oct., 1777, Isaac Pratt gave notice that he was about to start for the army and would carry letters and bring returns at one shilling postage. 14 Feb., 1778, Jeremiah Kingsbury was voted by the State authorities £13. 10s., which sum had been sent to him to be expended for shoes, stockings, etc., for the army, but was lost in the burning of his house.

"Pascal Nelson Smith sheweth that John Grinnell of Fairfield, Conn., on 15 Sept., 1779, two teams loaded with tea which said Grinnell imported from Amsterdam, several barrels of Flour and Rum, some Dry Goods . . . and sundry family utensils all the same being for the use of the family of said Grinnell except the tea, Thaddeus Burr, Esq., and other inhabitants of Fairfield who were bought out by the enemy and are now suffering the want of—that the said teams were stopped at the town of Oxford several days before

<sup>1</sup> Arch., CLXXIII., 467. <sup>2</sup> Ibid., 357.

the Embargo was laid by the Honorable General Court, by the Committee of said town and the effects taken from them, and the owners of the teams obliged to return with them empty—that afterward the Committee of Oxford suffered the tea to go forward but they still detain the Sugar, Rum, Dry Goods and family utensils to the great detriment of the said Grinnell,” &c.—He asked relief. 15 Oct., 1779, “Ordered that said John Grinnell be and hereby is permitted to transport from Oxford to Fairfield, Conn., said goods and effects, any Embargo to the contrary notwithstanding.”<sup>1</sup>

In 1783 Capt. John Town obtained judgment in court against the town for £136, “paid for procuring soldiers” in 1777.

Supplies in the line of shoes, stockings, shirts, etc., could not be had on contract as at the present day. Requisitions were therefore made for them on the towns as for men. Some orders sent to Oxford were, 20 Jan., 1777, 14 blankets; 17 June, 1778, shoes, stockings and shirts, 28 each; June, 1779, do., 28 each; May, 1780, do., 20 each and 10 blankets; June, 1781, do., 19 each.

**Demands of the war.** Revolutionary papers of Isaac Hartwell remain, and are interesting documents, suggesting what the great struggle meant financially to one who did not enter the ranks. The following payments are indicated, there may have been others: On 24 July, 1776, £7 “for hiring Samuel White for the service.” White served three years in Capt. Moore’s Co. On 23 Sept., 1777, £15 fine, he having been drafted for eight months; 21 July, 1779, £30 “for a man to serve in Road island” until 1 Jan. following; 13 Jan., 1781, £320 [currency] towards hiring three months men the previous June; 18 Jan., 1781, he received an order for “foore Boushels of Rye,” to be his discharge towards raising three months men July previous; 2 March, 1781, £224. 14s. “towards raising the 6 mos. men last June”; 7 April, 1781, £20. 3s. “hard money,” towards paying Samuel White for three years, “agreeable to act of the Assembly”; 18 July, 1781, “Six silver dollars for the hire of three-months men to West Point, N. Y.”

**Revolutionary soldiers.** The largest call of Massachusetts for men (after April, 1775, when 13,500 were required) was on 25 June, 1776, when 5,000 were called for, Oxford’s quota 23; some later calls were, 8 June, 1779, for 2,000, Oxford 6; 5 June, 1780, for 3,934, Oxford 13; 4 Dec., 1780, Oxford 12; 30 June, 1781, for 3,000, Oxford 9; March, 1782, for 1,500, Oxford 4.

The list of Oxford men must be for the present imperfect. From the incomplete rolls in the office of Secretary of State and other sources the following have been gathered. Capt. Town’s Co., Col. Learned’s Reg., marched 20 April, 1775, on the “Lexington Alarm”:

John Town, Capt.; Daniel Hovey, Lieut.; Thomas Fish, Sec. Lieut.; Richard Ferrars, Serg. [deserted 11 Sept., 1775]; Samuel Manning, Serg.; Arthur Humphrey, Corp.; Phinehas Allen, John Ballard, Samuel Baker, William Bogle, John Campbell, Daniel Sabin, Abijah Harris, William Foster, Joshua Turner, Allen Hancock, John Hudson [served 3 yrs., trad.], Robert

Manning, Elias Pratt [later Capt., served through the war], Ebenezer Shumway, Anthony Sigourney, Timothy Sparhawk, David D. Town, Jonas Pratt, Jr., Haines Learned [disch. 17 Sept., 1775], Abraham Merrifield, Amasa Allen; total, 7 officers, 21 privates.

In May there was a reorganization of troops. William Campbell, previously in Capt. Craft's cavalry Co., Sturbridge, was made captain of the Oxford company, and the following additional names appear that year on its rolls:—

Sylvanus Town, Serg., from Craft's company: Abner Shumway, drummer; Moses Coburn, Jonathan Marsh [S. Gore], Thomas Bogle [took the place of Asa Larned, disch.], Frost Rockwood, Thomas McKnight, Jason Coller, James H. Parker, John Conant, John Fessenden, Josiah Eddy, Moses Knowland [S. Gore]. Paul Thurston, from Craft's company, Will [a negro, servt. of Campbell? disch. 5 Oct., 1775].

In Col. Learned's Reg., April, 1775, were also in Craft's Co., cavalry, Sturbridge, William Campbell, Lieut.; Levi Davis, Joseph Hurd, Sylvanus Town, Paul Thurston, John Walker, William Moore.

In Capt. Curtis' Co., 1775, Robert Manning, corp. [transferred from Town's Co.], Stephen Griffith, corp., d. 31 July, 1775, Daniel Griffith, Isaac Pratt, Joseph Streeter, Moses Town, Elias Town, John Mellen, Samuel Learned, Phinehas Allen, Benjamin Edwards.

In Capt. Healy's Co., 1775, William Moore, serg., transferred from Craft's Co., Curtis Dixon, Aaron Wakefield, Amos Wakefield.

In Capt. Green's Co., Oct., 1775, Asa Meriam, Samuel Stone. At Dorchester, 1775, for 3 months, in Dike's Reg., Richardson's Co., Ebenezer Fish, Samuel Kingsbury.

In Whitney's Reg., Carriel's Co., 4 mos. at least, 1776, at Hull, Sampson Marvin, corp., William Jordan, Jedediah Blaney, Richard Moore, Moses Town, Elisha Town, Amos Parsons, Moses Knowland.

In Guild's Co., Whiting's Reg., 1776, Nathaniel Wyman.

In Craft's Reg., Art. Todd's Co., 1776, Elisha Livermore, bombardier, three months. This was not the limit of his service.

In Tyler's Reg., Ferrer's Co., Dec., 1776, Daniel Fisk.

The following enlisted early in 1777 for 3 years or during the war: Benjamin Wakefield, Josiah Eddy, corp., John Hudson, corp., Joseph Cody, corp., Peter Shumway, drummer, Moses Knowland, Richard Moore, William Jordan, David Town, all in Capt. Moore's Co.<sup>1</sup> In Webb's Co., Sylvanus Learned, serg., Noah Harkins, serg., John Harvey, David Manning.

Capt. Jeremiah Kingsbury's Co., Col. Jonathan Holman's Regt., Providence, 20 Jan., 1777, roll:—

Jeremiah Kingsbury, Capt.; Silas Town, Lieut.; Jonas Pratt, Levi Davis, Jonas Eddy, Allen Hancock, Sergts.; William Hudson, John Pratt, Amos Shumway, Ebenezer Shumway, Corp's; Zaccheus Ballard, John Rawson, Joseph Kingsbury, John Allen, John Larned, Josiah Shumway, Curtis Dixon, Sampson Marvin, John White, Amos Wakefield, Thomas Wolcott, Jesse

<sup>1</sup> Moore, first a private in Craft's troops, Sturbridge, was promoted and served through the war.

Gleason, Nathan Pratt, Reuben Eddy, Jonathan Coolidge, Elisha Town, Sylvanus Learned, Jesse Pratt, Jesse Merriam, Samuel Stone, Joseph Sparhawk, Aaron Parker, Jonathan Merriam, Jonas Davis, Benjamin Hovey, William Lamb. Time in camp 43 days.

A detachment of this company was again in service beginning 27 Sept., 1777, "when the Militia marched to Reinforce General Gates' Army at the Northward Agreeable to an order of the General Court." They were out 30 days and marched 158 miles. Roll :—

Jeremiah Kingsbury, Capt.; John Ballard, Lieut.; Ebenezer Coburn, Haines Learned, Sergts.; Jonas Eddy, Allen Hancock, Corps.; John Larned, Aaron Parker, Jesse Pratt, Joseph Rockwood, Jesse Merriam, William Nichols, Nathan Pratt, John Rawson, Ambrose Stone, Jonas Davis, David Stone, Abraham Fitts, Amos Shumway, Anthony Sigourney.

Jesse Stone of Oxford was captain of a company which marched on the "Bennington Alarm," and was out from 19 July to 29 Aug., 1777. There were no Oxford men in the ranks.

A reinforcement for Gates' army, in service from 1 Aug. to 29 Nov., 1777, was commanded by Abijah Lamb under Col. Cushing, believed to have been in the Saratoga battles. The roll is as follows :—

Abijah Lamb, Capt.; Ebenezer Humphrey, Sylvanus Town, Lieuts.; Elijah Larned, Arthur Humphrey, Sergts.; Dana Town, Timothy Sparhawk, Corps.; Thomas Baker, Jonathan Coolidge, Jason Coller, Ebenezer Davis, John Fitts, Joseph Hurd, Isaac Larned [a family record says Isaac Larned was bombardier in Capt. Todd's Art. Company], Jonathan Merriam, Samuel Stone [commissary], Elias Town, Isaac Larned, Jr., privates.

In Sparhawk's Reg., Chase's Co., at Dorchester, 1778, Jesse Hill, David Smith, Isaac Anabell.

Drafted in 1778, Jonathan Fuller, John M. Jewell, Eleazer Stowell.

In 1778, 9 months in Capt. Kingsbury's company, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Capt.; Eleazer Stockwell, David Chamberlin, Uriah Carpenter.

In Tyler's Reg., Fish's Co., Tiverton, R. I., Dec., 1779, 6 mos., Thomas Fish, Capt.; Ebenezer Coburn, Lieut.; Abisha Shumway, Jacob Works, Samuel Atwood.

In a list of "new levies," 1780, 6 months' men, are Thomas Wolcott, Moses Baker, Elisha Town, David Town, Jacob Nichols, James Atwood, Samuel White, Noah Dodge, Samuel Killey. On the rolls for the same year appear also Samuel Wiley, Jacob Winslow, Joseph Atwood, Benjamin Turner.

A pay roll, Capt. Ebenezer Humphrey, Col. Jacob Davis; company marched 30 July, 1780, to Rhode Island "on the alarm" :—

Ebenezer Humphrey, Capt.; Levi Davis, Lieut.; Joshua Turner, Sec. Lieut.; Joseph Hurd, Ebenezer Humphrey, Jr., John Campbell, Amos Shumway, Sergts.; Benjamin Shumway, Jonathan Coburn, David Stone, Samuel Stone, Corps.; Lemuel Cudworth, fifer; Philip Amidown, Ezekiel Coller, Thomas Campbell, Solomon Covel, Jonas Davis, Simon Gleason, Nathaniel Hamlin, Jonathan Harris, Gideon Hovey, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Reuben Lamb,

John Nichols, Jonas Pratt, Thomas Parker, Nathan Pratt, Ebenezer Redding, Moses Rowell, Timothy Sparhawk, Josiah Shumway, Sylvanus Town, Archibald Todd, Ambrose Stone, privates. Isaac Larned was in this expedition in another company. Time of service about 13 days.

In Drury's Reg., Reuben Davis' Co., 1781, were William Tucker, Corp.; John M. Jewell, James Atwood, Ebenezer Stone, Phinehas Jones, Jonas Cummings.

In Thomas' Reg., Elliott's Co., R. I., 1781, Lemuel Cudworth, served 4 m. 12 d.

The following list, without date, but near the close of the war, gives names of men in the Continental army from Oxford with time of service:—<sup>1</sup>

Richard Moore, <sup>2</sup>	44 m. 17 d.	invalid.	Capt. Moore.
Jedediah Adams,	7 " 13 "	killed.	" Wiley.
Zaccheus Ballard,	37 " 15 "		" Moore.
Josiah Eddy,	48 "		" "
William Foster,	36 " 27 "		" "
John Florey,	48 "		" "
John Fessenden,	9 " 5 "	dead.	" Coburn.
Jesse Forsyth,	46 " 22 "		" Wiley.
Adonijah Gleason,	40 " 17 "	deserted.	" Moore.
John Hudson,	48 "		" "
William Jordan,	36 "		" "
Moses Knowland,	45 " 26 "	invalid.	" "
Sylvanus Learned,	45 " 9 "		" Wells.
Samuel Putney,	38 " 27 "	deserted.	" Moore.
Ebenezer Robbins,	37 "		" "
Peter Shumway,	45 " 7 "		" "
David Scanning,	47 "		" Coburn.
William Steward, <sup>3</sup>	10 " 17 "		" Pierce.
Moses Town,	35 " 15 "	invalid.	" Moore.
David Town (son of David),			" Fowle.
Samuel White,	36 " 22 "		" Moore.

George Robinson, son-in-law of Gen. Learned, was in his brigade and killed, it is said, at Saratoga.<sup>4</sup> Reuben, brother of George Robinson, was also in the service and died of fever in 1776.

The following names, gathered from pension rolls and other sources, by Rev. H. Bardwell, D.D., are given in Ammidown's Historical Collections:—

Benjamin Vassal [said to have served through the war], David Lamb, Ebenezer Pray, adjutant [served 3 years—tradition], William Simpson, George Alverson, Caleb, son of John Barton, Abijah Kingsbury, James Meriam, Elisha Blanding [3 years], Francis Blanding, Jonas Blanding, Arthur Daggett [Sutton], Elisha Ward, —— Sewall, Richard Coburn, Jacob Larned, Silas Eddy, Solomon Cook, Elijah Kingsbury.

<sup>1</sup> Printed Con. Army Books, 1777 to 1780.

<sup>2</sup> His time of service was from 5 April, 1777, to 22 Dec., 1780, at which date he was discharged as an invalid. Capt. Moore's Co. was in 4th Reg., Col. Shepard.

<sup>3</sup> William Stuart, tailor, of Oxford was in

Pierce's Co., Col. Bigelow's Regt., 26 Feb., 1780.

<sup>4</sup> When he was about to die he said to Adjutant Pray, who was attending him, "Ebenezer, take good care of Deborah," referring to his wife. Pray heeded the charge, and married her soon after returning home.

Joseph Kingsbury was drafted in 1777, and Samuel, his son, went in his stead and was in the Saratoga battles.

Josiah, son of Jeremiah Kingsbury, joined the army at 16 years of age in 1775 and served till the close of the war: was acting quartermaster under Arnold at West Point, and ensign when discharged.

Others were as follows: James Hovey Davis, Samuel Jennison, Lieut. and Quartermaster Nixon's Brig. at Saratoga battles; David, son of John Barton, sick at Richmond after Cornwallis' surrender; William, son of Benjamin Eddy, Parley, son of William Eddy, six months; Jacob Fellows, Abijah, son of Abijah Gale, Brewer's Reg., d. in service; Jesse Gale, his bro., k. 24 March, 1780; Hezekiah Larned, marched from Upton on Lexington alarm; Abijah Conant, son-in-law of Capt. John Nichols, went as servant to Nichols, d. in service; John Twichell, grandson of Benoni; Gideon Sibley, from Sutton on Lexington alarm; Abijah and Elihu, sons of David Thurston, in the same company and both k. in the same battle, Aug. (?), 1777; Jedediah Adams, seven mos., in Wiley's Co., killed; Phinehas Barton, Capt. John Nichols, joined the army 1777; Andrew Sigourney, in battle at White Plains and others, commissary with rank of Capt.; Anthony Sigourney in same Reg., Nathan Atwood, Elijah Shumway, John Bowers, Benjamin Rider, Adams Sully, William Stowell, Joseph Phillips.

On 29 Sept., 1777, Ezra Bowman was appointed by the Legislature Adjutant of the Fifth Regiment and entered the service, continuing until April, 1781, at least.

**General Learned.** On 21 Sept., 1774, at a convention at Worcester to consider public affairs, a resolution was passed recommending the reorganization of the militia of the county. Accordingly a meeting of the "commission officers" of the 2nd Regiment was held 5 Oct., 1774, at Oxford, at which the following were chosen:—

EBENEZER LEARNED of Oxford, Colonel.<sup>1</sup>

TIMOTHY SIBLEY of Sutton, Lieut.-Colonel.

DANIEL PLIMPTON of Sturbridge, First Major.

WILLIAM LARNED of Dudley, Second Major.

Learned had previously been elected delegate to the provincial Congress at Concord, and on 12 Jan., 1775, he was again chosen to the same body at Cambridge. During the autumn and winter of 1774-5 with his fellow-officers he was active in military preparations, and when in April the first alarm of war sounded, was ready for action. On the 21st of April, 1775, two days after the first engagement, we find him at Cambridge at the head of his command prepared for service. He was ordered to Roxbury, under Gen. Thomas, where he remained as reserve and doing guard duty during the siege of Boston. Samuel Bixby of Sutton, one of his men, kept a diary during the eight months spent here, and thus describes the battle of

<sup>1</sup> A change was subsequently made and Learned placed in command of the Third Mass. Regiment.

**Bunker Hill:—**

June 17, Saturday.—Col. Putnam with a large party went on to a hill in Charlestown, called Bunker's Hill, last night to entrench, and this morning the British discovered him and commenced firing at the men on the hill. A heavy fire was opened at Col. Putnam from the ships and also from the fortifications in Boston. The Regulars went over in barges in great numbers and landed in Charlestown to attack Col. Putnam. Our men returned the fire smartly, and the battle appeared to rage fiercely. The entrenchments were not quite completed, and our men having spent their ammunition still defended themselves bravely, but were obliged to retreat. The regulars set houses on fire and did all manner of mischief, but Col. Putnam retreated to another hill and went to entrenching there, while the British kept up a constant fire upon him.

About noon we fired an alarm, and rung the bells in Roxbury and every man was ordered to arms as an attack was expected, Col. Learned marched his regiment up to the meeting house and then to the burying yard, which was the alarm post, where we laid in ambush with two field pieces placed to give it to them unawares should the regulars come. About 6 o.c. the enemy drew in their sentries and immediately a heavy fire was opened from the fortification. The balls whistled over our heads and through the houses . . . The enemy threw bombshells hourly into Roxbury during the night. Col. Learned ordered his regiment to encamp in the safest place and we encamped behind a hill.

June 29, Thursday. Haynes Learned [son of the Col.] crept down to near the regular's guard last night, and fired at one of the sentries, and dropt him.

July 5, Wednesday. Both of the new generals, Washington and Lee came into town [Roxbury] to day.

Nov. 23. Provincial Thanksgiving day. Rev. Mr. Bowman of Oxford preached to us at the Col.'s as usual. Text Ps. 101, 1 v.

Dec. 12. Several companies of militia arrived in Roxbury to day and joined Col. Learned's regiment.

Dec. 25. No chaplain in Col. Learned's regiment at present.

Jan. 1. Paraded, had our guns inspected and returned our ammunition. . . .

Jan. 2. This morning drums beat for prayers and we attended after which the Col. dismissed us with honor.<sup>1</sup>

**Evacuation of Boston.**

A crisis in the siege was reached on the 16th of March, 1776, when Gen. Washington sent a strong detachment of men to fortify Nook's Hill. This decided Howe at once to evacuate, and on Sunday the 17th he began the embarkation of his army. Preparations were at once made in the American camp to enter the town. Putnam marched to Bunker Hill, and Ward with five hundred troops from Roxbury, under the immediate command of Col. Learned, who unbarred and opened the gates, entered the town in that direction.<sup>2</sup>

After the evacuation Learned, with his command, remained about two weeks on the highlands south of the town where he could observe the movements of the British fleet. On 20 March, Gen. Greene issued the following order: "Col. Learned is directed to man six whale boats every night while the enemy remain in the harbor, whose duty it is to row about and make discoveries of any movement of the enemy, that the garrison may be apprised thereof." On April 2

<sup>1</sup> Mass. His. Soc. Proceedings for 1877. This was a dismissal of the eight months men, whose time then expired.

<sup>2</sup> Frothingham.

Learned and his regiment were relieved from duty at Dorchester Point, and were soon after ordered with the main body of the army to the defence of New York. The next record found of him in military life is of date 2 May, 1776, when he writes from that place to Gen. Washington as follows:—

**Learned to Gen. Washington.**

"Sir, with regret I must humbly represent my case. Being so indisposed in body that I am absolutely rendered unfit to serve the much injured and distressed publick with the alacrity and usefulness I could wish, or the importance of the cause requires; yet my hearty and greatest wish is that your Excellency may receive renown, and the United Colonies' arms still be distinguished with success and victory, and in God's own time every worthy member in the struggle return to and enjoy his own habitation in peace. But at present must request to absent myself from the Army in the manner your Excellency shall prescribe; and if it should be thought most expedient I should be dismissed the Continental service, if my past conduct is equal, should pray I may be dismissed with honor and supported home. In obtaining this I shall have fresh instances of your Excellency's favor; and lay me under new obligations ever to remain your very humble servant

"EBENEZER LEARNED."<sup>1</sup>

Addressed

To the Hon. His Excellency

GEO. WASHINGTON, Esq.

The action of Gen. Washington upon this we do not find, but it is certain that Gen. Learned retired from the service May, 1776, on account of ill health.

Early in 1777 a call was made upon Massachusetts for 15 battalions to reeruit the army. In the House of Representatives, 6 Feb., 1777, choice was made of officers for these troops as follows:—

Ebenezer Learned, Esq., Colonel; Timothy Bigelow, Lieut.-Col.; David Bradish, Major. Learned declined the honor on the ground that his commission did not bear equal date with others in similar service. In closing his reply he says:—

"Also in justice to Colonel Bigelow I am bound to say when considering his past services, his knowledge in discipline, so very necessary at this time, as also the great confidence that will be put in him in the County of Worcester, it would in my opinion much facilitate the raising of the Regiment if your Honors would see fit to appoint him to the chief command."

A commission for Learned was filled and signed by John Hancock, "President," and forwarded to him, which he returned, saying he could not accept it unless his commission could bear date equal to other officers.

**Appointed General.** What means were used later to secure his promotion is not apparent. Evidently he was held in high regard by men of influence, as on 2 April, 1777, Congress voted his appointment as Brigadier-General. Here he did not hesitate, but accepting the honor he soon joined the northern army under Gen. Schuyler, and in the campaigns of that eventful year distinguished himself as a

<sup>1</sup> Force's Arch., 4th series, V., 1174.

soldier, and placed his name unquestionably among those of the bravest and most efficient officers in the American army. His first service under his new commission was at Fort Edward, whence he proceeded to Fort Ticonderoga, where he secured and removed valuable stores before that fort was taken by Burgoyne in his progress southward. On 8 July, 1777, he was in command at Fort Edward, at which date he addressed the following :—

### Learned to Schuyler.

“ HON<sup>D</sup> AND DEAR S<sup>r</sup>:

“ I have the agreeable Tidings that our Men at Fort Ann are full of Resolution to Defend the Place and I am Supplying every Request from there yesterday after Noon the Enemy appeared in sight our People out and attacked them and Drove them 3 miles—Saw them carrying off Dead & wounded—the Enemy consisted of Hessians, Canadians, & Indians we had 1 man Killed 3 Wounded—

“ from Fort George we are informed that the Enemy have made appearance 7 miles from there on an island—3 bateaux and 1 canoe—and Since we are drove to the great Necessity to Defend ourselves in this bare Handed and confused Situation we are Struggling to do it in the best manner we can. Have but very little Artillery and that unmounted—but very little lead Balls—but very few Tools for fortifying—no Tents more but few Kettles &c &c—but in the midst of these Difficulties we find the great Importance of Defending this last security of our Country which God Grant we may never give up though at Present are very Defenceless—I would ask your Particular Orders and advice in this Critical Time—I have made all Dispatch to remove the most valuable stores from Fort George not with any Design to leave it—but find the Necessity to save what few Medicines &c we have left.

“ This moment received from Fort Ann: the Enemy made an attack very near the Fort drove our People into the Fort—have heard no more

“ S<sup>r</sup> your very Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

“ EBEN<sup>E</sup> LEARNED B. : G.

“ Hon<sup>d</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> SCHUYLER.

“ This moment heard there were a Firing on Lake George we had boats sent down &c.”<sup>1</sup>

Notes from Col. Thomas Nixon’s *Orderly Book* are of interest in this connection :—

“ July 12, at Fort Edward. This day Gen. Schuyler ordered Gen. Nixon to immediately march his brigade to Fort Ann. . . .

“ July 19. The Advance Brigades to keep scouts continually out: Gen. Learned to send his up the Hudson river and Lake George, Gen. Nixon to send his to South Bay, Skeneborough and Fort Ann.”<sup>2</sup>

These troops seem to have been watching and, so far as possible, impeding the advance of the British army. That body, however, continued its southward progress until it reached Saratoga and Stillwater, where the decisive battles a few weeks later were fought.

**Achievements of 1777.** In order to a satisfactory understanding of Gen. Learned’s services it is necessary to review some of

<sup>1</sup> Gen. Learned’s correspondence was limited and very few letters of his are extant. The original of this was in the collection of Mr. Lossing, the historian, and was sold at a high price at an autograph sale in Boston in Feb.,

1890. The present possessor is Charles Robert, Esq., of Philadelphia, to whose courtesy we are indebted for a copy.

<sup>2</sup> Temple, His. Fram., 308.

the leading events of the year, which can best be done by quotations from authorities who have made thorough studies of the subject. Gen. Burgoyne had early in the spring been put in command of the British army, the plan of the season's campaign having been to move from Canada southward by Lake Champlain and Ticonderoga to Albany, there to join Gen. Howe, who was to ascend the Hudson from New York, and thus by a line of military posts northward from that point cut off New England from the rest of the country. In the furtherance of this design Burgoyne on the 6th of July got possession of the stronghold at Ticonderoga, the Americans retreating to Fort Edward, and later to Stillwater on the Hudson.

**Fort Stanwix.** Meantime a detachment of the British under St. Leger was sent up the St. Lawrence through Lake Ontario and the lesser waters towards Fort Stanwix, an important post in the Mohawk valley, about 45 miles northwest of Albany, with the intention of capturing it and afterward joining the main army in the valley of the Hudson. St. Leger reached the fort on the third of August. Peter Gansvoort, a fearless soldier, was in command, but the garrison was small and a protracted resistance impossible. Gansvoort sent for reinforcements to Schuyler, who, knowing his needs, had already ordered Gen. Learned with a part of his brigade forward to Fort Dayton.<sup>1</sup> Calling a council of his under officers Gen. Schuyler found them all opposed to weakening the main army by sending troops to aid Gansvoort, but he, feeling it a necessity, decided to assume himself the responsibility and called for a volunteer to lead the expedition. Not a brigadier responded. But Maj.-Gen. Arnold being indignant at this treatment of Schuyler's proposition offered to lead the movement, and very soon eight hundred men volunteered under him, many of whom were of Learned's brigade.<sup>2</sup> This body marched immediately, and on 20 Aug. joined Learned at Fort Dayton. On the 21st Arnold called a council of war, which decided it would be injudicious and hazardous to move until further reinforcements had arrived.<sup>3</sup> Arnold, however, learning that Gansvoort was hard pressed, overruled the council and proceeded at the head of 1,200 men toward Fort Stanwix. But no besieging army was there. St. Leger having heard reports of large coming reinforcements became alarmed and was making all haste toward Lake Ontario, leaving cannon, stores and camp equipage to fall into the hands of the Americans ; Stanwix was saved, and Arnold and Learned marched back in triumph to the Hudson.

**Saratoga battles.** During their absence the battle of Bennington had been fought and Schuyler had been superseded by Gen. Gates. Burgoyne was preparing for an advance on Albany and to oppose his progress Arnold and Kosciusko had selected a position to fortify called Bemis' Heights, a rise of ground peculiarly appropriate for the purpose, lying between the river (near which was the highest

<sup>1</sup> Carrington, Battles of Revolution, 324.

<sup>3</sup> MSS., N. Y. His. Soc., IX., 70.

<sup>2</sup> Life of Arnold, 153.

portion) and Saratoga Lake about six miles from it. On this ground, on the 19th of September, occurred the first of two hard fought battles, and from the best evidence we have, Arnold was a leading spirit in the day's contest, and Learned, who commanded the centre brigade, acted a very important part under him. Neilson in describing this battle says, "towards the close of the day Gen. Learned's brigade and another regiment, I think Marshall's, were principally engaged on a rise of ground, west of the cottage (Freeman's) with the British grenadiers and a regiment of British Infantry, and bravely contested the ground till night."<sup>1</sup> Lossing says, "But for Arnold on that eventful day Burgoyne would have doubtless marched into Albany at the Autumnal Equinox a victor."<sup>2</sup>

On 26 Sept. Gen. Gates issued the following :—

"The Public business having so entirely engaged the General's attention that he has not been properly at leisure to return his grateful thanks to Gen. Poor's and Gen. Learned's brigades, to the regiment of Riflemen, Corps of Light Infantry, and Col. Marshall's regiment for their valiant behavior in the action of the 19th inst., which will forever establish and confirm the reputation of the Arms of the United States."

The bravery and success of Arnold at once aroused the jealousy of Gates and a quarrel ensued, resulting in a request from Arnold to go to Washington, which Gates willingly granted, but his fellow-officers besought him to remain until the decisive blow should have been struck, to which he consented, although his command had been transferred to another.

**Second engagement.** On the 7th of October the contest was renewed and the great battle of the campaign fought.

"At half past two in the afternoon the battle began. The troops of Poor [of N. Hampshire] and of Learned marched up the slope to attack the Grenadiers and the Artillery under Ackland and Williams with orders not to open fire until after the first discharge of the enemy.<sup>3</sup> Silently and steadily they marched forward, and were received by a discharge of musket balls and grape shot which passed over their heads into the branches of the trees. Instantly with a shout they rushed forward and delivered their fire. Then followed a fierce assault and conflict. The Americans charged up to the very mouths and among the cannon and were met with a stubborn resistance . . . Finally after a terrible struggle, and when Major Ackland was severely wounded and Williams taken prisoner, the Grenadiers and Artillery fled, and the Americans held the field."<sup>4</sup>

During the early part of this contest Arnold was chafing in his tent—

"Suddenly springing forward, he said to his aids, 'No man shall keep me in my tent to-day, if I am without command I will fight in the ranks. . . . Come on! Victory or death!' and leaping into his saddle he plunged into

<sup>1</sup> The grenadiers were the flower of the British army.

<sup>2</sup> Life of Schuyler, II., 349.

<sup>3</sup> The putting forward of these troops as leaders in the attack was in military usage a recognition of superiority.

<sup>4</sup> Life of Arnold. "The headlong impetuosity of the attack confounded the tacticians." —W. Irving.

the thickest of the fight, and the soldiers welcomed their old and beloved commander with shouts and cheers which rose above the din and roar of the conflict.”<sup>1</sup>

We now quote from Gen. Carrington :<sup>2</sup>

“ At this stage of the battle Arnold no longer under self-control burst from the camp and like a meteor rode to the front of Learned’s brigade, *which had been so recently under his command*, and dashed into the fight. He was cheered as he rode past and like a whirlwind the regiments went with him upon the broken British lines. Fraser fell mortally wounded in this assault, and swiftly behind the half crazy volunteer came Ten Broeck with a force nearly double that of the whole British line. That line was now in full retreat.<sup>3</sup> Phillips and Reidesel, as well as Burgoyne in person, exhibited marvellous courage in an hour so perilous . . . but nothing could stop Arnold. Wheresoever he found troops he assumed command and by the magnetism of his will and passion he became supreme in daring endeavor. With a part of the brigades of Patterson and Glover, he assaulted the intrenchments of Earl Balcarres, but was repulsed. To the right of Balcarres the Canadians and Royalists were posted under cover of two stockade redoubts. Here again Arnold met *Learned’s brigade*, took the lead and with a single charge cleared these works, leaving the left of Breyman’s position entirely exposed.”

Thatcher in his military journal, in speaking of this movement, says :—

“ At length the Americans press forward with renewed strength and ardor, and compel the whole British line, commanded by Burgoyne himself, to yield to their deadly fire, and they retreat in disorder. The German troops remain firmly posted at their lines; these were boldly assaulted by Brig.-Gen. Learned and Lieut.-Col. Brooks, at the head of their respective commands, with such intrepidity that their works were carried and brave Col. Breyman, their commander, was slain.”

**Learned’s efficiency.** Gen. Wilkinson, who was Gates’ Adjutant, and on the field, says :—

“ About sunset I perceived Gen. Learned advancing toward the enemy with his brigade, in open column . . . when I rode up to him. On saluting this brave old soldier he inquired ‘ *Where can I put in with most advantage?* ’ I had particularly examined the ground between the left of the Germans and the light infantry, occupied by provincialists, from whence I had observed a slack fire: I therefore recommended to Gen. Learned to incline to his right and attack at that point: he did so with great gallantry; the provincialists abandoned their position and fled; the German flank was by this means uncovered, they were assaulted vigorously, overturned in five minutes and retreated in disorder leaving their commander . . . Breyman, dead on the field.”<sup>4</sup>

“ The night was now closing in. The victory of the Americans was decisive.”<sup>5</sup>

**Disaster averted.** A subsequent movement in which Learned was prominent was that of the 11th of October, when, on a foggy

<sup>1</sup> Life of Arnold.

<sup>2</sup> Battles of the Revolution, p. 348.

<sup>3</sup> Memoir, I., 272.

<sup>4</sup> Washington Irving.

<sup>5</sup> “ Burgoyne gaed up, like spur and whip,

    Till Fraser brave did fal, man;

Then lost his way, ac misty day,

    In Saratoga shaw, man.”—Burns.

morning, Gen. Gates, with the belief that the enemy was in retreat toward Fort Edward, sent out a body of troops to occupy the camp and follow in pursuit. The rising mists, however, revealed just at hand the whole British army in battle array. A retreat was ordered and a disaster averted. Wilkinson says of this movement:—

"I hastened to head-quarters [when the facts were known], reported to the General and received instructions to order Patterson's and Learned's brigades to support Morgan. Having performed that duty and conducted General Learned [Patterson being general officer of the day, both Maj.-Generals being wounded] across the creek, I returned."

After describing other movements he adds:—

"We had not heard from the corps of Gen. Learned and it occurred to me that, deceived by the firing on the right he might be led into a disadvantageous attack, I instantly clapped spurs to my horse, crossed the creek and reached the front of the two brigades at about 200 yards from Burgoyne's strongest post on the crown of a hill. The troops were advancing and had just entered clear ground in front of the intrenchments, which were abbatized. If I had been three minutes later our left wing would have been engaged and the consequences might have been calamitous. I found Gen. Learned near the centre, and begged of him to halt, which was immediately done by passing the word to the right and left. Then I observed to him that he must retreat. 'Have you orders?' said he. I said 'No; as the exigencies of the case will not allow me to see General Gates.' He replied, 'Our brethren are engaged on the right, and the standing order is to *attack*.' I informed him 'Our troops on the right have retreated and the firing you hear is from the enemy.'"

Lossing says:—

"The brave veteran disliked the idea of retreating, preferring to carry out the standing order to the very letter, but on counselling with Cols. Brooks and Tupper and some other officers a retreat was deemed advisable."

The two brigades fell back half a mile to a field, which they fortified and held until the surrender on the 17th.

Seth Bannister, Brigade-Major under Learned, in a letter to his wife describing the engagement of the 7th of Oct., says:—

"Brig.-Gen. Learned was left in possession and commander of a large encampment of the enemy's with a number of his brigade and other troops, till Generals Lincoln, Glover and Nixon relieved him, about twelve o'clock at night."<sup>1</sup>

After disposition was made of the prisoners Learned and his brigade made a forced march to Albany to oppose the approach of the British from the south. Later his and other brigades were ordered southward. On 2 Nov., 1777, Alexander Hamilton, Washington's aid, wrote to him thus from Fishkill: "Gen. Learned's brigade, Morgan's corps, etc., on their march on the west side of the river." Eight days afterward he wrote from New Windsor that Poor's and Learned's brigades still remained there and at Fishkill, and were in a state of mutiny for want of their pay. Gov. Clinton, however, prevailed on Learned's brigade, then under command of Col. Bayley, to

<sup>1</sup> *Massachusetts Spy.*

march to Goshen in hopes they would continue on, and he expected thus to get them to headquarters by means of five or six thousand dollars, which he borrowed to meet the emergency. On 12 Nov. he wrote he hoped both Learned's and Parson's brigades would join Washington in five or six days.

With the Saratoga battles the public services of Gen. Learned ended. His increasing physical disabilities obliged him to retire, and obtaining a furlough he soon returned home.

**Washington to Heath.** The next mention we find of him is in a letter of Gen. Washington to Gen. Heath at Boston, bearing date 9 Jan., 1778, at Valley Forge, which contains the following: "I beg you will carefully forward the enclosed letters to Brigadiers Glover and Learned. They contain orders for them to join their respective brigades, with which they are much wanted."<sup>1</sup> Gen. Heath replied saying these letters had been forwarded as requested. Upon the receipt of Washington's order Learned proceeded to Boston and laid open his case to Gen. Heath, who on 7 Feb., 1778, wrote as follows to Gen. Washington:—

#### Heath's reply.

"Brig.-Gen. Learned called upon me a day or two since and requested that I would transmit your Excellency the enclosed certificates and represent his present state of health. In the campaign of 1775 by a violent fall he received a breach, which has been increased to a rupture, which greatly incapacitates him for business, especially in the Winter. He cannot ride without much inconvenience, and if he happens to wet his feet is attacked with the most excruciating pain. He has proposed to resign his commission, but the Hon. Mr. Hancock and myself have persuaded him to delay it for the present, as in a summer campaign he may render his country essential service. He is anxious to know your Excellency's pleasure."<sup>2</sup>

On 27 Feb., 1778, Gen. Washington replied as follows:—

"Considering Gen. Learned's ill state of health, I think his resignation had better be accepted of, more especially as from the nature of his complaint it does not appear that he can ever be able to bear the fatigues of a campaign, I would therefore advise him to make his resignation, with the reasons for so doing, to Congress, who are the proper body to receive it."<sup>3</sup>

The purport of this letter was communicated to Congress and to Learned, who on 12 March, 1778, wrote and forwarded to that body his final resignation, as follows:—

#### Learned's resignation.

"BOSTON, March 12, 1778.

"MOST HON<sup>D</sup> SR. I have served in this warfare since the beginning as a Col. of a Regt. till May, 1776, when by indisposition by reason of certain fatigues in the army I found myself unequal and resigned the service.

"Since I recovered a little the Honorable the Continental Congress on the second day of April, 1777, appointed me to the command of a Brig.-Gen<sup>L</sup>. I immediately took the field, proceeded to Fort Edward, and at the evacuation

<sup>1</sup> Coll. Mass. His. Soc., 5 series, IV., 82, 83. <sup>2</sup> Ibid. <sup>3</sup> Ibid.

of Ticonderoga had great fatigue in securing the remains of our stores that way. Directly on that marched my brigade to the relief of Fort Stanwix.

"Immediately on return we had the satisfaction of reducing Burgoyne's army with much fatigue and was personally and brigade in the severe but victorious actions of Sept. 19 and Oct. 7, and after that army was imprisoned we took a forced march to Albany to stop the progress of the enemy that way.

"All which brought on my former difficulties and by the advice of Doct. Potts I took a furlough of Gen. Gates to retire from the army till I was well; the receipt of which with my surgeon's certificate I have enclosed.

"And I find I am quite unequal to act vigorously in my country's cause in the field and to eat the Publick's bread and not do the service I am not disposed. And I think I am better able to serve in a private or civil than in a military character.

"All which considered I think it my duty to myself and my family, and country to pray your Honor the Congress to discharge me from the service.

"And I shall remain as before

"Your Honor's

"Very Humble Serv't.

"EBENEZER LEARNED, B.: G."<sup>1</sup>

In Congress, 24 March, 1778, it was resolved that this resignation be accepted.<sup>2</sup>

**State Government.** In the midst of the excitement of the war it became necessary to establish a new government to take the place of that which had been repudiated. The General Court moved in this matter, and on 30 Sept., 1776, the question whether the House of Representatives with the Council should form a system of government for the State came before the town. Alexander Campbell, Edward Davis, Ebenezer Learned, Ezra Bowman and William Phips were chosen to consider the subject, and reported that as the representation was unequal in the House it was unadvisable that they should proceed to form a government. This report was, on 7 Oct., unanimously adopted. Before May, 1778, the General Court had formed a "Constitution and Form of Government," which at that time was laid before the town for consideration. Upon it was a unanimous vote of disapproval. In May, 1779, the question was put whether there should be a new constitution or form of government at this time, and it was voted unanimously in the negative. By order of the General Court, in Aug., 1779, two delegates, Ebenezer Learned and Ezra Bowman, were chosen to meet in convention on Sept. 1 at Cambridge for the purpose of forming a State constitution with instructions to return to the town a copy of their proceedings for its consideration. The convention met and agreed upon a form of a State constitution, which was presented to the town for action in June, 1780, when it was voted to accept the same excepting the 1st, 2d, 3d and 29th in the Bill of Rights.

The Constitution received the requisite number of votes in the State and was adopted. It did not, however, relieve the financial distress

<sup>1</sup> We are indebted to the courtesy of Theodore Dwight, Esq., Librarian of the Dept. of State at Washington, for a copy of this letter, which came to light only after a long search.

<sup>2</sup> See Learned, Genealogical Department.

which prevailed, but rather, by introducing legal machinery to enforce the payment of debts, aggravated the evil. No permanent relief was experienced until after the adoption of the Federal Constitution in 1788, when the permanence of the union became assured, confidence gradually returned, and the people eschewing conventions and exciting discussions cheerfully accepted the situation and set themselves diligently, by industry and frugality, to the work of repairing their lost fortunes. The clouds soon disappeared and from that day onward general prosperity prevailed.

**Shays' Rebellion.** The few years following the Revolution were years of business depression and discouragement. Many town meetings and popular conventions were held for the discussion of the situation, with a view to preventing the depreciation of the currency and the regulation of prices of commodities which, through speculation and monopolies, were becoming exorbitant. Numerous committees were chosen to carry into effect, in the town, the action of these conventions, but the result was only temporary, and depreciation continued until the currency became worthless, and the collecting of dues almost an impossibility.

**Lawsuits.** Suing for debt became almost a mania; the cases on the Worcester docket, in 1784 and 1785, were numbered by thousands, and much property was sacrificed on forced sales. General bankruptcy threatened the community, and great distress prevailed. The people of Newton, in their instructions to their representatives, say:—

“ We find by experience that we cannot obtain justice . . . without being obliged to purchase it. . . . Great numbers of actions are brought at every court which, together with the pernicious practices of some of our lawyers, occasion delays, appeals, protracted judgments, loss of time, travel, attendance, intolerable expenses, . . . so that, unless the sum in dispute be considerable, it is better to lose it than to seek recovery by law.”

Out of this state of affairs, in the autumn of 1786, grew in central and western Massachusetts the demonstration known as “ Shays' Rebellion,” the declared object of which was not the overturning or resisting of the government, excepting in the matter of preventing the sitting of the courts in which these vexatious and expensive suits were in progress, until desired legislation could be procured.

Shays, in a letter dated 30 Jan., 1787, to Gen. Lincoln, then in command of troops at Hadley, says:—

“ . . . The people are willing to lay down their arms on the condition of a general pardon, and return to their respective homes, as they are unwilling to stain the land which we, in the late war, purchased at so dear a rate, with the blood of our brethren and neighbors. Therefore we pray that hostilities may cease on your part, until our united prayers may be presented to the General Court, and we receive an answer, as a person is gone for that purpose. If this request may be complied with, government shall meet with no interruption from the people.” . . .

Oxford was deeply stirred, and many of its citizens were active, both as "Regulators" and government soldiers. The people of the north part of the town especially, were, with very few exceptions, committed to the movement, and as a company was organized near the town, in the south part of Ward, under Jonah Goulding, it is probable that most of the Oxford men joined that organization. According to tradition, Timothy Sparhawk's house was the Oxford rendezvous, and he, who had been a valiant soldier in the Revolution, and his neighbor, Reuben Lamb, who had been chairman of the town Committee of Correspondence and Inspection, were earnest supporters of the cause.<sup>1</sup>

On 2 Feb., 1787, a company of the insurgents being gathered at New Braintree, Gen. Warren sent soldiers from Worcester to disperse or take them. When nearing their destination they were fired upon, from behind a stone wall, by men who had secreted themselves there, and were under the command of "one Lamb."<sup>2</sup>

Oxford, it has been said on high authority, was a "Shays town." That a majority of its people sympathized with the general sentiment in desiring relief from the existing embarrassments, is without doubt true, and a tolerably sure indication of the readiness on the part of the people to acquiesce in a change in the State administration, is given in the vote for Governor at the spring election, 1787, at which 64 ballots were cast for John Hancock and two for James Bowdoin. Furthermore, Capt. Jeremiah Learned, a decided supporter of Shays, was kept in the representative's seat in the Legislature throughout this stormy period, and was chosen in Dec., 1787, as delegate to the convention for the formation of a State constitution. A single reference only to the subject, and that of slight import, occurs in Oxford records.

The disposition in the public mind, in former years, to deride and censure this movement, has, in a measure, passed away. The fact that Shays himself was pardoned, and that of the 14 men in the State found guilty of high treason and sentenced to be hanged, not one suffered the penalty, seems to warrant the inference that even in the estimation of the people of that day the offence had much to extenuate and excuse it.

Mr. E. B. Crane of Worcester, who has made a thorough study of the subject, says:—

"The majority of the towns, in all the counties west of Middlesex, were in favor of the movement, and a vast number of men who did not join the insurgents gave their support in other ways. I think it was a popular movement, and only checked by the disposition on the part of the Legislators to correct the evils as fast as they could, which they did, and thus removed the cause to some extent, and broke the strength and support of the insurgents."

<sup>1</sup>On the authority of the late G. W. Hartwell.

<sup>2</sup>Wor. Mag., 552. Mr. E. B. Crane, in his paper

on this subject, says this Lamb is said to have been Reuben Lamb of Oxford.

**"Adams' Army."** During the progress of the revolution in France, near the close of the last century, that country became involved in a war with England, and each party was solicitous lest America should give aid to the opponent. France went so far as to charge us with a disposition to side with her old enemy, and small matters became so magnified through misunderstanding that serious trouble was apprehended.<sup>1</sup>

Meantime our authorities saw fit to initiate precautionary measures, and on 16 July, 1798, a vote was passed in Congress to augment the national army, and recruiting soon began.

**Oxford a camp.** In the autumn of 1799, the 14th, 15th and 16th U. S. regiments,—a portion of this “provisional army,”—were ordered to Oxford as a rendezvous. These regiments were not nearly full, but soldiers were being gathered from the several recruiting stations, and here drilled by veterans of the Revolutionary War for service should it be required.

**Col. Nathan Rice** was put in command. He was the son of Rev. Caleb Rice of Sturbridge, had been aid to General Lincoln in the Revolution, and was of good ability and a worthy man.<sup>2</sup>

The officers found quarters in various parts of the village, at private houses. Some hired rooms, and having their families with them lived independently; others boarded in families of the villagers. The head-quarters of Col. Rice were at the house of Capt. Abijah Davis. Maj. Walker was quartered at the house of Nathan Hall, and others lived at the hotels.<sup>3</sup> The camp was on the slope of the hill west of the centre of the town. Coming in the fall, the soldiers soon began their depredations among the neighboring farmers, and it became necessary to early gather and house their crops in order to preserve them, and even then they were not safe. Petty thieving was common, not only in this but in the neighboring towns, enclosures were broken open, cellars entered, and pork barrels emptied of their contents.<sup>4</sup>

As to their number we have no definite information. According to tradition it was 1,000, but this is thought to be a low estimate. Col.

<sup>1</sup> It was while negotiations with France were going on that, in reply to a suggestion that money might influence the settlement of affairs, Charles C. Pinckney uttered the famous words, “*Millions for defence, but not one cent for tribute.*”

<sup>2</sup> He was graduated at Harvard College in 1773, resided at Hingham, and removed to Burlington, Vt., where he spent his later years.

<sup>3</sup> It is related that when the specie with which to pay the troops arrived in town, there was apprehension lest a raid should be made upon it. It was taken to Butler's tavern, where some of the officers roomed, deposited in one of the upstairs bedroom closets, and a network of twine drawn across the door so that any attempt upon it might be detected. The nails on which this screen was fastened remain at the present time.

<sup>4</sup> Desertions were not uncommon. The following were advertised: Thomas Bradley, a. 26, b. at old York, enlisted by Capt. Peabody at Haverhill; Beniah Door, a. 24, b. at Pittston, enlisted by Capt. Blake at Castine; William Harrington, a. 26, b. at Portland, enlisted by Lieut. Bradish at Hallowell; Joseph Powell, a. 25, b. at Amherst, N. H.; Harry Green, a. 19, b. at Hopkinton; Daniel Robinson, a. 21, b. at Gloucester.

The late Ephraim Edson related his having been present at the Campbell tavern on the occasion of the punishment of one of the soldiers for some misdemeanor. The culprit was tied to the tavern sign-post in the middle of the street, and there flogged in the presence of a crowd who had gathered on the occasion.

Rice was officially the commander of the 14th Regiment, and John Walker was Major of the same. John Rowe was Major in the 15th Regiment, and Josiah Dunham, Captain in the 16th Regiment, was acting Brigade Inspector. Capt. Tolman from Boston or vicinity, a very worthy man, had command of a company. Lieut. Francis Barker of Weymouth or vicinity was an officer. Eli Forbes and Thomas Hale, both of North Brookfield, were here, the former as a lieutenant and the latter as captain in the 15th Regiment, later teacher at Baltimore.

**Recruiting suspended.** Early in 1800 recruiting was suspended.

"Brigade Orders, Camp at Oxford, 20 March, 1800.

"Extract of general Orders from the Adjutant General's office, dated 11 Mar., 1800.

"Agreeably to instructions from the department of War the recruiting service as far as relates to 12 Regiments of Infantry and six troops of light dragoons directed to be raised by act of Congress, 16 July, 1798, is for the present suspended.

"All officers on recruiting service will join their regiments. The officers of the 14th, 15th, and 16th, regiments will govern themselves accordingly and repair immediately with the troops under their respective commands to the Brigade Head Quarters at Oxford.

"By order of Commandant,

"J. DUNHAM,

"Acting Inspector of Brigade."<sup>1</sup>

**Disbandment.** On 20 May, 1800, the United States Senate passed a resolution, *nem. con.*, the House of Representatives concurring, to disband the "Provisional Army" on or before the 15th of June following. This action applied to the infantry regiments from the fifth to the sixteenth inclusive. Early in June preparations were made here for compliance with this vote. On the 11th the *Boston Centinel* contained the following:—

"Maj.-Gen. Hamilton, we learn has been at Oxford for some time, to give the necessary directions for the preservation of the public stores in consequence of the disbandment of the army."

The visit of Gen. Alexander Hamilton to Oxford on the occasion of the disbanding was a memorable event, as will be seen by the following letter written at Oxford and sent from Providence to the *Centinel*, in which it appeared on 21 June:—

"OXFORD, June 13.

"On Tuesday last Maj.-Gen. Hamilton with his suite arrived at this place, and on the succeeding day he reviewed the Brigade under the command of Col. Rice. On this occasion the troops performed their manoeuvres with that exactness and activity which manifested attention in the men and superiority in the officers. The General expressed an unequivocal approbation of the discipline of the army and beheld with pleasure the progress of subordination and attention to dress and decorum. On Thursday the General made a public dinner to which all the officers of the Brigade and several gentlemen of the permanent army were invited. A convenient colonnade was erected for the

<sup>1</sup>Adv. in *Boston Centinel*.

purpose, over which the flag of the United States was displayed, and during the entertainment the air was filled with martial music from a new formed band and from a large collection of drums and fifes. Hilarity and joy pervaded the guests . . . but when they drank to the memory of WASHINGTON! and a parting sentiment was given by Gen. Hamilton a burst of extreme sensibility suffused every cheek and demonstrated the agitation of every bosom.

"But Friday was reserved for a more prominent display of the passions of the human mind. At 7 o'clock in the morning the Brigade was formed into a hollow square when the General addressed his fellow-soldiers in a speech of about half an hour in length. On this occasion the troops were moved, not merely on account of this last interview with their General, but by the impressive sentiments which fell from his lips, enforced by the most charming eloquence and pointed diction. I cannot give even an epitome of this address. Suffice it to observe that he inculcated sentiments suitable for directing the conduct of the army subsequent to its retirement into private life—such sentiments as awakened and I trust will keep alive the patriotism of the officers and men: and induce them again, at the call of their country to make new sacrifices for its defence.

"This day he sets out on a visit eastward."<sup>1</sup>

The *Centinel* of 18 June contained the following:—

"Maj.-Gen. Hamilton and his suite arrived in town on Saturday from Oxford. Tomorrow a public dinner will be given him at Concert Hall."

This dinner was a grand affair, and many of the leading men of Boston joined to do honor to their illustrious guest. Among the toasts given were the following:—

"*The late disbanded Army*,—may we respect them for the services they would have performed had our insidious *Friends* presented a bayonet instead of an olive branch."

"*The Atlantic Ocean*,—what God hath separated let not man put together."

**Washington's Funeral.** An impressive episode in the story of this "Army" was the funeral service in honor of George Washington. On 8 Jan., 1800, by order of Col. Rice, the following appeared in the *Massachusetts Spy*:—

#### "FUNERAL HONORS AT OXFORD."

"OXFORD, Jan. 4, 1800.

"MESS. THOMAS & SON.

"The President having directed that Funeral Honors should be performed at the several Military stations throughout the United States to the Memory of our late beloved highly venerated and most illustrious COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF whose talents as an officer and virtues as a man had placed him above all praise, I have directed that the same be performed at this post on Wednesday the Fifteenth instant.

"Confident that the most poignant grief for so great a National Calamity hath pervaded every part of our country, and particularly the citizens of this vicinity, and that it would afford them consolation to unite with us in performing these sad rites, I request that through your paper information may

<sup>1</sup>George Davis, Esq., in his history of Sturbridge says: "The writer recollects very well when Gen. Hamilton came and inspected these

troops. All who heard him address them admired his extraordinary powers. He was a great man in the field as well as in the cabinet."

be given thereof. The Clergy—the Society of the Cincinnati and Officers of the late Army—Officers civil and military—Citizens in general are invited to attend: and it is hoped with the usual badge of mourning on the left arm.

"The procession will be formed precisely at 11 O'clock and proceed to the Meeting-house where it is expected divine worship will be performed; after which it will proceed to the place representing that of interment, and the ceremonies performed agreeable to the instructions therefor.

"It is requested that seasonable information may be given by the Commanding Officers of such Volunteer Corps and Uniformed Companies of Militia as will attend on the occasion.

"N. RICE,

"Commandant of the 14th Regiment  
and Commanding Officer at Oxford."

The *Spy* of 22 Jan., 1800, contained the following:—

"On Wednesday the 15th inst. Funeral Honors were paid by the troops stationed at Oxford to the memory of their illustrious leader General GEORGE WASHINGTON. At day break 16 guns were fired from the left of the Cantonment by a company of Worcester Artillery, commanded by Capt. Healy: at sunrise another gun was fired, which was repeated each half hour through the day. At 11 O'clock the troops having been formed, moved from their parade by platoons and formed in the Main Street: a company of Cavalry under the command of Capt. [Jeremiah] Kingsbury formed on their left, the whole commanded by Maj. Walker of the 14th Regiment and two companies of Artillery under the orders of Major Andrews on their right. Thus formed, at 12 O'clock, the Hearse, covered with a black velvet Pall bearing an Urn shrouded with black crape and accompanied by the Pall Bearers in mourning and with white scarfs, was received by the troops with presented arms, the drums beating a march while it passed slowly in front to the left: the Officers and colors saluting as it passed; from the left it was borne back to the centre where it halted and received the salute of all the Officers and colors alone. It was then removed to its place in the procession, which then moved, by the left, in the order following, the music playing a Dead March:

Company of Cavalry.

16th, 15th and 14th Regiments of United States troops.

Artillery.

Band of Music.

Drums and fifes of the Brigade.

[Drums covered with crape and muffled.]

Clergy.

Orator and officiating Clergyman with white scarfs.

Pall Bearers,	<b>B I E R</b>	Pall Bearers,
Capt. Balch.	Bearing the Urn, covered as before mentioned, a 'W' in gold cipher on the Urn, and a laurel wreath running spirally from the base to the top. The General's Hat and Sword placed at the head of the Bier, which was borne by four Sergeant Majors.	Capt. Tillinghast.
Maj. Jones.		Maj. Lynde.
Maj. Winslow.		Col. Hunnewell.

THE GENERAL'S HORSE

Covered with black properly caparisoned, boots reversed, led by two servants in livery.

Col. Rice, Commandant,  
As chief mourner—with staff.

Officers of the Army  
with badges of mourning.  
Civil Staff of the Army.

Members of the Society of the Cincinnati and  
Officers of the late Army.

Brethren of the 'Morning Star,' 'Fayette,' 'Meridian Sun' and  
'Olive Branch' Lodges in the following order:

Tyler

With a drawn sword, the hilt covered with crape.

Two Tylers, do.

Two Stewards

With white staves, the tops covered with crape tied with white  
Ribands—black and white tassels.

Brethren of the several Lodges.

Secretaries of the Lodges

With the records covered with crape.

Treasurers,

bearing charters covered with crape.

Junior Wardens.

Senior Wardens

bearing their columns covered with crape.

Past Masters.

Three Master Masons walking triangularly with the three candlesticks  
covered with crape, lights extinguished.

Three Masons walking triangularly, each bearing a staff, the head of which  
was covered with crape and a white silk cord—black and white tassels. On  
each staff hung a pendant of white silk bordered with black. On one pendant  
was 'Wisdom,' on another 'Strength' and on the third 'Beauty.'

Monumental OBELISK

borne by four oldest Master Masons supported by four more.

The Obelisk and its Pedestal were four and a half feet high, representing  
black marble; on the front of it was a bust of General Washington and over  
it a motto, 'HE LIVES IN OUR HEARTS'; above the motto the square and  
compass. On the other three sides of the Obelisk were represented Faith,  
Hope and Charity, and above them the corresponding Masonic emblems; the  
whole in Bas Relief. On the Pedestal was inscribed the General's name,  
where born, when Commander of the late Army, when President of Congress,  
&c., &c.

Two Master Masons bearing a large and elegant

SILVER URN

beautifully decorated with a wreath of evergreens intermixed with  
flowers and the [laurel branch] in front.

Three brethren walking triangularly with large silver candle-  
sticks without lights.

Tyler

with his sword as before mentioned.

The Constitution and Sacred Writings

on black cushions, &c., borne by two Past Masters.

Three Masters of Lodges.

A brother of the Royal Arch

bearing a silver Urn.

Presiding Master.

Deacon.

Deacon.

Each with a black staff, the head covered with white crape tied with  
black riband, black and white tassels.

Officers of the Militia.

Sheriff's.

Justices of the Peace.

Gentlemen of the Bar and Physicians.

Other Citizens.

"The citizens were marshalled by Capt. Hamilton of Worcester. It is supposed the procession and the spectators amounted to 5,000 persons.

"On the arrival of the procession at the Meeting-house the troops formed the lines, opened their ranks, and faced inward, resting upon their arms reversed; the procession passed through into the house, led by the clergy, the band playing a solemn dirge; the pulpit, communion table and galleries, were wholly shrouded in black; the hearse being placed at the head of the broad aisle, the brethren of the Fraternity of Masons elevated the obelisk on the right of the hearse, and on the left placed their lights, silver urn, &c., on a large pedestal covered with black, during which the band from the gallery continued to fill the house with solemn music; thus arranged, the throne of grace was addressed by Rev. Mr. Austin of Worcester, after which another solemn dirge by the band. An eulogy was then pronounced by Capt. Josiah Dunham, of the 16th regiment of United States Infantry, in which he strikingly portrayed the virtues and services of the late Commander-in-Chief, and observed justly that Five Millions of people were, with one voice, expressing sorrow and grief at their loss. After the eulogy followed a solemn funeral dirge by the Band, during which the Fraternity, in mournful silence and in proper order, deposited their large silver urn and raised the Obelisk over it. A short but solemn funeral service was performed by the Fraternity, which closed the solemnities in the Meeting-house.

"The procession was again formed, and left the Meeting-house in the same order in which it arrived there; marching one mile in the Main Street, which being very broad, straight and level, afforded to a numerous body of spectators an opportunity of viewing the whole procession at once, during which time the bell, being muffled, tolled a solemn Knell, and minute guns were fired from the Artillery. On the arrival at the place of Deposit the troops again forming a line and resting on their arms reversed, the procession passed through, and the Hearse, reaching its destined spot, the Urn was deposited in the earth, the music again played a solemn dirge. The order of the President and of Gen. Hamilton was read to the troops, a detachment of Infantry advanced and fired three volleys over the Urn, after which the Masonic brethren placed a monument over it. The troops being again formed, the colors were unfurled and the drums unmuffled, the troops wheeled to the right by platoons, the President's March was played, and they moved to their quarters and were dismissed. The Fraternity retired to their temporary Lodge, which was immediately closed.

"The solemnities ended with the setting sun. The appearance and movements of the troops gave great satisfaction, and bore honorable testimony of the military address and executions of the officers."

For many years the "Urn" was preserved in the attic of the South meeting-house, where the ceremonies were held, and later in the house of Capt. Abijah Davis. It was of wood, about three feet in height, and was silver gilt with a monogram "W." in gold, on the side.

**Soldiers of War of 1812.** The muster rolls of this war are in the archives of the nation, and now inaccessible. The following list, which is incomplete, has been gathered chiefly from older people of the town:—

George Blandin, d. in the service. Jesse Briggs, Rufus Briggs, brothers. Rufus d. soon after his return. William Stiles, brother-in-law of Briggs. Abijah, son of Doct. Daniel Fisk, in Jones' Co.,

Miller's Reg., d. 1813 at Greenbush, of camp fever. Joseph Lamb, musician, drafted. Russell White, came to Oxford after his return. Sylvanus Town, Jr., in regular army on western frontier, from about 1800 to 1820, ret. to Oxford and d. here. David Wait, served three months at Fort Warren, came later to Oxford. J. Prentice, son of Levi Lamb, d. in service. John Butler, went west before the war and joined Gen. Wayne's army. [See Butler.] Edward H. Shumway, drafted. Hovey Bounds, wounded at Queenstown. [See Bounds.] John Alverson, son of George, killed in battle. Tisdale Atwood.

**Minor Military affairs.** We have few accounts of early military operations. The law required the enlistment and training of all able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 60 years, and was doubtless duly observed. The frequency of military titles in the records indicates that military office was considered honorable, and many of these officers were prominent and influential citizens. The statutes also required that the towns should be provided with ammunition, "which shall be a Barrel of good Powder, two hundred weight of Bullets, and three hundred Flints for every sixty listed soldiers."<sup>1</sup>

In 1714 the town voted "to buy a stock of Ammunition, of 30 pounds of powder and bulletts and flints answurable."

In 1718, six pounds was raised to buy ammunition. In Jan., 1724, during Father Ralle's War, a report was made of military stores, as follows: 20 pounds powder, valued £3. 15s.; twelve dozens flints. 6s.; and 28 pounds of bullets, 16s. 4d. In March, 1725, 15 pounds was voted for powder and ball.

In 1736, a committee was chosen to "search into the stock of ammunition," and in Jan., 1737, nineteen pounds was voted to replenish it. Nothing further appears to indicate active military operations until 1748, when it was voted that those in the town who had been impressed, and had been as soldiers six months in his Majesty's service, should be freed from paying taxes for 1746.<sup>2</sup> In 1757, Phinehas Ward was paid eight shillings for casting bullets for the town.

We find no further allusion to the subject until 1773. It appears that Ebenezer Cutler, Doct. Stephen Barton and William Campbell, then held a quantity of military stores belonging to the town, and in March, 1773, Capt. Ebenezer Learned was appointed by the town to sue for and collect the same, which he did.

In May, 1789, a committee on ammunition reported they had collected 155 pounds powder, 587 pounds of ball's, 1,083 flints, and had obligations for 77 pounds additional of powder.

In July, 1794, the town voted, in addition to Federal pay, to non-commissioned officers and privates who should enlist in the town's

<sup>1</sup> Law of 1693.

<sup>2</sup> The old French war began in 1744, in which, as we learn from this vote, Oxford soldiers were engaged. We have no means of knowing who

they were. From Queen Anne's war up to this time our frontier had been protected by troops.

The French and Indian war began in 1753, although not formally declared until 1756.

quota of the 80,000 men ordered by Congress to be in readiness for service at a minute's warning, as follows: £3 to a sergeant, £2. 4s. to a corporal, £2. 4s. to a musician, and £2 to a private; and in Sept., voted to raise the above to eight dollars a month per man, if called into actual service, and to add one dollar bounty.

In Sept., 1796, the town voted to give  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a pound of powder to each soldier for muster day.

**Powder-house.** In May, 1806, the town voted to build a powder-house, and on 1 Dec., Sylvanus Town leased to a committee, for the town, land near the north end of the plain for this building. It was of brick, about seven feet square, and stood on land now occupied by the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, near the common. The building never had repairs, and at the time of grading the railroad was much dilapidated, and by vote of the town in May, 1837, the selectmen were directed to dispose of it and its contents.

**"Independent Company."** From early times Oxford soldiers were enrolled in two companies, north and south. In Feb., 1824, the south was, on petition of Ebenezer Rich, captain, disbanded, and an independent company authorized, to be called "Oxford Invincibles" (later changed to "Light Infantry"), provided 45 were enlisted. The new company met 21 April, 1824, at Flagg's Hotel, and chose Andrew Sigourney, Jr., Capt.; Elihu Harwood, Jr., Lieut.; Archibald Campbell, Ens. The roll numbered 66. A uniform was adopted of "dark blue coats, leather cartridge boxes, white belts and cross straps, black leather caps [high], black [ostrich] plumes, white pantaloons." Company met 5 July, and "trained all day." Attended muster 15 Sept., at Sutton; in 1825, at Millbury. Aug., 1827, Elihu Harwood, Jr., chosen Capt.; Feb., 1829, Hiram Moffitt chosen Capt., Nathaniel Emerson, Lieut., Jasper Brown, Ens. Muster 1829, at Sutton. Sept., 1830, Nathaniel Emerson chosen Capt., Jasper Brown, Lieut., Erastus Evans, Ens. Muster 30 Sept., at Sutton.

In 1830 the 5th Regt. was disbanded, and this company transferred to the 4th Regt. Muster, 1831, at Dresser Hill, Charlton, and 1832 at Southbridge. April, 1837, Jasper Brown chosen Capt., Erastus Evans, Lieut., Robert Frair, Ens. Muster, 1837, at Dudley, the last of the regimental reviews. The company soon after disbanded, and its members were enrolled in the militia.<sup>1</sup>

**Cavalry Company.** A cavalry company existed in Oxford for more than 25 years. Jeremiah Kingsbury, Jr., was in command in 1797. It was composed of men from other places, many being from Sutton, and Asa(?) Putnam of that town was for a time captain, and

<sup>1</sup> Soon after the organization a banner was given the company by the ladies, at a cost of eighty dollars. The presentation was on the common in a speech by Sally Torrey, replied to by Archibald Campbell. A few years before a like

ceremony took place, when the cavalry company was the recipient of a standard, Miss Rider of Charlton, then teacher here, making the address. Capt. Putnam, of Sutton, being in command.

Rufus Moore afterward. In Feb., 1808, Kingsbury had been several years Lieut.-Col. of a battalion of cavalry, 1st Brigade, 7th Division, Mass. Militia, and then resigned. Andrew Smith was the last captain of the Oxford company, which was disbanded not far from 1825.

**Musters.** The expanse of Oxford Plain rendered it peculiarly appropriate for military reviews.<sup>1</sup> On the 30th of Sept. and 1st of Oct., 1817, occurred a Brigade Muster, which was thus described in the *Massachusetts Spy* :—

" His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief [Gov. Brooks], accompanied by the Adjutant General and Major Brooks, a son of his Excellency, reviewed at Oxford, on the 30th ult., and the 1st inst., four regiments of Infantry, the regiment of Cavalry, and battalion of Artillery belonging to the first Brigade and seventh Division—the whole under the command of Brig.-Gen. Towne [of Charlton]. The weather was fine, and the troops exhibited a degree of patience, perseverance and discipline, with which his Excellency and suite manifested their great gratification, and expressed a belief that many of their manoeuvres could not be surpassed by the best troops in the service of the United States."

At the close the Governor and suite were escorted by mounted citizens to Worcester, where they were honored in a sumptuous dinner, and the next day proceeded to Lancaster, where the Second Brigade of the same Division was reviewed.<sup>2</sup>

A similar gathering occurred here in 1819, but the number of troops was not so large, and the absence of the Commander-in-Chief took from it the prestige of the previous occasion. The *Spy*, a week or two prior to the day, gave: "The first and fifth regiments of Infantry, with the regiment of Cavalry and battalion of Artillery, we understand will meet at Oxford." Gen. Salem Towne, of Charlton, was in command, and, as on the previous occasion, throngs of people from the region about were present. In the fall of 1825 a review of a battalion of several companies of cavalry, from this and other towns near, took place on ground easterly from the present railroad station, it then being an open field.

Probably the most striking spectacle ever seen in the town was at the time of the first review, when the four regiments of Infantry, the regiment of Cavalry, and the battalion of Artillery, each with its

<sup>1</sup> From allusions to the subject here and there in the records it is inferred that this was for many years in the last century a favorite place for the larger reviews of the militia of the south part of Worcester county. Undoubtedly its splendid parade ground was a leading attraction when the Provisional Army was ordered here in 1799.

<sup>2</sup> Col. Reuben Waters, then of Sutton, was a participant in this review, and related that Gov. Brooks and suite arrived at West Sutton on the evening of the 29th Sept., remained there over night, rode to Oxford on the next morning, and returned and spent the second night at Sutton, and in the afternoon of the second day

left for Worcester. The troops, he remarked, were under the command of Maj.-Gen. Burbank of Milbury, and Towne was commander under him. They brought their provisons and tent equipage, and encamped on the field, and the firing of the salute to the Governor by the Artillery was a memorable incident of the occasion. In speaking of the decline of the military spirit later, he said the fifth regiment, to which Oxford and Sutton soldiers belonged, was disbanded because the men became weary of doing military duty, and purposely elected inefficient men as officers, thus bringing the matter into entire discredit.

mounted officers, flag and band of music, filed off the field into our broad street, at its lower extremity, and under the lead of Governor Brooks and aids, marched in broad ranks up its mile of level, and returned to their encampment.

**The Civil War.** The people of Oxford were fully awake to the condition of national affairs in the early months of 1861. The news of the attack on Fort Sumter on 12 April, sent a thrill of excitement throughout the North. On Monday, the 15th, President Lincoln issued his call for 75,000 troops for three months. Four days later, on the evening of Friday, the 19th,—the day which witnessed the contest between the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment and the Baltimore mob,—an enthusiastic meeting assembled at Sanford's Hall, at which Hon. Alexander DeWitt presided. Spirited addresses were made by Moses S. Johnson, Jasper Brown, Nelson Bartholomew, Luther C. Torrey, and others, and a committee, consisting of Alexander DeWitt, Samuel C. Paine, Emory E. Harwood, William E. Pease and Nelson Bartholomew, was chosen to effect the immediate organization of a volunteer military company. Bartholomew was enthusiastic, and of all the workers the most efficient. The compact for the forming of this company—supposed to have been drawn by him—was as follows:—

#### Military company.

"The undersigned, residents of Oxford and vicinity, desirous of being qualified, should the emergency arise, to respond to the call of the country for men to defend her against rebellion, do hereby signify their willingness to join a military company to be instructed in the military drill, and prepared to do a soldier's duty."<sup>1</sup> Signed—Nelson Bartholomew, Charles L. Watson, H. S. Dealing,<sup>2</sup> J. E. Fellows, Josiah G. Brown, George H. Keith, Joseph H. Williams, Albert Priuce, Edwin E. Rindge, Edwin Grout, J. B. Gould, John Fitzpatrick, N. Aiken Viall, J. G. Mowry, George B. Works, Luther C. Torrey, William H. Hall, Vernon F. Rindge,—total 18.

This number was within two or three days increased to 45, and on Monday evening, April 22, at a rally at North Oxford a sufficient number was added to assure the success of the company.

On 22 April, three days after the informal meeting, a town meeting was called, which was held on the sixth of May, Jasper Brown, moderator. A vote was passed raising not exceeding \$4,000 towards paying the expenses of a volunteer military company in town, compensating its members, procuring uniform and aiding families. The town treasurer was authorized to borrow money to meet expenses.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> No date is attached to this document, but it is believed to have been written and signed in the meeting, or immediately after it.

<sup>2</sup> Later in Co. I.

<sup>3</sup> Provision was later made for the necessary funds by a subscription, and 178 citizens contributed \$4,031. In Nov., 1865, a law having been enacted to meet such cases, the town voted that these subscriptions be refunded, which was done in 1867. At this meeting it was voted that the

selectmen and Alexander DeWitt, Emory Sanford, George Hodges, Jr., Samuel C. Paine, William E. Pease, Charles A. Angell, Ira Merriam and Elisha M. Smith be a committee to carry into effect the vote of the town respecting a volunteer military company, and that said committee be instructed "to pay each member of such company, except those provided for by other towns, fifty cents a day for time spent in elementary drill up to this date, and hereafter,

**Organization.** The company was organized May 4th under the militia laws of the State, and in honor of Col. Alexander DeWitt was called the "DeWitt Guards." The following were elected as officers: Captain, Charles H. Watson;<sup>1</sup> 1st Lieut., Nelson Bartholomew; 2d Lieut., Henry W. Harold; 3d Lieut., Joseph Wood; 4th Lieut., Bernard B. Vassall. Under the United States laws there could be but two lieutenants, Harold, not having been naturalized was ineligible, and Wood retired, and Bartholomew and Vassall were commissioned. 1st Sergt., Luther C. Torrey; Sergts. Henry W. Harold, Albert Prince, Geo. B. Works, Peleg F. Murray; Corps. Charles A. Bacon, Pliny Allen, Amos H. Shumway; Musicians, Oscar L. Guild, William H. Smith. Two days after the organization the officers had received their commissions and arms had been furnished by the State. Two or three weeks afterward the equipment of the company was completed by the receipt of uniforms, and 1 June an excursion was made to Worcester, where the company was cordially received and entertained.<sup>2</sup>

**Bounties.** Under the call of the President, 1 July, 1862, for 300,000 men the town voted, 30 July, to pay a bounty of \$150 to each man heretofore enlisted for the war, or who should enlist within three days, and \$125 to those enlisting within one week, and \$100 to those enlisting thereafter until the town's quota of 38 men be filled. At the close of this meeting 20 men enlisted. On 6 Sept. an additional sum of \$50 as bounty was voted. In Aug., 1863, it was voted to pay State aid to soldiers' families in accordance with Chap. 176 of the laws of 1863.<sup>3</sup>

**In camp.** Drilling at Oxford continued until 28 June when the company went into camp at Worcester, and was attached to the 15th Regiment, Mass. Vols., and designated as Company E. Camp duty

one dollar a day for a time not exceeding 24 days—provided the company be required to drill six hours each day, the first roll-call to be at 8 o'clock A. M. unless the committee otherwise directs, and the last roll-call to be at 6 o'clock P. M., and the company to drill at least one hour previous to the call, the balance of the time for drilling to be left to the discretion of the commanding officer,—also that each and every soldier not on duty at any or each roll-call shall forfeit his pay that day, and fifty cents; and that said committee be instructed to purchase a suitable uniform for said company."

<sup>1</sup> Watson was experienced in military affairs, having been previously in the public service.

<sup>2</sup> At the annual meeting of Co. E Association, 1890, its President made the statement that this company was the first new organization in the State to appear armed and equipped in response to the President's call.

A bill was paid by the town for the use of Sanford's Hall "as a rendezvous and armory from 10 May to 28 June, inclusive." In Nov., 1861, the town voted to pay board bills of soldiers

not exceeding \$267.85. Of this \$132 were paid to L. A. Presby, tavern-keeper. The amount paid by the town to the "DeWitt Guards" for drilling was \$2,084, and for uniforms \$1,043. The bounties paid before the spring of 1862 amounted to \$10,650. The amount paid to soldiers' families in the fiscal year ending 1862 was \$1,707; 1863, \$4,283; 1864, \$4,904; 1865, \$6,708; 1866, State aid, \$2,691. [Town Reports.]

<sup>3</sup> Through the efficiency of Lament B. Corbin, first selectman, as recruiting officer, all demands for men were promptly met. In June, 1864, the town by a unanimous vote expressed its thanks to him "for the energetic, faithful and patriotic manner" in which he had performed the duties of his office.

April, 1864, the following appeared in the *Worcester Spy*: "The town of Oxford considers itself the banner town of the county, having filled all quotas with four or five men in the field in excess, and all have been raised without war meetings, extra bounties or purchases of men out of town."

was continued until 8 Aug., when under the command of Col. Devens the regiment left *en route* for Washington, arriving on the 10th. On the 12th an encampment was made on Meridian Hill, under the name of Camp Kalorama. On the 25th began the march toward Poolesville, which place was reached on the 27th.<sup>1</sup> Here the regiment was attached to the Corps of Observation, under command of Gen. Stone, and remained as guard and doing picket duty until 21 Oct., when occurred the battle of Ball's Bluff.<sup>2</sup>

**Ball's Bluff.** This was the first experience of these men in battle, and while they fought with courage and steadiness which would have been creditable to veterans they could not prevail against overwhelming numbers. Col. Baker, of a California regiment which joined in the movement, was in command. A crossing was made in insufficient transports, a difficult landing effected on the Virginia side, and after marching a short distance on unexplored and partially wooded ground they found themselves confronted by a force more than double their own in numbers, were driven back to the ragged bluff where the command having been given for every man to take care of himself they rushed in disorder to the river, swamped their boats, and by means of logs, rails or whatever could be had to aid, swam toward the Maryland side amid a shower of bullets from the enemy.

Joseph Jennison, Jr., and James Hilton were killed; Bernard B. Vassall, Lieut., prisoner; John M. Norcross, Nathaniel A. Viall, Joseph H. Williams and Patrick Moore (both wounded), Corporals; privates Amidon, Daniel Cobb, Coburn, Thomas Conroy, William Conroy, Geo. P. Davis, William M. Davis, Dockham, Duffy, Eckersley, Emerson, Fellows, Feighan (wounded), McIntire, McKinstry, Moffit (wounded), Moynahan, Phipps (wounded), Vernon F. Rindge, Schmidt were taken prisoners; 5 officers, 22 privates; total 27. The number of men of the regiment who crossed was about 625, of these only one-half returned.

Subsequently the command remained in camp at Poolesville until 25 Feb., 1862. At that date, having been brigaded under Gen. Gorman as 1st Brigade, 2d Division, Gen. Sedgwick, they broke camp and marched toward Harper's Ferry, reaching that place on the 26th, where they were quartered in houses until 2 March, when they removed about three miles to Bolivar Heights, encamping until the 7th.<sup>3</sup> Marches were made thence southerly, Berryville being occupied on the 10th, and after repeated movements toward Winchester they returned on the 15th to Bolivar Heights, and thence on the 22d via. Sandy Hook by rail to Washington, stopping until the 26th, on the

<sup>1</sup> On this march Lieut. Bartholomew was taken with the illness of which he died a few weeks later.

<sup>2</sup> By an order 26 Aug. Capt. Watson was placed third in order of captains in the regiment.

<sup>3</sup> On 12 Sept. Albert Prince was promoted to 1st Sergt. in place of Luther C. Torrey, who re-

turned to the ranks. On 12 Oct. Amos H. Shumway was made Sergeant.

<sup>3</sup> The pay-roll, 28 Feb., 1862, was dated at Harper's Ferry. Thomas J. Spurr had, 1 Jan., joined the company as 1st Lieut., in place of Bartholomew. On 29 April he was attached to Co. G.

night of which they moved to Alexandria, and on the 29th embarked for Fortress Monroe, landed at Hampton 1 April, and on the 4th took up a line of march for Yorktown to join in the siege. Andrew B. Yeomans kept a diary during his service, from which we quote:

**Yorktown.** "On the 5th after a march in the rain and mud encamped at Camp Misery; 8th Co. went out as provost guard." In the siege, continuing several weeks, the company was detailed repeatedly as support of R. I. Battery, to picket duty, and in regiment to building fortifications.<sup>1</sup> On 5 May the rebel fortifications were occupied by Union troops. That night occurred the battle of Williamsburg.

"Ordered up about 7 at night, dark, rainy, muddy time. Artillery got stuck and were until 3 o'clock A. M. in getting one mile, and returned to camp. Early in the morning, 6th, went to Yorktown landing, took steamer and arrived at West Point about 11 A. M. Gen. Franklin's Division engaged with the enemy. 8, at night regiment on picket. 9, marched on about 3 miles to near Eltham. 11, on picket. 15, had a hard rough march in a rain storm, camped in the pine woods. 18, moved about 5 miles. 21, had a hard hot march of about 12 miles and struck the railroad 14 miles from Richmond. 25, moved on about 5 miles, regiment on picket. 24, returned and went into camp with rest of the Division near the 'Tyler house.' 26, ordered to be ready to move at a moment's notice. 28, routed up at 1 o'clock A. M., started at daylight double-quick up to near Cold Harbor or Gaines' Mill to support Gen. Fitz John Porter; laid in the woods all day and night until 29, returned to Camp near 'Tyler house.'"

### Fair Oaks.

"About 2 o'clock P. M., 31st, ordered up double-quick through mud and water, crossed the Chickahominy on 'Sumner's Bridge,' water rising rapidly, formed lines just as action commenced in the battle of Fair Oaks. Fore-part of the engagement the regiment supported Battery 'I,' 1st U. S. Artillery, Kirby's. About dark regiment charged into the woods, remained in line until 3 o'clock A. M. Regimental loss 22 killed and wounded."<sup>2</sup>

On 1 June the battle was renewed, 15th regiment not engaged. Remained in line of battle until the 9th, under very adverse conditions, "rainy weather, no shelter or overcoats, scanty rations, as the bridge behind had been carried away, little or no sleep on account of constant alarms. Aroused at 2 o'clock every morning, and were under arms until daylight," were marched and counter-marched, and employed in building breastworks, and on picket duty, and subject to frequent shellings from the enemy.

"June 27, attack on our right, went up as reserve, regiment not engaged.<sup>3</sup> 28, company on picket; was attacked about 11 o'clock, fell back a few rods . . . held our ground until next morning. 29. About 9 A. M. the line was ordered back, came to our camp, found the balance of the regiment and all

<sup>1</sup> The pay-roll, 30 April, was dated at "Camp Winfield Scott," before Yorktown; sick 6; for duty 71. On 15 April, 1862, Col. Devens was promoted to Brig.-Gen., Col. Ward, his successor, was wounded at Ball's Bluff and incapacitated for service until 5 Feb., 1863, when he took the command. Lieut.-Col. John W. Kimball was acting Colonel in the interim.

<sup>2</sup> Of Co. E, Luther C. Torrey and John Toomey were killed, and Pliny Allen, Henry J. Ball, corporals, and George W. Albee, wounded.

<sup>3</sup> These were the beginnings of the "7 days" fight before Richmond.

the rest of the troops gone, did not stop to take tents, packed knapsacks, but as the Rebel Cavalry came in pursuit, threw away everything and double-quicked for Savage's Station. Arrived there, joined our brigade, and found the balance of the regiment destroying stores."

### Savage's Station.

"About 5 o'clock battle of Savage's Station. After dark, line fell back and marched all night; crossed White Oak Swamp. 30, demolished the bridge, brigade deployed to prevent the enemy crossing at that point."

**White Oak Swamp.** Then occurred the battle of "White Oak Swamp," with heavy loss on both sides. In this contest Yeomans was taken prisoner. He says :—

"Ordered up to the left, double-quick, woods on fire; got exhausted and fell out. In a few moments went on to join the brigade, the woods were full of smoke, got lost, ran on to the Rebel line of battle, and was taken prisoner by the 28th North Carolina regiment."<sup>1</sup>

**Malvern Hill.** On 1 July occurred the battle of Malvern Hill, the last of the Richmond battles, in which the Confederates were repulsed at every point. The 15th regiment was engaged, but the loss was small. On the pay-roll, 31 Aug., 1862, is endorsed as follows :—

"Regiment engaged on Malvern Hill, Va., 1 July. From thence marched to Harrison's Landing. On 4 Aug. marched to Malvern Hill on a reconnaissance in force; 6 Aug., returned to camp at Harrison's Landing; Aug. 15, marched across the Chickahominy through Williamsburg, Yorktown, Big Bethel, Hampton to Newport News, arriving 22d. 25, embarked for Alexandria, landed 28, marched about five miles on the Manassas turnpike, and encamped. 29, marched for Chain bridge, arriving 30; thence to Fairfax, and 31 to Centreville, and encamped near the enemy's old works."<sup>2</sup>

The efforts of the Union troops, in the early summer, to reach Richmond had failed. The Confederates were encouraged, and having raised the siege laid plans at once for removing the scene of action nearer the national Capital, and for the invasion of Maryland. The Union forces were now on their way northward, and a few weeks later the two opposing armies were arrayed in force at Antietam. The diary continues :—

"1 Sept., 1862, Brigade went out reconnoitering, back at night; marched all night to Fairfax. On morning of 2d, formed line of battle and remained all day; . . . at nearly dark the Rebels brought up their Flying Artillery and annoyed the rear of our column; the 1st Minn., with one section of artillery, formed across the road, and our regiment took a cross road and formed, and waited an attack. The enemy's cavalry came upon the Minn. regiment, who gave them a volley and fell back. We joined the column and marched until 2 o'clock; halted about two miles from Chain bridge.<sup>3</sup> On 3d, crossed the

<sup>1</sup> Yeomans, with other prisoners, was 1 July taken to Richmond, and on 15th to Belle Island, remaining there till 5 Aug., when 3,000 were marched to Aiken's Landing, 16 miles, in great heat, from which many died, and were thence transported in U. S. vessels to Harrison's Landing, where Yeomans, having been exchanged, joined his regiment.

The pay-roll, 30 June, 1862, dated "on the

march." Albert Prince in command. Storer detailed to Devens' staff. Missing in action, 30 June, Dodge, Ellis, Yeomans, Henry Hoyle wounded. Sick 6, for duty 58.

<sup>2</sup>This roll gives sick 27, for duty 63.

<sup>3</sup>In the confusion which prevailed in this retreat the 1st Minn. fired into the 15th Mass., but with no serious result.

bridge and camped at Tenellytown, Md.; 5, marched on to near Rockville; 6, moved a few miles and camped; 9 and 10, moved slowly; 11, near Clarksburg, shelled the Rebel cavalry; 12, went on through Hyattstown; 13, through Frederick City, and encamped near the city; 14, marched through Middletown; battle of South Mountain, arrived on the field after dark, just after firing had ceased; relieved line of battle; 14, during the night, the enemy left; 15, went on in pursuit, through Boonsboro and Keedyville, bivouacked; 16, artillery fight all day; 17, battle of Antietam.<sup>1</sup>

**Antietam.** This was one of the great battles of the war. Each army numbered about 100,000 men, and the contest continued from morning till night. During the night the Confederates retreated. In this struggle the 15th lost heavily. The casualties in Co. E were: Killed, Serg. Amos H. Shumway (buried on the field); Alfred W. Davis, d. of wounds 22 Sept.; John H. Curran, James H. Davis, Alexander Thompson, Conrad Amptaeur, Charles H. Wheelock, Edwin E. Rindge, d. of wounds 21 Oct. Wounded, Lieut. Albert Prince; Corps. Edward Cudworth, Simon Carson and Horace P. Howe; privates Matthew Brennan, Cyrus J. Dodd, Edward Ennis, Frank Eaton, Fred. A. Hall, Joseph E. Haskell, John W. Humphrey, John B. Marcy, Elliot F. McKinstry, Jerome P. Southwick, John Sullivan, Marquis E. Steere, Stephenson Sill, Luther Stone, George O. Williams, William Y. Woodbury, Oliver L. White. Yeomans says: "On the 18th only 10 from Co. E were present for duty; 19th, detailed to the battle-field to bury the dead and care for the wounded. Bivouacked until the 22d," at which date the regiment marched through Sharpsburg, down the Potomac valley toward Harper's Ferry, and again encamped on Bolivar Heights, where it continued until 30 October. At that date camp was broken and a line of march taken through the Loudon Valley toward Fredericksburg.<sup>2</sup>

**Falmouth.** After moving in different directions to meet the motions of the enemy, the regiment skirmishing, acting as picket guard and rear-guard for wagon-trains, etc., the vicinity of Falmouth, opposite Fredericksburg, was reached on 20 Nov., where preparations were made to go into winter quarters.

**Fredericksburg.** On 13 Dec., 1862, occurred the first battle of Fredericksburg (Gen. Burnside being in command), in which the fifteenth was engaged. The Confederates fought behind entrenchments and the Unionists in the open field, with great loss. One, Edward Lovely, wounded, and one, Emory F. Bailey, missing, in Co. E. A note [in Co. E Records], dated 11 Dec., says: "Regiment marched across the river to Fredericksburg,—in active service till the 16th,—then ordered to old camp near Falmouth."

Recrossing the river, the regiment remained in winter quarters near Falmouth until 2 May, 1863. On that day marched to the

<sup>1</sup> In reference to this season's movements, a writer in the *Spy* said: "It was the fortune of the Fifteenth to be exposed to constant marching and skirmishing till the battle of Antietam closed the year's campaign."

<sup>2</sup> Pay-roll, 31 Oct., 1862, "on the march"; sick 30, for duty 34.

river bank, and at daylight on the 3d crossed to Fredericksburg and joined, under Gen. Hooker, in the second attack on the Confederate works. Failing in the attempt, it recrossed the river the same night, and for four days acted as picket guard and support of a battery near the river. On the 8th, "moved back to the hill opposite the Lacy house," where an encampment was made, continuing about five weeks.<sup>1</sup>

**Marches.** The movements of the Confederates at this time indicated another invasion of the North, and on 15 June camp was broken, and the tedious marches began backward toward the old scenes of conflict. Yeomans says:—

"Started at 2 o'clock A. M.; hot, hard march through Stafford Court House, 18 m.; 16, started at 2 A. M. through Dumfries, Wolf Run Ford, etc., 19 m.; 17, to Fairfax Station, 6 m.; 19, to Centreville, 6 m.; 20, through Gainesville to near Thoroughfare Gap, 17 m.; staid till 25, on through Haymarket, Rebels shelled our rear, camped near Gum Springs, 14 m.; 26, crossed the Potomac at Edwards' Ferry, 13 m.; 27, through Poolesville to foot of Sugar-loaf Mountain, 12 m.; 28, through Barnesville to near Frederick, 12 m.; 29, long, hard march through Liberty, Union Bridge, 35 m.; 1 July, through Taneytown to near Gettysburg, 17 m.; 2, battle of Gettysburg."

**Gettysburg.** Fighting had begun the previous day, and notwithstanding the strain of long continuous marches in the rain and heat, these men joined "early in the morning," says the diary, of the 2d of July, in this greatest battle of the war. Starting at daybreak they marched several miles and at sunrise had joined a portion of their second corps, in its position behind Cemetery Ridge. Skirmishing began early, but the hard fighting of the day, in which the 15th took a part, was not until the afternoon and continued until night without decisive results. On the 3d the contest was renewed and in the forenoon the Unionists gained some advantage. At 1 o'clock began the final struggle, and for two hours a terrific cannonading from 150 Confederate and 80 Union guns continued. At 3 o'clock Gen. Lee, thinking the Union lines weakening, precipitated upon their left centre his reserve of 18,000 of his best troops, intending to sweep the field. The Union veterans were equal to the emergency, met the assault with coolness and bravery, forced back the attacking column and decided the fortunes of the day. In a *Spy* editorial, 23 July, 1864, occurs the following:—

"The next day [3 July] the battle was renewed. The shock was terrible. Late in the afternoon, when the rebel lines showed signs of wavering, the colors of the Fifteenth were ordered [by Gen. John Gibbon] to advance. The remnant of the regiment rallied to their support, and as if by one impulse the whole line pushed forward with a shout and carried the position. The rebel army was defeated."

<sup>1</sup> Pay-roll, 31 Dec., '62, "near Falmouth, Va." Watson resigned 21 Jan., '63; Lieut. William B. Prince, Captain; A. A. Smith, 2d Lieut., assigned to Co. E, 24 Oct.; Bernard B. Vassall resigned 31 Oct., '62. Sick and wounded 44, for duty 38.

Pay-roll 28 Feb., '63, same place. Capt. C. H. Storer resigned. Sick 28, for duty 35.

Pay-roll 30 April, '63, same place. Geo. W. Brown, 2d Lieut., trans. 9 April from Co. A to Co. E. Sick and wounded 19, for duty 33.

The *Spy* of 23 Nov., 1883, contained notes of a visit of several members of the regiment to the battle-field to fix the location of a monument. We quote:—

"Another point established was where the final charge of Pickett's division was repulsed at the summit of the hill near a clump of trees, mentioned in most accounts of the battle, called 'the high-water mark of the rebellion.' Here the 15th made a heroic stand at the crisis of the fight, and the spot was selected to be marked by a permanent memorial in its honor."<sup>1</sup>

Of Co. E, privates Geo. W. Cross and Michael Flynn were killed; and Capt. Prince, Corp. Anthony Murphy and Owen Tonar, Robert Lusty and Thomas King, privates, wounded; Flynn was on detached service in a R. I. Battery and is said to have been among the bravest. On the 5th a line of march was taken southward again, through Taneytown and Frederick and across Antietam Creek, near the battle-field, where they were on the 10th. On the 18th Harper's Ferry was reached, and keeping almost continuously on the move southward on the 23d an encampment was made near Warrenton Junction, about 60 miles south from Harper's Ferry. Here they remained until 12 Sept., making marches in different directions to meet exigencies.<sup>2</sup> At this date a movement was made, crossing on the 13th the Rappahannock to Culpepper Court House, and on the 17th going on to near the Rapidan and Cedar Mountain. Oct. 5, says Yeomans:—

"Returned through Culpepper. 10, marched up through the town, formed line of battle, at night sent out pickets. 11, at 2 A. M. withdrew pickets, marched back, recrossed the Rappahannock . . . and marched back . . . beyond Bealton Station, hard march of 18 m. with 8 days rations on our backs. 13, marched to near Sulphur Springs between Warrenton and Warrenton Junction and bivouacked."

**Bristow Station.** On 14 Oct. occurred the battle of Bristow Station in which the Confederates attacked and were repulsed with great loss. Henry Jirvensen, in Co. E, wounded.<sup>3</sup>

During the few succeeding weeks the position of the regiment was often changed, but did not remove far from Warrenton Junction. The diary continues:—

"Nov. 27, went on through the Wilderness to near Locust Grove, came on the enemy, formed line, the regiment advanced as skirmishers,—heavy skirmishing all day—regiment relieved at 9 at night—loss small. [Leander T. Kirby, wounded; Serg. James Comrie and Louis Jaquier, missing.] 28, advanced in line of battle through thick swampy woods . . . heavy skirmishing all day, remained in line all night. 29, moved out through the woods by White Hall Church on to plank road to Orange Court House, our corps and one division of 6th Corps intending to flank the enemy's right; skirmishing—first division slightly engaged. 30, turned out at 2 A. M. intending an assault, but as the enemy had been heavily reinforced during the night did not attack. Fell

<sup>1</sup> The pay-roll for May and June, '63, was dated at Pleasant Valley, Md. George W. Brown, sec. Lieut., in command; sick and wounded, 17; for duty, 39.

<sup>2</sup> The pay-roll, 31 Aug., 1863, was dated at

"Morrisville, Va."; sick and wounded, 22; for duty, 39.

<sup>3</sup> The roll for 31 Oct., 1863, was dated "Near Warrenton, Va."; sick and wounded, 17; for duty, 33.

back after dark and marched from 8½ P. M. all night. 2 Dec., crossed the Rapidan at Culpepper, Mines Ford, and reached old quarters at 8½ P. M., having had a hard 24 hours' march of 35 miles. On 5 Dec. moved 4 miles to near Stevensburg and went into winter quarters.<sup>1</sup>

"On 6 Feb. marched six miles to Morton's Ford, on the Rapidan, after dark crossed the river and engaged the enemy; 7th, recrossed and were on river bank all day, and in the evening returned to camp."

**Campaign of 1864.** Until early in May, 1864, the encampment continued near Stevensburg with only occasionally an incident to break the monotony of camp life. Then came the battles of the Wilderness and Spottsylvania. Gen. Grant was now in command. The Union army, with recruited ranks, crossed the Rapidan, and Gen. Lee fell back toward Richmond. C. C. Coffin says:—

"The month of May, 1864, will be remembered on account of the momentous events which took place in one of the greatest military campaigns of history. We are amazed by a succession of events unparalleled for rapidity. We cannot fully comprehend the amount of endurance, the persistency, the hard marching, the harder fighting, the unwearied, cheerful energy and effort which carried the Army of the Potomac from the Rappahannock to the James in forty days, against the stubborn opposition of almost equal numbers. . . . Morning, noon and midnight the boom of cannon and the rattling of musketry echoed unceasingly through the Wilderness, around Spottsylvania, along the North Anna, and among the groves of Bethesda Church and Cold Harbor."

**Wilderness and Spottsylvania.** On the 5th and 6th was fought the battle of the Wilderness, with many losses and no decided advantage to either side.<sup>2</sup> On the 9th, after three days hard fighting, the Confederates retreated with 13,000 loss. On the 11th and 12th occurred the battle of Spottsylvania, when 4,000 Confederates were captured. Of these movements Yeomans says:—

"3 May broke camp at 9.30 P. M., marched to Corps headquarters; 4, went on about midnight, crossed the Rappahannock at Ely's Ford, marched to Chancellorsville, halted and formed lines; 5, went on about five miles to Todd's Tavern, took another road, came back, fight began about 5 P. M., regiment engaged slightly; 6, hard fight, regiment engaged all day—battle of the Wilderness—regimental loss about 50 killed and wounded; 7, the fight

<sup>1</sup> Pay-roll 31 Dec., '63, dated "Stevensburg, Va.," William R. Steele, 1st Lieut., assigned to Co. E 9 Dec.; same date, James May, Lieut., transferred to Co. B; sick and wounded, 17; for duty, 32.

Roll 29 Feb., '64, same place. Capt. Prince and Melvin R. Rowe absent in Mass. on recruiting service; rejoined Co. 12 April. Daniel W. Knight, Lieut., in command; Lieut. William R. Steele on Div. Staff; sick and wounded, 7; for duty, 30. On 30 April, '64, when all its force was rallied for the opening of the great campaign the company numbered 40 in rank and file.

<sup>2</sup> Of the battle of the Wilderness, a recent writer has said: "It was the most strange and indescribable battle in history. A battle which no man saw, and in which artillery was useless. A battle fought in dense woods and tangled

brake, when manoeuvring was impossible, where the lines of battle were invisible to the commanders, and whose position could only be determined by the rattle and roll and flash of musketry, and where the enemy was also invisible." Another says: "Nothing can be stranger or more difficult to understand and picture mentally than this death grapple between 200,000 men in virtual darkness, this desperate struggle, costing from 12,000 to 15,000 lives, fought out without perception on either side of the entities that were moving rifle-trigger and gunlock. The firing was guided wholly by the flashes of the opposing volleys. No men were to be seen. Yet death was everywhere. In no battle of the war could the courage of the combatants have been so severely tried as here." —[*V. Y. Tribune*, 22 June, 1888.]

still continues, regiment changed position several times, but not engaged; 8, moved down by Todd's Tavern supporting cavalry; hot, hard march; 9, early in morning went back a short distance, formed lines, remained a short time, came back and moved down near River Po, and laid there all night; 10, crossed the Po, formed lines, staid but a short time, recrossed the river, and moved up to the left—Spottsylvania—hard fight, Capt. Prince wounded, charged breastworks, Henry Koch and Corp. Geo. S. Williams killed [the latter] on picket front of breastworks, remained till 12 at night; 12, at daylight charged the enemy's works successfully, captured Maj.-Gen. Johnson, Gen. Stuart, and many other officers, 18 pieces artillery, and many prisoners. In the afternoon attacked by the enemy—hard fight all the afternoon, regimental loss large, remained in line all night; 13, engaged slightly; 14, in line all day, not engaged; 17, remained quiet till dark, moved up to the Rebel breastworks; 18, at daylight moved on the enemy's works again—hard fight all the forenoon, at night moved further towards the left, about seven or eight miles by Mary's bridge; 20, moved on; 21, marched all night through Guiney's Station, Bowling Green, Milford, etc., crossed the Mattapony river, went on picket at night; 23, moved at 7 A. M. to North Anna River, some skirmishing; 24, crossed river, built breastworks, went out to support skirmish line, out all night; 26, recrossed the river; 28, crossed the Pamunkey near Newmarket, regiment deployed as skirmishers, got shelled, out all night as pickets; 29, joined Brigade; 30 and 31, moved each day, on night of 31 deployed as skirmishers, dug rifle-pits, out all night and next day; June 1, unsuccessful charge on the enemy's works;<sup>1</sup> 3, battle of Cold Harbor; at daylight made unsuccessful charge on enemy's works, at night dug rifle-pits within 50 yards of works, hot, hard, rainy time, constant sharp shooting; 7, flag of truce to bury dead; 8, quiet; 9, firing resumed on both sides, remained till night of 11, moved back."

**Change of plan.** At this point Gen. Grant altered his plan and suddenly moving by a circuitous route to the southward of Richmond, began the attack on Petersburg. The diary continues:—

" 12, marched all night; 13, crossed the Chickahominy in the morning on pontoons, below Bottom Bridge, marched to Charles City Court House; 14, at 5 P. M. crossed the James on transports and moved up about two miles; 15, marched towards Petersburg till 12 at night, built breastworks; 18, routed at 1 A. M., moved on enemy, regiment under fire all day, loss small; 19, at night moved out in front of rifle-pits, staid all day and all night; 20, moved back and camped; 21, in the morning crossed Norfolk railroad, moved up Jerusalem Plank road [nearly south of Petersburg], regiment laid in woods all night . . . ; 22, at 2 A. M. moved on through thick swamp to skirmish line, threw up breastworks, Rebs came in through a gap in our lines and took us all prisoners—77 in our regiment."

Thus ends the diary, so far as it describes the movements of the regiment. The prisoners were taken to Richmond, and thence toward Andersonville. On 1 July, while being marched around a break in the railroad under a guard of old men, boys, etc., Yeomans made a dash for the woods, was fired upon, but escaped, reaching the Union lines near Knoxville on 11 August.

Twenty days after the capture the time of their enlistment expired,

<sup>1</sup> These movements were mainly in a southerly direction, the object being to flank Lee's army, but failed. The works here alluded to were along the Totopotomoy River.

and some of the prisoners having been paroled, they, with others from different posts to which they had been assigned, started homeward via. Baltimore, arriving by steamer at Boston on 21st July. On 22d a grand reception was given them at Worcester. On 28th they were mustered at Brinley Hall, in that city,—7 officers and 80 privates,—paid off, and honorably discharged. The efficiency of this stanch Corps cannot be overrated. It distinguished itself for bravery on many occasions, and was one of the half-dozen regiments in the Union army which sustained the heaviest losses during the war.

**Battles and skirmishes** in which the 15th was engaged:—

*Ball's Bluff*, 21 Oct., '61; severe.

*Siege of Yorktown*, 5 April to 5 May, '62.

*Fair Oaks*, 31 May, '62; severe.

*Savage Station*, 29 June, '62.

*White Oak Swamp*, 30 June, '62.

*Glendale*, later, same day.

*Malvern Hill*, 1 July, '62; severe.

*Vienna*, 2 Sept., '62; on retreat from Fairfax.

*South Mountain*, 14 Sept., '62.

*Antietam*, 17 Sept., '62; very severe.

*Fredericksburg*, 11 to 16 Dec., '62.

*Second Fredericksburg*, 3, 4 May, '63.

*Haymarket*, 25 June, '63; skirmish.

*Gettysburg*, 2, 3, 4 July, '63; very severe.

*Culpepper Court House*, 13 Sept., '63; skirmish.

*Bristow Station*, 14 Oct., '63.

*Second Bull Run*, 15 Oct., '63.

*Mine Run or Locust Grove*, 27, 28, 29 Nov., '63; heavy skirmishing.

*Morton's Ford*, 6 Feb., '64; skirmish.

*Wilderness*, 5 to 9 May, '64; severe.

*Laurel Hill*, 10 May, '64; charge, severe.

*Ferna Hill*, 11 May, '64; severe.

*Spottsylvania*, "Bloody Angle," 12, 13, 18 May, '64; charge on the 12th, very severe.

*Milford*, 21 May, '64; skirmish.

*North Anna River*, 24 to 27 May, '64; heavy skirmishing.

*Pamunkey River*, 28 May, '64; skirmish.

*Hanover's Farm*, 30, 31 May, '64; skirmish.

*Same*, 1 June, '64; unsuccessful charge.

*Cold Harbor*, 3 to 11 June, '64; severe, charge repulsed, approaches by entrenchments.

*Before Petersburg*, 18 to 22 June, '64; regiment captured 22d.

## List of Members of Co. E.

Compiled from the pay-rolls and Adjutant General's Report. Many discrepancies exist between these rolls and the report, and in many cases it has been difficult to ascertain the facts.

The first date is that of the beginning of service. Those marked \* enlisted for Oxford. Abbreviations.—res. resigned; residence; d. died; pris. prisoner; disc. discharged; k. killed; com. commissioned; trans. transferred; rej. rejoined; prom. promoted; inv. invalid; dis. disability.

CHARLES H. WATSON,\* 36, Capt.; 12 July, '61; res. 21 Jan., '63, at Falmouth, Va.; res. 1890, Westfield, Mass.

NELSON BARTHOLOMEW,\* 26, lawyer, 1st Lieut.; 12 July, '61; d. 21 Nov., '61, at Philadelphia.

BERNARD B. VASSALL,\* 25, 2d Lieut.; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; prom. to 1st Lieut., declined his commission; res. 31 Oct., '62; disc. 20 Dec., '62; res. 1890, Worcester.

LUTHER C. TORREY,\* 37, painter, 1st Serg.; 12 July, '61; res. 12 Sept., '61, and served as a private; k. at Fair Oaks, 31 May, '62; buried on the field.

HENRY W. HAROLD,\* 32, soldier, English, Serg. 12 July, '61, to 1 April, '62; later, musician; disc. for dis. 19 Dec., '62; res. 1890, Akron, O.

ALBERT PRINCE,\* 22, shoecutter, Serg.; 12 July, '61; prom. 12 Sept., '61, to 1st Serg.; 22 Feb., '62, to 2d Lieut.; 18 Sept., '62, to 1st Lieut.; 14 Nov., '62, to Capt.; wounded at Ball's Bluff, 21 Oct., '61, at Antietam, 17 Sept., '62, at Gettysburg, 3 July, '63, and Spottsylvania, 10(?) May, '64; disc. with reg., 28 July, '64; d. 2 March, 1881, at Worcester.

GEORGE B. WORKS,\* 22, shoemaker, Serg.; 12 July, '61; prom. 1 March, '63, to 1st Serg.; was with the reg. at the front, 22 June, '64, and escaped while the body of the reg. was captured; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Binghamton, N. Y.

PELEG F. MURRAY,\* 23, carpenter, Serg.; 12 July, '61; prom. 1 March, '62, to 1st Serg.; disc. for dis. 18 Nov., '62; res. 1890, Worcester.

CHARLES A. BACON,\* 20, shoecutter, Corp.; 12 July, '61; prom. 1 March, '62, to Serg.; disc. for dis. 22 May, '62; res. 1890, Worcester.

AMOS H. SHUMWAY,\* 21, shoemaker, Corp.; 12 July, '61; prom. 12 Oct., '61, to Serg.; k. at Antietam, 17 Sept., '62; buried on the field.

PLINY ALLEN,\* 31, shoemaker, Corp.; 12 July, '61; wounded at Fair Oaks, 31 May, '62; disc. for dis. 19 Nov., '62; res. 1890, Charlton Depot.

JOHN M. NORCROSS,\* 36, shoemaker, Corp.; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff, 21 Oct., '61; prom. 1 June, '62, to Serg.; 8 Nov., '62, to 1st Serg.; com. 2d Lieut. 1 March, '63; res. 6 Sept., '63; d. 20 March, 1872, at Sutton.

LOREN C. HOYLE, 30, shoemaker [Sutton], Corp.; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 20 May, '63; res. 1890, Sutton.

JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS,\* 22, shoemaker, Corp.; 12 July, '61; pris. and wounded at Ball's Bluff, 21 Oct., '61; rej. Co. 25 Feb., '62; disc. for dis. 14 Oct., '62; d. 6 April, 1873, at Worcester.

GEORGE H. CARR, 21, machinist [Worcester]; 12 July, '61; Corp. Feb., '62; Serg. 1 March, '62; disc. for dis. 27 Jan.(?), '63; res. 1888, Brooklyn, N. Y.

PATRICK MOORE, 19, weaver [Millbury], Irish; 12 July, '61; Corp. before 31 Oct., '61; wounded and pris. at Ball's Bluff, 21 Oct., '61; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1888, Wilmington, Cal.

**OSCAR L. GUILD,\*** 19, shoemaker, musician; 12 July, '61; detailed to hospital service at Gettysburg after the battle; to Invalid Corps 27 March, '64; res. 1890, Lynn, Mass.

**ELIAS B. ELLIS,** 19, farmer [Kensington, Conn.]; Oct., '61; pris. at Savage Station, Va., 30 June, '62; rej. Co. 25 Oct., '63; re-enlisted, 27 Dec., '63, from N. Brookfield; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg. 28 July, '64; d. 26 April, 1880, at Oxford.

**CHARLES SUTTON,** 22, engineer [Worcester], wagoner; 12 July, '61; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. Kansas, when last heard from.

### Privates.

**GEORGE W. ALBEE,** 19, shoemaker [Charlton]; 12 July, '61; wounded at Fair Oaks, 31 May, '62; disc. for dis. 21 Oct., '62; res. 1890, at South Sutton.

**WILLIAM H. AMIDON,** 30, bit maker [Charlton]; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff, 21 Oct., '61; rej. Co. 28 April, '62; disc. for dis. 9 June, '63; res. 1890, Charlton.

**HENRY J. BALL,** 20, shoemaker [Charlton]; 12 July, '61; prom. 1 March, '62, to Corp.; 15 Nov., '63, to Serg.; wounded at Fair Oaks, 31 May, '62, and at Spottsylvania, May, '64; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Webster.

**CHARLES E. BARNARD,** 19, shoemaker [Auburn]; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 24 Nov., '62; enlisted in 57th Reg. and was Lieut.; d. 18 May, 1887, at Worcester.

**HENRY L. BERRY,** 21, sailor [Worcester]; 12 July, '61; detached to Western Flotilla, 17 Feb., '62; disc. for dis. 14 May, '63.

**MATTHEW BRENNAN,\*** 20, mechanic, Irish; 12 July, '61; wounded at Antietam, 17 Sept., '62; disc. for dis. 9 Feb., '63; d. Oct., 1876, in Pennsylvania.

**PATRICK BRENNAN,\*** 34, spinner, Irish; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 17 Dec., '62; res. 1890, Webster.

**HORACE C. BROWN,** 25, farmer [Grafton]; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 15 Jan., '63; res. 1890, North Attleboro.

**SIMON CARSON,\*** 27, finisher, Irish; 12 July, '61; prom. 1 March, '62, to Corp.; wounded at Antietam, 17 Sept., '62; disc. for dis. 14 May, '63; was in 1890 in asylum, Northampton.

**RICHARD W. CHENEY,** 24, machinist [Southbridge]; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 24 Oct., '62; d. 22 Aug., 1885, at Soldiers' Home, Augusta, Me.

**DANIEL COBB,\*** 19, spinner, Irish; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff, 21 Oct., '61; rej. Co. 27 Feb., '63; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Blackstone.

**OTIS COBURN,\*** 24, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff, 21 Oct., '61; rej. Co. 4 Feb., '63; trans. 22 Oct., '63, to Battery A (R. I.); dis. 4 Jan., '64, to re-enlist; was present in Co. E 30 April, '64; trans. to 20th Reg. and served to end of the war; d. 18 March, 1888, at Southbridge.

**JAMES COMRIE,** 21, boiler maker [Worcester], Scotch; 12 July, '61; Corp. 15 June, '62; prom. 18 Sept., '62, to Serg.; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Danville, Ill.

**THOMAS CONROY,** 21, shoemaker [Sutton]; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff, 21 Oct., '61; exchanged, but never reported.

**WILLIAM CONROY,** 20, shoemaker [Marlboro']; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; paroled; disc. for dis. 22 Nov., '62; drafted to 22d Reg. and k. in battle [Co. E Association record].

EDWARD CUDWORTH,\* 18, farmer; 12 July, '61; prom. 15 June, '62, to Corp.; wounded at Antietam, 17 Sept., '62, and at second day's battle at Wilderness; Corp. 3 June, '62; prom. 1 March, '63, to Serg.; re-enlisted 27 Dec., '63; trans. to 20th Reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Charlton.

GEORGE P. DAVIS, 29, bit maker [Charlton]; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff, 21 Oct., '61; rej. Co. Sept. or Oct., '63; re-enlisted 4 Jan., '64; k. at Wilderness, 8 May, '64.

FREEMAN DAVIS, 19, bootmaker [Spencer]; 12 July, '61; 30 April, '62, sick; rej. Co. 11 May, '62; 31 Aug., sick; disc. for dis. 14 May, '63; re-enlisted in 57th Mass. Reg. and k. at battle of the Wilderness, 8 May, '64, by a musket ball through the head and afterward raised himself and fired his last shot.

WILLIAM M. DAVIS, 23, shoemaker [Leicester]; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; d. 12 March, '62, at Leicester.

THOMAS F. DOCKHAM, 20, farmer [Charlton]; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; disc. for dis. 20 Dec., '62; res. 1890, Sugar Hill, N. H.

CYRUS J. DODD, 22, mechanic [Worcester]; 12 July, '61; wounded at Antietam, 17 Sept., '62; convalescent camp, Oct., '63; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; d. Aug., 1871, at Boston.

CALEB F. DUDLEY,\* 30, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 22 Nov., '62; res. 1890, at Oxford.

JAMES DUFFY,\* 19, weaver, Irish; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; exchanged but never reported.

FRANK DUPRÉ,\* 23, shoemaker, Canadian; 12 July, '61; detailed 9 April, '62, to Gen. Sedgwick's guard; rej. Co. Nov. or Dec., '62; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, West Boylston.

FRANK EATON, 19, machinist [Worcester]; 12 July, '61; wounded at Antietam; disc. for dis. 19 March, '63.

JOHN ECKERSLEY,\* 25, weaver, English; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; disc. for dis. 26 Oct., '63; res. 1890, Whitinsville.

WILLIAM H. EMERSON, 29, farmer [Auburn]; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; disc. for dis. 20 Dec., '62; d. 19 Jan., 1884, at Sutton; buried at Auburn.

EDWARD ENNIS, 31, gardener [Millbury]; 12 July, '61; wounded at Antietam; invalid corps, June, '63; rej. Co. 25 Feb., '64; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; d. 20 Nov., '66, at Millbury. [Mem. tablets.]

JOSEPH E. FELLOWS,\* 23, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; rej. Co. 21 Oct., '62; prom. to Corp. May, '63; re-enlisted 25 Dec., '63; pris. 22 June, before Petersburg; d. at Andersonville, 29 March, '65.

PATRICK FEIGHAN,\* 18, shoemaker, Irish; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff and severe wound in head; rej. Co. 22 March, '62; sick June, '62; disc. for dis. 16 Oct., '62; res. 1890, North Oxford.

MICHAEL FLYNN, 20, wiredrawer [Worcester]; 12 July, '61; wounded at Ball's Bluff; waiter in hospital, Oct., '62; rej. Co. Dec., '62; detached to R. I. battery before 30 April, '63; fought with great bravery at Gettysburg, and k. there 2 July, '63.

JOSIAH M. GREEN,\* 19, operative; 12 July, '61; pay-roll 21 Oct., '62, says "enlisted in the regulars"; res. 1890, Lewiston, Me.

GEORGE W. GUNSTON,\* 24, operative, English; 12 July, '61; named Feb. and Aug., '63, as paroled pris. since battle of Fredericksburg; rej. Co. 25 Nov., '63; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Providence, R. I.

FRED. A. HALL, 43, farmer [Millbury]; 12 July, '61; wounded at Antietam; disc. for dis. 5 Feb., '63; drowned in Lake Quinsigamond, 24 July, 1878. [Worcester Record.]

JAMES HILTON,\* 21, weaver, English; 12 July, '61; k. 21 Oct., '61, at Ball's Bluff.

HORACE P. HOWE,\* 21, hostler; 12 July, '61; prom. to Corp. before 30 June, '62; wounded at Antietam; disc. for dis. 27 March, '63; res. 1890, North Sanbornton, N. H.

HENRY HOYLE, 18, farmer [Grafton]; 12 July, '61; wounded at White Oak Swamp, 30 June, '62; rej. Co. 10 Aug., '62; disc. for dis. 9 Feb., '63; res. 1890, Worcester.

OTIS F. HOYLE, 24, farmer [Sutton]; 12 July, '61; pris. at Falmouth about 16 June, '63; rej. Co. before 31 Oct., '63; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Worcester.

JOSEPH JENNISON, JR.,\* 41, farmer; 12 July, '61; k. 21 Oct., '61, at Ball's Bluff.

THOMAS KING,\* 31, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; named as on ambulance corps, 28 Feb., '63; wounded at Gettysburg; sick 30 April, '64; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; d. 9 June, 1874, at Oxford.

PATRICK D. KINNEY, 20, painter [Auburn], Irish; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 28 Jan., '62; res. 1888, Stapleton, L. I.

FRANK L. KIRBY,\* 17, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; on all pay-rolls to 28 July, '64; wounded at Antietam and Wilderness; in hospital at Philadelphia thereafter until return to Mass., July, '64; disc.; res. 1890, Westminster Depot.

LEANDER T. KIRBY,\* 20, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; invalid corps, June, '63; wounded and pris. at Mine Run, 27 Nov., '63; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Paxton.

EDWARD LOVELY,\* 18, shoemaker, Canada; 12 July, '61; wounded at Fredericksburg; on inv. corps 31 Aug. and 20 Dec., '63; Vet. Reserve corps, March, '64; aided in the execution of Mrs. Surratt; re-enlisted 11 April, '64; disc. 15 Nov., '65; res. 1890, Charlton Depot, P. O. Spencer.

MAC [MIKE] LYNCH,\* 29, laborer, Irish; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 28 Feb., '63; res. 1890, Westboro'.(?)

JOHN B. MARCY, 18, shoemaker [Charlton]; 12 July, '61; wounded at Antietam; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Germantown, Pa.

OWEN McCANN, 20, carder [Auburn], Irish; 12 July, '61; joined the "regulars" before 31 Oct., '62; res. 1890, Worcester.

ORLANDO MCINTIRE, 29, bootmaker [Mendon]; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; re-enlisted 5 Feb., '64; pris. 22 June, '64; paroled; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg.; res. 1890, Sutton.

ELLIOT F. MCKINSTRY, 24, farmer [Southbridge]; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; rej. Co. March, '62; wounded at Antietam; on invalid corps June, '63, and April, '64; disc. 15 July, '64; d. 28 Jan., '67, at Southbridge.

WILLIAM F. MILLER, 18, harnessmaker [Southbridge]; 12 July, '61; prom. to Corp., 1 May, '63; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Worcester.

ALBERT S. MOFFITT,\* 20, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; pris. and wounded at Ball's Bluff; disc. for dis. 1 Oct., '62; d. 11 April, '64, at Oxford.

CHARLES E. MORSE, 22, farmer [Charlton]; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 25 April, '62; res. 1890, Charlton.

**TIMOTHY J. MOYNAHAN,\*** 26, spinner, Irish; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; disc., paroled pris. 9 Jan., '63; d. 8 March, 1873, at Worcester.

**ANTHONY MURPHY,\*** 20, spinner, Irish; 12 July, '61; prom. to Corp. 1 May, '63; wounded at Gettysburg; disc. for dis. 28 April, '64; res. 1890, Putnam, Conn.

**LYMAN PHIPPS,\*** 24, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; wounded and pris. at Ball's Bluff; d. 12 Nov., '61 (?), at Richmond. [Mem. tablets say 2 Dec., '62.]

**FRANCIS C. POPE,\*** 26, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; wounded at Cold Harbor; re-enlisted for Millbury, 22 Feb., '64; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg. 28 July, '64; d. 15 Feb., '65, at Satterlee Hospital, N. Y. [Mem. tablets.]

**EDWIN E. RINDGE,\*** 26, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; wounded at Antietam; d. 24 Oct., '62 [pay-roll], at Frederick, Md. [headstone says 18th].

**VERNON F. RINDGE,\*** 23, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; rej. Co. 22 March, '62; sick 31 Aug., '62; disc. for dis. 25 Nov., '62; d. 24 Feb., '63, at Oxford.

**WILLIAM RONAN,\*** 24, shoemaker, Irish; 12 July, '61; sick, 30 June, '62, and 30 April, '64; deserted from Portsmouth Grove, R. I. [Co. E Record]; d. 1887, at Worcester.

**BERNARD SCHMIDT,\*** 22, weaver; 12 July, '61; pris. at Ball's Bluff; had rej. Co. 31 Dec., '62; k. 10 May, '64, at the Wilderness.

**JEROME P. SOUTHWICK,** 17, shoemaker [Northbridge]; 12 July, '61; wounded at Antietam; disc. for dis. 27 Aug., '63; d. 12 Aug., '67, at Uxbridge.

**MARQUIS E. STEERE,\*** 18, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; wounded at Ball's Bluff and Antietam; disc. for dis. 13 Jan., '63; res. 1887, Albany.

**ALONZO E. STOCKWELL,** 31, brickmaker [Sutton]; 12 July, '61; teamster; forage master for brigade, Oct., '63; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, West Millbury.

**JOHN SULLIVAN,** 18, blacksmith [Worcester], Irish; 12 July, '61; lost an arm at Antietam, where he showed great bravery in saving the reg. colors; disc. for dis. 19 Dec., '62; d. 27 Feb., 1875, at Worcester.

**LEONARD E. THAYER,\*** 18, student; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 20 Dec., '62; res. 1890, Oxford.

**ALEXANDER THOMPSON,** 18, wiredrawer, Irish; 12 July, '61; k. 17 Sept., '62, at Antietam.

**SAMUEL THOMPSON,\*** 26, shoemaker; 12 July, '61; d. 5 Feb., '62, in hospital at Poolesville.

**THOMAS THOMPSON,\*** 29, carpenter, Irish; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 31 Jan., '62; re-enlisted 7 July, '62; trans. 27 July, '64, to 20th Mass. Reg. [Ad. Gen. Rep.]; res. 1890, Milwaukee.

**JOHN A. THURSTON,\*** 18, operative; 12 July, '61; prom. to Serg. 1 March, '63; pris. 22 June, '64, went to Andersonville, later was disc.; res. 1890, Germantown, Pa.

**FRANCIS E. TINGLEY,** 25, bootmaker [Bellingham]; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 5 Nov., '62; res. 1890, East Providence, R. I.

**JOHN TOOMEY,\*** 21, shoemaker, Irish; 12 July, '61; prom. to Corp. 23 April, '62; k. at Fair Oaks, 31 May, '62.

**CONRAD AMPTAEUR,\*** 28, operative, German; 12 July, '61; k. 17 Sept., '62, at Antietam.

**NATHANIEL A. VIALL,\*** 33, shoemaker; 30 July, '61; Corp. 12 Oct., '61; wounded and pris. at Ball's Bluff, lost an arm; disc. for dis. 18 Oct., '62; 1890, on soldiers' messenger corps, Boston.

**ALONZO V. WALKER**, 22, shoemaker [Northbridge]; 12 July, '61; prom. to Corp. 15 June, '62; disc. for dis. 25 Nov., '62; res. 1890, Worcester.

**SIMEON E. WATERS**, 20, farmer [Millbury]; 12 July, '61; disc. 25 Sept., '61; res. 1890, Natick.

**CHARLES H. WHEELOCK**, 21, shoemaker [Mendon]; 12 July, '61; k. 17 Sept., '62, at Antietam.

**ALBERT L. WILLIAMS**, 18, stonecutter [Charlton]; 12 July, '61; rej. Co. from detached service 13 Jan., '62; present 30 April, '62; d. at Turner's Hospital, Va., 13 June, '62.

**GEORGE S. WILLIAMS**, 23, farmer [Auburn]; 12 July, '61; prom. 1 Nov., '63, to Corp.; re-enlisted 15 Jan., '64; k. while alone on picket duty at Spottsylvania, 11 [13?] May, '64; buried on the field.

**WILLIAM Y. WOODBURY**,\* 20, stonecutter; 12 July, '61; wounded at Antietam; disc. for dis. 24 March, '63; res. 1890, Charlton.

**LEONARD L. WRIGHT**, 19, chairmaker [Millbury]; 12 July, '61; disc. for dis. 16 March, '62; res. 1890, Foxborough.

**ANDREW B. YEOMANS**,\* 25, painter; 12 July, '61; pris. at White Oak Swamp, 30 June, '62; prom. July, '63, to Corp.; 1 May, '64, to Serg.; pris. before Petersburg, 22 June, '64; escaped; rej. Co. 11 Aug., '64; disc. 24 Aug., '64; res. 1890, Oxford.

**JOHN TULLY**,\* 23, shoemaker, Irish; 12 July, '61; sick, 31 Oct., '62; disc. for dis. 23 March, '63; d. 23 Jan., 1888, at Worcester.

### Recruits.

**CHARLES H. BEATTIE**, 24, farmer [Dudley]; 5 Dec., '61; disc. for dis. 28 April, '64; d. 6 March, 1872, at Worcester.

**EMORY F. BAILEY**, 22, farmer [Sturbridge]; 9 Dec., '61; missing at Fredericksburg [roll 31 Dec., '62]; paroled pris. June and Aug., '63.

**EDWARD BOOTH**, 27, farmer [Fitchburg], Irish; 31 Dec., '61; sick, 31 Oct. and Dec., '63, and 30 April, '64; d. 20 March, '68, at Fitchburg.

**HENRY A. BAKER**, 18, farmer; 30 March, '64; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg. 28 July, '64.

**TIMOTHY J. CROWLEY**, 37, laborer [Worcester], Irish; 11 Dec., '61; sick, 30 June and 31 Aug., '62; disc. for dis. 18 March, '63; d. 14 Jan., 1879, at Boston.

**GEORGE W. CROSS**, 21, farmer; 15 Feb., '62; k. 2 July, '63, at Gettysburg.

**DAVID CRAIG**, 16, weaver [Andover], English, drummer; 7 July, '62; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg.

**JOHN H. CURRAN**, 23, laborer [Worcester], Irish; 31 July, '62; k. 17 Sept., '62, at Antietam.

**SAMUEL A. CLARK**,\* 39, shoemaker; 31 July, '62; deserted from hospital, 4 Feb., '63.

**JAMES CLIFFORD**, 20, operative [Clinton], English; 24 March, '64; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg. [Ad. Gen. Rep.]; res. 1890, Clinton.

**HORATIO C. DODGE**,\* 18, farmer; 11 March, '62; missing in action 30 June, '62, at White Oak Swamp; rej. Co. 3 Aug.; sick, 31 Oct., '62; on detached service, Fort Schuyler, New York, 30 April, '64; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg. 28 July, '64; d. 12 Jan., 1882.

**JAMES L. DAVIS**, 18, bootmaker; 11 Feb., '62; re-enlisted 22 Feb., '64; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg. 28 July, '64; d. at Worcester.

DANIEL DONAHUE, 21, laborer [Harvard]; 18 March, '64; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg. 28 July, '64.

ALFRED W. DAVIS, 28, gunmaker [Leicester]; Aug., '62; wounded at Antietam, 17 Sept., '62; d. there 22 Sept.

JAMES H. DAVIS,\* 32, dresser, English; 1 Aug., '62; k. 17 Sept., '62, at Antietam.

GEORGE W. DAVIS, 18, farmer [Hardwick]; 5 Aug., '62; disc. with reg. 28 July, '64.

GEORGE W. FAULKNER, 31, baker [Southbridge]; 21 Dec., '61; trans. 22 Oct., '63, to quartermasters dept.; Com. Serg.; res. 1890, Southbridge.

HERBERT N. FULLER,\* 21, yeoman [Wilbraham]; Feb., '62; re-enlisted 26 Feb., '64; pris. 22 June, '64; taken to Andersonville, where he d. 20 Feb., '65.(?)

JOHN FITZPATRICK, 21, shoemaker [Worcester]; 23 March, '64; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, at Worcester.

BARTHOLOMEW GREEN, 42, shoemaker [Worcester]; 24 July, '62; on ambulance corps, Feb., '63; disc. for dis. 26 Feb., '63; d. 11 July, '64, at Worcester.

JOSEPH E. HASKELL,\* 31, operative; 20 Feb., '62; wounded at Antietam; disc. for dis. 27 March, '63; d. 10 Feb., 1880, at North Oxford.

A. BRADFORD HUDSON, 27, farmer [Worcester]; Aug., '62; detailed July, '63, to hospital service at Gettysburg; had rej. Co. 27 Feb., '64, when he re-enlisted for Grafton; pris. 22 June, '64, before Petersburg; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Grafton.

JOHN W. HUMPHREY,\* 18, shoemaker; 7 Aug., '62; wounded at Antietam, lost an arm; disc. for dis. 16(?) Jan., '63; res. 1890, Oxford.

ROBERT LUSTY, 18, operative; 5 Dec., '61; wounded, lost a leg at Gettysburg; disc. for dis. 12 Jan., '64; res. 1890, Palmer.

PETER LUCK, 38, soldier [Worcester], Dane; 6 Jan., '62; trans. to Co. A, 7 Dec., '62.

JOEL W. LARNED, 21, shoemaker [Worcester]; 25 July, '62; in hospital many months; termination of service, 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Oxford.

CYRUS LARNED, 18, shoemaker [Worcester]; 31 July, '62; d. 12 Sept., '62, at Washington, D. C.

GEORGE H. NICHOLAS, 19, shoemaker [Sutton]; Nov., '61; disc. for dis. 25 April, '62; res. 1890, Whitinsville.

BRADLEY REED,\* 43, laborer; 16 Dec., '61; sick, 30 April, '62; disc. for dis. 26 Sept., '62; re-enlisted in 59th Mass. Reg.

WILSON B. ROBBINS, 42, farmer [Upton]; 5 Dec., '61; disc. for dis. 25 April, '62; d. 9 Oct., 1881, at Sterling.

MELVIN B. ROWE, 23, bootmaker [Strong, Me.]; 17 Feb., '62; on recruiting service in Mass. Feb., '64; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg. 28 July, '64; res. 1890, Bean's Corner, Me.

STEPHENSON SILL, 29, weaver [Holyoke]; 4 Jan., '62; wounded at Antietam; disc. for dis. 12 March, '63; res. 1890, Soldiers' Home, Va.

JAMES M. SNOW, 27, painter [Sutton]; 11 March, '62; disc. for dis. 15 Jan., '63; d. 30 Nov., 1874, at Athol.

LUTHER STONE,\* 30, shoemaker; 31 July, '62; wounded at Antietam; disc. for dis. 15 Jan., '63; res. 1890, Derby Line, Vt.

FELIX SHERBINO,\* 21, shoemaker [Canada]; Feb., '64; k. 8 May, '64, at Wilderness.

**GEORGE SHORTSLEEVE,\*** 21, shoemaker [Brandon, Vt.]; 19 Feb., '64; wounded at Wilderness, 8 May; d. 5 June, '64.

**THOMAS B. SMITH,** 38, shoemaker [Worcester]; 31 July, '62; present, Feb., '63; sick, April 20, '63; named wounded, 30 Aug., '63; sick, Dec., '63; absent, Feb., '64; present, 30 April, '64; res. 1890, Worcester.

**OWEN TONAR,\*** 37, laborer, Irish; 16 July, '62; wounded at Gettysburg; on inv. corps, 17 Dec., '63; d. in service.

**GEORGE O. WILLIAMS,** 18, farmer; Nov., '61; wounded at Antietam; present, 30 April, '64; disc., '64 [Co. E Ass. Rec.].

**OLIVER L. WHITE,** 22, bootmaker; Feb., '62; wounded at Antietam; on inv. corps, 30 June, '63.

**MARTIN WELCH,** 19, shoemaker [Worcester], Irish; Feb., '62; named paroled pris., 31 Aug., '63; rej. Co. and sick, 31 Oct., '63; rej. Co., and re-enlisted 24 Feb., '64; res. 1888, Togus, Me.

### Drafted Men.

*July and August, 1863.*

**WILLIAM GARNETT,** 24 [Boston]; pris. 22 June, '64; d. 6 Oct., '64, at Andersonville [Co. E Ass. Rec.].

**JOHN GROB,** 38 [Boston]; 1 Aug., '63; pris. near Mary's Bridge about 18 May, '64; d. 9 Sept., '64, at Andersonville [Co. E Ass. Rec.].

**HENRY Hoolan,** 25 [Worcester]; deserted.

**RUDOLPH HASE,** 27 [Worcester]; deserted.

**CHARLES HUBBARD,** 27 [Falmouth]; 30 July, '63; disc. for dis. 19 Dec., '63.

**WILLIAM HOY,** 21; deserted.

**PETER HANSON,** 24 [Boston]; 21 July, '63; trans. to navy 23 April, '64.

**MICHAEL HARRIS,** 22 [Boston]; deserted.

**JOHN HART,** 22 [Dorchester]; deserted.

**THOMAS HAGGERTY,** 31 [Boston]; deserted.

**EDWARD HILL,** 21 [Beverly]; deserted.

**JAMES J. HARDMAN,** 24 [Gloucester]; deserted.

**LOUIS JAQUIER,** 27 [Athol], Swiss, cook; 21 July, '63; missing in action 27 Nov., '63; not on roll Feb., '64; trans. 27 July, '64, to 20th Mass. Reg. [Ad. Gen. Rep.]

**CHARLES A. JONES,** 27 [Abington]; deserted.

**CHARLES JONES,** 41, sailor; disc. 7 Jan., '64.

**HENRY JIRVENSON,** 29, sailor, German; 31 Aug., '63; wounded at Bristow Station, 14 Oct., '63; deserted from hospital, 27 March, '64.

**PATRICK RYAN,** 26 [Boston]; 1 Aug., '63; trans. to 20th Mass. Reg. 27 July, '64.

**HENRY KOCK,** 28, clerk [Abington], German; 5 Aug., '63; k. 10 May, '64, at Wilderness.

**JAMES KEMBLE,** 21, clerk [Bernardston], Canadian; deserted.

**ITHIEL T. JOHNSON;** went Aug., '61, with Co. E, 15th Reg., as servant of Lieut. Bartholomew; ret. the following winter; on 26 Feb., '65, went again and was 15 weeks news agent in Hancock's Vet. Corps.

### Oxford Soldiers

In other organizations, compiled chiefly from the Adjutant General's Report. The first date gives the beginning and the last the close of service.

#### Tenth Regiment.

*Co. E:* FRANCIS E. CADWELL; 21 June, '61; 23 Nov., '62; disc. for dis.; credited to Monson. [His brother Jerome is said also to have been in the service under an assumed name.] *Co. K:* CHARLES S. KNIGHT, Corp.; 21 June, '61; 20 June, '64; credited to Westfield.

#### Twelfth Regiment.

*Co. C:* ABELLINO S. BURT; 15 July, '63; 25 June, '64, disability; lost an arm 5 May, '64, at Wilderness. THOMAS J. CUMMINGS; 22 Sept., '63; deserted, April, '64. *Co. F:* JOHN H. WELLMAN; 14 July, '63; trans. 25 June, '64, to 39th Reg. *Co. G:* DANIEL F. BACON; 14 July, '63; 26 Jan., '64, disability. *Co. H:* GEORGE BACON; 14 July, '63; wounded 6 May, '64, at Wilderness; d. 6 June, '64, at Alexandria, Va. SAMUEL C. SMITH; 14 July, '63; k. 21 June, '64, at Petersburg, Va. *Co. I:* JAMES BOYCE; 25 Sept., '63; deserted Oct., '63.

#### Fifteenth Regiment.

*Co. A:* GEORGE H. STEVENS, Serg.; 12 July, '61; trans. 29 July, '61, to Co. G; wounded 12 May, '64, at Spottsylvania; 28 July, '64; d. 9 June, 1884, at Oxford, a. 39. EDWARD G. GEE; 14 Aug., '62; 26 March, '64, to re-enlist for Leominster; trans. 27 July, '64, to 20th Reg. *Co. C:* GEORGE O. RAYMOND; 8 Aug., '62; d. of wounds at Gettysburg, 22 July, '63. *Co. D:* ELBRIDGE ACKER; 11 Aug., '62; 11 Feb., '64, to re-enlist; trans. 27 July, '64, to 20th Reg. CHARLES H. LAMB; 12 July, '61; 4 Feb., '64, to re-enlist; trans. 27 July, '64, to 20th Reg. FRED. T. MAPLE; 26 Dec., '63; trans. 27 July, '64, to 20th Reg. JAMES E. WHITE; 12 July, '61; deserted 3 March, '63. WILLIAM M. BLODGETT; fct. Worcester, 12 July, '61; k. at Fair Oaks, 31 May, '62. *Co. G:* ADAM MCKNIGHT; 28 July, '63; trans. 27 July, '64, to 20th Reg. *Co. H:* NATHAN A. SEAVER; 25 July, '61; 28 July, '64.<sup>1</sup> *Co. I:* FRANKLIN HOVEY, musician; 20 June, '61; trans. 27 July, '64, to 20th Reg. HENRY S. DEALING; 20 June, '61; disc. '62. JAMES MAHONY; 31 July, '61; 1 Nov., '62, disability. [See 1st Reg. Cav.] ANTOINE PHILLIPS; 20 May, '61; 12 May, '62, disability. [See 51st and 57th Regs.] MICHAEL POWERS; 1 Aug., '61; disc. '61, minority. *Co. K:* PATRICK ELLIOTT; 8 Aug., '62; 28 Sept., '63; wounded; d. 4 Dec., '63, at Oxford [Mem. tablets]. Unassigned. JAMES BURKE; 1 Aug., '62; deserted.<sup>2</sup>

#### Seventeenth Regiment.

*Co. G:* PATRICK O'Dwyer; 2 Sept., '64; 30 June, '65. Unassigned. GEO. W. FARRINGTON; 8 Aug., '64; was in 2d H. Art.; trans. to 17th, 17 Jan., '65.

#### Eighteenth Regiment.

*Co. E:* JOHN M. BADGER; 24 Aug., '61; 13 Dec., '62, disability. *Co. G:* EDWARD I. WILLIS; 14 July, '63; trans. 1 Oct., '64, to 32d Reg.

#### Nineteenth Regiment.

*Co. A:* ORRIN B. CHAFFEE; 11 Feb., '65; 30 June, '65. *Co. E:* GEORGE H. DAVIS; 25 March, '65; 6 May, '65.

#### Twenty-first Regiment.

(All transferred from the Fifteenth Regiment.)

*Co. E:* OTIS COBURN, Serg.; 4 Jan., '64; 12 June, '65; d. 18 March, 1888. EDWARD CUDWORTH, Serg.; 25 Dec., '63; 16 July, '65. ELBRIDGE ACKER;

<sup>1</sup>Credited to Northbridge, Adj. Gen. Rep.

<sup>2</sup>Credited to Worcester, Adj. Gen. Rep.

11 Feb., '64; 27 July, '65. JOSEPH E. FELLOWS; 25 Dec., '63; d. 29 March, '65, at Andersonville. HERBERT N. FULLER; 26 Feb., '64; d. 20 Feb., '65, at Andersonville. Co. G: FRED T. MAPLE, musician; 25 Dec., '63; 16 July, '65. CHARLES H. LAMB; 4 Feb., '64; 16 July, '65. ADAM MCKNIGHT; 28 July, '63; 16 July, '65. Unassigned, FRANKLIN HOVEY [see 15th Reg.].

*Twenty-First Regiment.*

*Band:* A. DORR WOOD. WILLIAM F. HERVEY; 23 Aug., '61; 11 Aug., '62. Co. A: SAMUEL P. HALL; 23 Aug., '61; 2 Jan., '62, disability. Co. E: CLIFFORD MICER; 23 Aug., '61; 4 Dec., '62, disability. JOSIAH G. SAWYER; 2 Jan., '64; trans. to 56th Reg. Co. F: JOSIAH REDFERN; 19 Aug., '61; 1 Jan., '64, to re-enlist [See 56th Reg.]. HENRY C. WISTER; 19 Aug., '61; deserted.

*Twenty-Fourth Regiment.*

Co. I: WILLIAM J. LAMB; 2 Jan., '64; 20 Jan., '66.

*Twenty-Fifth Regiment.*

Co. B: CHARLES W. ADAMS; 18 Dec., '63; 13 July, '65. Co. C: JAMES D. THOMPSON; 12 Aug., '64; 13 July, '65. Co. D: BENJAMIN F. BARNES; 6 March, '65; 13 July, '65. JAMES O. BARTLETT; 27 Sept., '63; 2 Jan., '64, to re-enlist; served to 13 July, '65; d. 1 May, '66, at Charlton, of wounds at Cold Harbor [credited to Douglas on Adj. Gen. Rep.]. BENJAMIN B. BARTLETT; 27 Sept., '61; 18 Jan., '64, to re-enlist; served to 13 July, '65. CHARLES E. GROVER; 6 March, '65; 13 July, '65. WILLIAM H. MORRIS; 21 Oct., '61; 22 June, '62, disability. JOHN A. TAFT; 14 Oct., '61; 20 Oct., '64. NATHANIEL E. TAFT; 14 Oct., '61; 15 Feb., '64, disability. JOHN F. TURNER; 6 March, '65; 13 July, '65. Co. F: CALVIN S. ALDRICH; 5 June, '62; 2 Jan., '64, to re-enlist; re-enlisted at Webster; served to 13 July, '65. JOHN GLEASON; 5 June, '62; 18 Jan., '64, to re-enlist; served till 13 July, '65. Co. G: VALENTINE SUTER; 18 Sept., '61; k. 8 Feb., '62, at Roanoke Island; WILLIAM C. WISWALL; 16 Oct., '61; 20 Oct., '64. Co. H: CHARLES W. ADAMS; 14 Sept., '61; 17 Dec., '63; re-enlisted in Co. B. JAMES D. ADAMS; 14 Sept., '61; 17 Dec., '63, to re-enlist; served to 3 June, '64; d. 4 Sept., '64, of wounds at Cold Harbor. Co. K: OTIS D. COOPER; 21 Sept., '61; 17 Dec., '63, to re-enlist; served to 11 June, '65. ALFRED J. KIRBY; 21 Sept., '61; 20 Oct., '64. JOHN B. MOULTON; 21 Sept., '61; served to 16 May, '64. SERENO NEWTON; 16 Sept., '61; 23 April, '64, disability. Unassigned, GEORGE H. KIRBY; 31 July, '62. JOSHUA EVANS; 31 July, '62.

*Twenty-Seventh Regiment.*

Co. B: DANIEL W. LARNED, son of Zenas M., for Athol, Serg.; 24 Sept., '61; re-enlisted 23 Dec., '63; Sec. Lieut. 4 June, '64; Lieut. 29 Sept., '64; Capt. 15 May, '65; disc. 26 June, '65; was wounded three times; went to Kansas, 1878; Clerk of District Court of Hodgeman Co., 1882 to 1886; Notary Public and Justice of the Peace; res. 1888, at Jetmore, Ks.

*Twenty-Eighth Regiment.*

Co. I: JOHN O'DONNELL; 16 Dec., '61; 19 Dec., '64.

*Thirty-Second Regiment.*

Co. A: A. J. COPP, for Grafton; 13 Nov., '61; d. 5 Oct., '62, Sharpsburg, Md. Co. B: MICHAEL FISHER [sub. for Emory E. Harwood]; 6 Dec., '64; 6 June, '65. Co. E: JOHN H. WELLMAN; 14 July, '63; 29 June, '65 [see 12th and 39th Regs.]. Co. L: EDWARD I. WILLIS; 14 July, '63; 30 June, '65 [see 18th Reg.].

*Thirty-Fourth Regiment.*

*Co. A:* GEORGE A. CLAPP, Serg.; 13 July, '62; Sec. Lieut. 12 March, '65; served to 16 June, '65. PATRICK POWELL; 7 July, '62. EDWIN ALBEE. MICHAEL RILEY; 25 Nov., '63; trans. 14 June, '65, to 24th. NATHANIEL C. WALSH; 13 July, '62; 16 July, '65. *Co. C:* ESTES E. BAKER; 2 Aug., '62; d. 24 Aug. [May?], '64, at Andersonville. *Co. F:* HORACE W. WALSH, Serg.; 2 Aug., '62; 16 June, '65. FRANKLIN W. CARSON; 31 July, '62; 17 Nov., '62, disability. PATRICK CASEY; 25 Nov., '63; trans. 14 June, '65, to 24th. *Co. G:* OSCAR E. ADAMS; 5 Aug., '62; 16 June, '65.<sup>1</sup> CHARLES C. TRASK, for Westfield; 31 July, '62; trans. 25 Jan., '64, to V. R. C.; d. 10 July, 1890, at Spencer. HORACE J. WILLIAMS; 2 Sept., '64; 16 June, '65.

*Thirty-Fifth Regiment.*

*Co. K:* ALFRED J. KIRBY.

*Thirty-Sixth Regiment.*

AUSTIN DAVIS, 1st Lieut.; 22 Aug., '62; Capt. 13 Nov., '64; served to 8 June, '65. *Co. C:* WILLIAM A. SMITH, son of Sanford J., for Worcester; 11 Aug., '62; d. at Nicholasville, Ky., 27 Sept., '63. *Co. F:* EDWIN A. MARTIN, Corp.; 9 Aug., '62; k. 3 June, '64, at Cold Harbor. ANDREW M. BLANDING; 2 Aug., '62; 8 June, '65; d. 1886, at Boston. JOHN DORE; 5 Aug., '62; trans. 31 March, '64, to V. R. C.; d. 15 Sept., '65, at Oxford. CHESTER J. SMITH; 6 Aug., '62; d. of wounds, 3 June, '64, at Washington, D. C. *Co. G:* WARREN F. BLANDING; 15 Aug., '62; 8 June, '65. PETER FRAZER; 14 Aug., '62; deserted, Sept., '62. HENRY GRIMLEY; 11 Aug., '62; 20 Jan., '63, disability; d. 21 June, 1890, at Togus, Me. WILLIAM JESMAN; 14 Aug., '62; deserted, '63; *Co. I:* RUSSELL ARNOLD, Serg.; 2 Aug., '62; 8 June, '65. JULIUS N. BELLOWES; 5 Aug., '62; d. of wounds, 12 May, '64, at Falmouth, Va. JOSIAH G. BROWN; 1 Aug., '62; d. 26 July, '63, at Milldale, Miss. OSCAR H. BROWN; 6 Aug., '62; trans. 3 Aug., '64, to V. R. C. DANIEL V. CHILDS; 2 Aug., '62; k. 6 May, '64, at Wilderness. JACOB L. CHILDS; 2 Aug., '62; d. 4 April, '64, at Covington, Ky. TRUMAN MARBLE; 6 Aug., '62; 7 Feb., '65, disability;<sup>2</sup> d. 1 Aug., 1870, a. 26. *Co. K:* JOSIAH REDFERN; 2 Jan., '62; trans. to 56th Reg. FRANCIS A. FLETCHER; d. 6 Dec., '63, at Falmouth, Va.; mem. of 36th Reg. [Mem. tablets]. The Adj. Gen. Rep. gives FRANCIS FLETCHER, Sutton; 6 Aug., '62; d. 8 Dec., '62; *Co. I*, 36th Reg.

*Thirty-Ninth Regiment.*

*Co. D:* JOHN H. WELLMAN; 14 July, '63; trans. 2 June, '65, to 32d Reg. [see 12th Reg.].

*Fortieth Regiment.*

*Co. C:* JAMES A. CUMMINGS, Serg.; 1 Sept., '62; 16 June, '65.

*Forty-Second Regiment.*

*Co. E:* JOHN BROWN, for Millbury; 3 Nov., '62; 20 Aug., '63. *Co. F:* ORRIN B. CHAFFEE, for Brookfield; 15 July, '64; 11 Nov., '64. ALBERT W. CARGEL, for Leicester; 30 Sept., '62; 20 Aug., '63. *Co. G:* DANFORD JOHNSON, for Worcester; 21 July, '64; 11 Nov., '64. *Co. K:* CHARLES M. TIFFANY, for Auburn; 1 Nov., '62; 20 Aug., '63.

*Fifty-First Regiment (nine months).*

*Co. C:* BOWERS DAVIS; 25 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. J. EDWARD NICHOLS; 25 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. HENRY W. PUTNAM; 25 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. *Co. E:* WILLIAM A. COPP, for Grafton; 25 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. *Co. G:*

<sup>1</sup>Credited to Auburn on Adj. Gen. Rep.

<sup>2</sup>Credited to Blackstone in Adj. Gen. Rep.

THOMAS D. KIMBALL, Capt.; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63.<sup>1</sup> JOHN HARWOOD, 1st Serg.; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. LEWIS T. EMERSON, Serg.; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63; d. 28 July, 1886, at Oxford, a. 49. CHARLES H. BURLEIGH, Serg.; 30 Sept., '62; re-enlisted 1 June, '63.<sup>1</sup> JOHN GRADY, Corp.; 30 Sept., '62; re-enlisted 1 June, '63.<sup>1</sup> CHARLES O. TAFT, musician; 30 Sept., '62; re-enlisted 1 June, '63.<sup>1</sup> LUKE BERGEN; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. PETER BLACK; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. PHILIP CAIN, Jr.; 15 Oct., '62; 27 July, '63. WILLIAM A. CAMPBELL; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63 [See 2d Cav. Reg.]. TIMOTHY CARNEY; 30 Sept., '62; 28 Oct., '62. CHARLES L. CUMMINGS; 30 Sept., '62; re-enlisted 1 June, '63. JOHN DALEY; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. EDWIN DAVIS; 30 Sept., '62; 25 Feb., '63, disability. GEORGE L. DAVIS; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. STEPHEN EAGER; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63; d. 28 Nov., '64, at New Berne, N. C.<sup>1</sup> WILLIAM S. FORREST; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63.<sup>1</sup> ALBERT G. FOSKETT; 30 Sept., '62.<sup>2</sup> DANIEL FOSKETT; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. JAMES GRADY; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. THOMAS HURST; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. GEORGE H. KEITH; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. JAMES H. KENNEDY; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. DANIEL LUCY; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63; d. 24 Jan., 1882, at Oxford. MARTIN MAHER; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. AUSTIN W. MARTIN; 30 Sept., '62; 22 Oct., '62, disability. PATRICK MURPHY; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. JOHN P. NEWTON; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. AMASA PHETTEPLACE; 30 Sept., '62; 4 Oct., '62. ANTONIO PHILIP; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63 [see 57th Reg.]. FRED A. PRESBY; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. WILLIAM SABIN; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. DANIEL SHEA; 30 Sept., '62; 27 July, '63. JOHN WELSH; 30 Sept., '62; deserted. JASON WEST; 30 Sept., '62; re-enlisted 1 June, '63. In Reg. CORNELIUS P. DAVIS, son of Reuben; d. 1 July, '63, at New Berne.

*Fifty-Fourth Regiment.*

*Co. F:* EUGENE T. WILLIAMS; 28 Nov., '63; 20 Aug., '65. Unassigned, DANIEL P. PETERS; 1 Sept., '64; trans. to 55th Reg.

*Fifty-Fifth Regiment.*

*Co. C:* DANIEL P. PETERS; 1 Sept., '64; 29 Aug., '65 [see 54th Reg.].

*Fifty-Sixth Regiment.*

*Co. B:* JOSIAH REDFERN; 1 Jan., '64; 12 July, '65 [see 36th Reg.]. *Co. I:* JOSIAH G. SAWYER; 1 Jan., '64; 12 July, '65 [see 21st Reg.].

*Fifty-Seventh Regiment.*

*Co. A:* MARTIN MAHER; 4 Jan., '64; 30 July, '65. ASA M. RAY; 4 Jan., '64; 30 July, '65. JOHN TULLEY; 4 Jan., '64; d. of wounds, 18 May, '65, at Alexandria, Va. *Co. B:* EUGENE SMITH, musician; 4 Jan., '64; 30 July, '65. DANIEL V. ADAMS; 4 Jan., '64; 30 July, '65. LORING J. ADAMS; 4 Jan., '64; 2 Nov., '64, disability. HENRY C. HAYDEN; 4 Jan., '64; d. of wounds received 17 June, before Petersburg, 4 July, '64, at Annapolis. AMOS P. NEWTON; 25 Jan., '64; k. 27 May, '64, at North Anna River. ANTONIO PHILIP; 4 Jan., '64; d. 3 Sept., '64, at Andersonville [see 15th and 51st Regs.]. WILLIAM ROBBINS; 11 Jan., '64; k. at Wilderness, 6 May, '64. JOSIAH SAWYER, a. 44; 4 Jan., '64, rejected. EDWIN H. SMITH; 4 Jan., '64; trans. to V. R. C. *Co. D:* MAURICE WELCH, musician; 25 Jan., '64; 30 July, '65. JAMES COWDEN; 25 Jan., '64; 13 July, '64, disability. EDWIN CUDWORTH; 25 Jan., '64; k. 25 March, '65, at Fort Stedman, near Petersburg. *Co. H:* JOSHUA EVANS; 11 Jan., '64; 12 May, '65. WILLIAM H. RICE; 11 Jan., '64; 12 May, '65.

*Sixty-First Regiment.*

*Co. G:* MOWRY J. GIBSON; 15 March, '65; 12 July, '65.

<sup>1</sup> Re-enlisted in 2d Reg., Heavy Artillery.

<sup>2</sup> Died in service. [Town Report].

*First Regiment Cavalry.*

*Co. C:* FRANCIS G. ELLIOT, Jr.; 17 Sept., '61; 4 May, '62, disability.

*Second Regiment Cavalry.*

*Co. A:* JOSEPH SPRING; 20 March, '65; 20 July, '65. *Co. B:* HORACE A. POPE; 16 March, '65; 12 July, '65. *Co. F:* FRED F. JOHNSON; 15 March, '65; 20 July, '65; d. 4 Dec., 1870, at Oxford. *Co. G:* GEORGE BENWAY; 20 March, '65; 20 July, '65. GEORGE DOUBLEDAY; 10 March, '65; 20 July, '65. *Co. K:* JAMES G. FORREST; 20 March, '65; 20 July, '65. JAMES MAHONEY; 26 Jan., '63; 6 Nov., '63, disability [lost an arm; see 15th Reg.]. *Co. M:* GEORGE H. BAKER; 20 March, '65; 20 July, '65. Unassigned. WILLIAM A. CAMPBELL; 16 March, '65; 16 May, '65 [see 51st Reg.].

*Fourth Regiment Cavalry.*

*Co. E:* ELISHA C. TAFT, Corp.; 27 Jan., '64; 14 Nov., '65; d. 26 Feb., 1869, at Oxford. *Co. F:* WILLIAM D. WHITE, Serg.; 1 March, '64; 14 Nov., '65. WILLIAM KIBBE; 1 March, '64; 14 Nov., '65. AUSTIN W. MARTIN [see 51st Reg.]; 27 Jan., '64; 14 Nov., '65; d. 21 Jan., 1884. JOHN MUNROE; 9 Aug., '64; 14 Nov., '65. THOMAS MURPHY; 3 Sept., '64; 22 May, '65. *Co. G:* VERNON CHAFFEE, for Webster; 27 Jan., '64; 28 May, '65.

*Second Regiment Heavy Artillery.*

THOMAS D. KIMBALL [see 51st Reg.], Capt.; 18 Sept., '63; 3 Sept., '65; Major, 18 Sept., '65. *Co. A:* CHARLES H. BURLEIGH [see 51st Reg.], 1st Serg.; 4 Aug., '63; 3 Sept., '65. *Co. B:* JOHN GRADY [see 51st Reg.], Corp.; 28 July, '63; 3 Sept., '65. *Co. D:* PATRICK O'DWYER; 2 Sept., '64; trans. 9 Feb., '65, to 17th Reg. CHARLES O. TAFT [see 51st Reg.]; 22 Aug., '63; 3 Sept., '65.<sup>1</sup> WILLIAM WIGGIN; 22 Aug., '63; 3 Sept., '65. *Co. E:* JAMES O'BRIEN; 5 Oct., '63; 3 Sept., '65. STEPHEN EAGER; 8 Oct., '63; d. 28 Nov., '64, at New Berne. *Co. F:* ANDREW DARLING; 8 Oct., '63; 3 Sept., '65.<sup>2</sup> *Co. G:* WILLIAM BIGGS; 7 Dec., '63; d. 21 July, '64, at Andersonville. WILLIAM H. N. CADY; 7 Dec., '63; d. 1 Nov., '64, in prison. PATRICK HOGAN; 7 Dec., '63; d. 27 Aug., '64, at Andersonville. PATRICK HOLDEN; 7 Dec., '63; d. 25 Aug., '64, at Andersonville. JOSEPH PIPER; 19 July, '64; 3 Sept., '65. JOHN C. STEERE; 7 Dec., '63; rejected. *Co. H:* CHRISTOPHER VICARS; 7 Dec., '63; d. 30 Aug., '64, at Charleston, S. C.; prisoner. RUFUS VICARS; 7 Dec., '63; d. Oct., '64, at Florence, S. C.; prisoner. *Co. I:* GEORGE W. FARRINGTON; 8 Aug., '64; trans. 17 Jan., '65, to 17th Reg. GEORGE HASTINGS; 6 Aug., '64; deserted Sept., '64. *Co. K:* WILLIAM S. FORREST [see 51st Reg.], Corp.; 22 Dec., '63; 3 Sept., '65; d. 21 Nov., 1889, at Oxford. DAVID N. HARRIS; 22 Dec., '63; 3 Sept., '65; d. 26 Nov., 1887, at Oxford. DANIEL TOOMEY; 22 Dec., '63; 1 June, '65; d. 4 Jan., 1882, at Oxford. ALBERT W. BLANDING; 22 Dec., '63; 3 Sept., '65. Unassigned, SAMUEL P. JONES; 13 Sept., '64; 21 Oct., '64, disability. JAMES MILFORD; 6 Aug., '64. WILLIAM DANIELS; not in service.

*Third Heavy Artillery.*

*Co. C:* PATRICK O'DAY; 14 Aug., '63; deserted 1 May, '64.

*First Battalion, Heavy Artillery.*

*Co. C:* LOWELL A. BECKWITH; 28 Nov., '64; 20 Oct., '65.<sup>3</sup> *Co. D:* LEWIS SEYMOUR; 6 June, '63; deserted 20 Oct., '63.

*Tenth Battery, Light Artillery.*

ALGERNON P. FOLLETT; 5 Sept., '64; 9 June, '65.

<sup>1</sup>Credited to Dedham in Adj. Gen. Rep.

<sup>2</sup>Credited to Worcester in Adj. Gen. Rep.

<sup>3</sup>Credited to Lowell in Adj. Gen. Rep.

*Third Battalion, Riflemen.**Co. B: SERENO NEWTON; 19 May, '61; 3 Aug., '61.**Forty-Second Regiment (100 days).**Co. E: VERNON T. WETHERELL; 22 July, '64; 11 Nov., '64. Co. G: WILLIAM S. HURD; 21 July, '64; 11 Nov., '64.**Nineteenth (Unattached Co.) Infantry.**WILLIAM S. HURD; 25 Nov., '64; 27 June, '65.**Veteran Reserve Corps.**ELIX BULLEY; 5 Sept., '64; 17 Nov., '65. SAMUEL MEEKER.(?)**Regular Army.*

DAVID BARTON; 26 Nov., '62; Asst. Q. M., rank of Captain, at Hilton Head, S. C., until resignation on account of ill health, 1864. SAMUEL R. BARTON; 4 Dec., '62; 3 May, '65; hospital steward at Washington, D. C.

The following from Oxford are given as in Massachusetts regiments, but we do not find them on the Adjutant General's Report.

*Thirty-Sixth Regiment.**WELCOME MILLER.**Fifty-Seventh Regiment.**PETER LAMONT; disc. JOSEPH PEAKE; deserted.*

WILLIAM A. EMERSON had served in 51st Reg. and was disc.; was drafted from Oxford in '64, and served from Aug. to Dec., '64; unassigned.

GEORGE TIFFANY, substitute for Braman F. Sibley, served nine months at Boston Harbor.

DR. CHARLES W. LYNN enlisted in Co. H., 25th Reg., Sept., '61 [credited to Thompson]; served 18 months in the ranks, and was detailed to hospital service, continuing until his disc., Oct., '64.

*First R. I. Cavalry Regiment.*

MICHAEL MULLEN; 14 Dec., '61; 15 Nov., '64. PATRICK MULLEN; 14 Dec., '61; 3 Aug., '65. SAMUEL C. WILLIS, JR.; 16 Dec., '61; 3 Aug., '65; Quar. Mas. Serg. of Co. G, 10 May, '62; Reg. Com. Serg., 18 May, '64; First Lieut. and commander, Co. F, 1 Nov., '64. GEORGE F. CUMMINGS; 14 Dec., '61; 3 Aug., '65; Corp. [given as "Frank Cummings" in Town Rep.]; Serg. 1 May, '65; credited to Auburn. NATHANIEL SMITH EMERSON, served in this Reg.; 14 Nov., '61; July, '62; credited to Worcester. He later went as officer's servant to New Orleans, where he died. JACOB H. PICKETT is given as of this Reg. in Town Rep.; his name is not on the official list.

*Seventh R. I. Regiment.**Co. I: EMORY HUMES; 4 Aug., '62; 9 June, '65.**Second N. H. Regiment.**Co. H: JOHN A. ELLIOT; 27 May, '61; deserted 10 June, '63.**Eleventh Conn. Regiment.*

*Co. B: WILLIAM W. SCHOFIELD; Sept., '61; wounded 14 March, '62, at New Berne; disc. for dis. Feb., '64.*

*Sixteenth Conn. Regiment.**GEORGE R. KIMBALL, Serg.; 29 July, '62; July, '65.**Fourth Vermont Regiment.*

*Co. I: GEORGE H. AMIDON; 21 Aug., '61; 13 July, '65; Sec. Lieut., 19 Jan., '62; First Lieut., Co. G, 19 July, '62; Capt. Co. E, 23 Sept., '62;*

brevet Major, 9 June, '65; wounded 5 May, '64, at Wilderness, and 19 Oct., '64, at Cedar Creek; left the service an invalid; d. 4 Jan., 1871, at Oxford.

*First Vermont Cavalry.*

*Co. C:* P. MERRICK MOFFITT: 20 Sept., '61; wounded 20 Sept., '63, at Grove Church, Va.; re-enlisted 28 Dec., '63; disc. 9 Aug., '65.

*Twenty-Fourth Wisconsin Volunteers.*

*Co. B:* ALBERT G. UNDERWOOD: Aug., '62; June, '65; clerk under Howard, Rosecrans and Sheridan; d. 22 Dec., 1882, in Florida.

*Twenty-Sixth N. Y. Regiment [U. S. C. T.]*

*Co. B:* JOHN R. SMITH: 28 Dec., '63; 28 Aug., '65.

*U. S. Navy.*

BENJAMIN DYER, Jr., was acting volunteer Lieut. on store-ship *Fredonia*, at Arica, Peru, 13 Aug., 1868, the vessel being in the harbor. An earthquake destroyed the town and a tidal wave following wrecked the vessel. She sunk with all on board, including Dyer and his wife.

GEORGE WHITLEY, substitute for Benjamin W. Childs, served from 7 Dec., '64, to the close of the war.

*U. S. Engineers.*

HOWARD CARSON. LEANDER A. POOR.

**Number of Oxford Soldiers.** It is impossible to give from data accessible, the precise number of men properly called inhabitants of Oxford who engaged in the war, as many from abroad enlisted in Oxford's quota, and were credited here, while a considerable number from the town enlisted in other places. The number furnished by Oxford is given officially in the Selectmen's Report for 1865 as 252, including five three years' men enlisted in the southern States, which was a surplus of 23 one year's men over all calls.

**Memorial Tablets, Town Hall.<sup>1</sup>**

*Twelfth Regiment.*

GEORGE BACON, died at Alexandria, Va., June 6, 1864.

SAMUEL C. SMITH, killed at Petersburg, Va., June 21, 1864.

*Fifteenth Regiment.*

Lieut. NELSON BARTHOLOMEW, died at Philadelphia, Nov. 22, 1861.

Sergt. LUTHER C. TORREY, killed at Fair Oaks, Va., May 31, 1862.

Sergt. AMOS H. SHUMWAY, killed at Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, 1862.

Corp. JOHN TOOMEY, killed at Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862.

EDWARD BOOTH, died at Fitchburg, March 20, 1868.

GEORGE W. CROSS, killed at Gettysburg, Pa., July 2, 1863.

GEORGE P. DAVIS, killed at Wilderness, Va., May 8, 1864.

JAMES H. DAVIS, killed at Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, 1862.

ALFRED W. DAVIS, died at Antietam, Md., Sept. 22, 1862, of wounds.

EDWARD ENNIS, died at Millbury, Nov. 20, 1866.

PATRICK ELLIOTT, died at Oxford, Dec. 4, 1863.

HERBERT N. FULLER, died at Andersonville, Ga., Feb. 20, 1864.

<sup>1</sup> It will be noticed that in some instances the dates here given do not agree with those in the preceding list. That record was made with care

from the best information available. It is known that in several cases the dates on the Memorial Tablets are erroneous.

JOSEPH E. FELLOWS, died at Andersonville, Ga., March 29, 1865.

JAMES HILTON, killed at Ball's Bluff, Va., Oct., 21, 1861.

JOSEPH JENNISON, Jr., killed at Ball's Bluff, Va., Oct. 21, 1861.

HENRY KOCK, killed at Spottsylvania, Va., May 13, 1864.

CYRUS LARNED, died at Washington, D. C., Sept. 12, 1862.

ALBERT S. MOFFITT, died at Oxford, April 11, 1864, of wounds.

ELLIOT F. MCKINSTRY, died at Southbridge, Jan. 28, 1867.

ANTONIO PHILLIPS, died at Andersonville, Ga., Sept. 3, 1864.

FRANCIS C. POPE, died at Satterlee Hospital, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1865.

LYMAN PHIPPS, died at Richmond, Va., Dec. 2, 1862.

VERNON F. RINDGE, died at Oxford, Feb. 24, 1863.

EDWIN E. RINDGE, died at Frederick, Md., Oct. 18, 1862, of wounds received at Antietam, Md.

GEORGE O. RAYMOND, died at Gettysburg, Pa., July 22, 1863, of wounds.

JEROME P. SOUTHWICK, died at Uxbridge, Mass., Aug. 12, 1867, of wounds.

BERNARD SCHMIDT, killed at Wilderness, Va., May 8, 1864.

FELIX SHERBINO, killed at Wilderness, Va., May 8, 1864.

GEORGE SHORTSLEEVE, died June 5, 1864, of wounds received at Wilderness, Va., May 8, 1864.

SAMUEL THOMPSON, died at Poolesville, Md., Feb., 5, 1862.

CONRAD M. TOWER [AMPTAEUR], killed at Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, 1862.

CHARLES H. WHEELOCK, killed at Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, 1862.

GEORGE S. WILLIAMS, killed at Spottsylvania, Va., May 13, 1864.

ALBERT L. WILLIAMS, died at Bottom's Bridge, Va., Jan. 12, 1862.

*Twenty-Fifth Regiment.*

JAMES D. ADAMS, died at Oxford, Sept. 4, 1864.

JAMES O. BARTLETT, died at Charlton, May 1, 1866, of wounds received at Cold Harbor, Va.

VALENTINE SUTER, killed at Roanoke Island, Feb. 8, 1862.

*Thirty-Fourth Regiment.*

ESTES E. BAKER, died at Andersonville, Ga., Aug. 24, 1864.

*Thirty-Sixth Regiment.*

Corp. EDWIN A. MARTIN, killed at Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864.

JULIUS N. BELLows, died at Falmouth, Va., May 12, 1864, of wounds received at Wilderness, Va.

JOSIAH C. BROWN, died at Milldale, Miss., July 26, 1863.

DANIEL V. CHILDS, killed at Wilderness, Va., May 6, 1864.

JACOB L. CHILDS, died at Covington, Ky., April 4, 1864.

JOHN DORE, died at Oxford, Sept. 15, 1865.

FRANCIS A. FLETCHER, died at Falmouth, Va., Dec. 6, 1863.

CHESTER J. SMITH, died at Washington, D. C., June 3, 1864.

*Fifty-First Regiment.*

ALBERT FOSKETT, died in the service.

*Fifty-Seventh Regiment.*

EDWIN CUDWORTH, killed at Petersburg, Va., March 25, 1865.

HENRY C. HAYDEN, died at Annapolis, Md., July 4, 1864.

AMOS P. NEWTON, Jr., killed at North Anna River, Va., May 27, 1864.

WILLIAM ROBBINS, killed at Wilderness, Va., May 6, 1864.

JOHN TULLEY, died at Alexandria, Va., May 18, 1865.

*Second Heavy Artillery.*

WILLIAM BIGGS, died at Andersonville, Ga., July 21, 1864.

WILLIAM H. N. CADY, died in Rebel Prison, Nov. 1, 1864.

STEPHEN EAGER, died at Newbern, N. C., Nov. 28, 1864.  
 PATRICK HOGAN, died at Andersonville, Ga., Aug. 27, 1864.  
 PATRICK HOLDEN, died at Andersonville, Ga., Aug. 25, 1864.  
 RUFUS VICKERS, died at Florence, S. C., Oct., 1864.  
 CHRISTOPHER VICKERS, died at Charleston, S. C., Aug. 30, 1864.

**Graves of Soldiers** in Oxford, whose names are not in the foregoing lists. In the cemetery on the Plain:—

CHARLES MORAN, d. 23 Aug., 1883, a. '65; Co. F, 21st Mass. Reg. [Credited to Worcester in Adj. Gen. Rep.]

MANSON GOULD, Co. H, 51st Mass. Reg., d. 18 June, 1863, at Newbern, N. C. [Charlton.]

CHARLES A. HALL, Band, 4th Mass. H. Art., d. 16 May, 1876. [Worcester.]

In the North Cemetery:—

JOHN H. WISWELL, Corp., Co. I, 34th Mass. Reg., served from 23 July, '62, d. 23 March, '65, at Wilmington, N. C. [Warren.]

GEORGE G. MONROE, Co. C, 54th Mass. Reg. [colored], served from 30 March, '63; disc. for disability 10 July, '65; d. 3 Feb., 1883, a. 41. [Littleton.]

MYRON J. BALCOM, Co. B, 11th Conn. Reg., d. 6 Jan., 1876, a. 34.

HENRY M. WHITE, U. S. Colored Troops, d. 17 Aug., 1870, a. 30.

EUGENE SMITH, Co. B, 57th Mass. Reg. [colored], musician; served from 4 Jan., '64, to expiration of service, 30 July, '65; d. 24 March, 1883, a. 37.

WILLIAM SEVERANCE, Maine Reg., d. 5 Dec., 1881.

DANIEL W. BLANDING, d. 22 May, 1870.

ANSEL L. HOWE, Co. I, 39th Mass. Reg.; served from 25 Aug., '62, to decease, 18 Aug., '64, on Weldon R. R., N. C. [Natick.]

RHODES STAFFORD, Co. E, 4th Mass. Cavalry; served from 7 Jan., '64, to decease, 21 Oct., '64, at Mower Hospital. [Auburn.]

FREDERICK E. YOUNG, k. in battle before Richmond, 13 Oct., '64.

GEORGE L. GROVER, Co. H, 1st Conn. Cav.; d. 18 Feb., 1871, a. 23.

WILLIAM J. BOND, Serg., Co. K, 25th Mass. Reg.: d. 3 June, '64, at Cold Harbor, Va. [Charlton.]

SIMEON WHEELOCK; no headstone.

IRVING S. VASSALL, in service as clerk in Mass. State Agency at Washington; d. 9 April, 1865.

**Grand Army of the Republic.** Oxford Post, G. A. R. No. 27, Charles Devens, was organized 15 Oct., 1867, in the Engine Company's hall, met there for a time and removed in 1868 to Sanford's Hall, continuing to the fall of 1870. A reorganization occurred Nov., 1870, in the basement of the store next south of the bank, and meetings were held there until about 1878, when the hall over the store on Sutton Avenue, near the railroad station, was occupied. In Nov., 1881, Sanford's Hall was again leased and has since that date been headquarters.

In 1879 a Relief Fund was established for the benefit of sick soldiers, and in 1889 \$366.82 had been disbursed. In addition special contributions to needy comrades were made to the amount of about \$500. The regular fund has been kept up by donations and the profits of public entertainments. The number of members, 1889, was 43.

**Commanders:** 1867, Bernard B. Vassall; 1868, A. Burrill Yeomans; 1869, A. B. Clark; 1870, '71, '72, Lewis T. Emerson; 1873, William S. Forrest; 1874, George H. Baker; 1875, '76, J. Edward Nichols; 1877, George H. Stevens; 1878, '79, George W. Warner; 1880, John A. Taft; 1881, '82, Leonard E. Thayer; 1883, John A. Taft; 1884, Fred. G. Hyde; 1885, Lewis T. Emerson; 1886, '87, Orrin B. Chaffee; 1888, Fred. G. Hyde; 1889, John A. Taft; 1890, Leonard E. Thayer.

**Sons of Veterans.** A corps of Sons of Veterans was organized 24 Sept., 1886, and holds its meetings in G. A. R. hall.

**Relief Corps.** A Woman's Relief Corps was organized 2 Feb., 1887, meets at the same place, and is auxiliary to the G. A. R.

**Decoration Day.** The town has usually appropriated sufficient funds to pay all expenses, good music and able speakers have been provided and the attendance has been uniformly large. The first observance was 30 May, 1868; address by Rev. Samuel J. Austin; subsequent orators have been: 1869, Rev. Daniel Wait; 1870, A. J. Bartholomew, Esq., Southbridge; 1871, Rev. Thomas E. Babb; 1872, Rev. Thomas E. St. John, Worcester;<sup>1</sup> 1873, Col. J. A. Titus, Worcester; 1874, Rev. Thomas E. St. John, Worcester; 1875, Gen. Charles Devens, Worcester; 1876, no address, no town appropriation; 1877, Col. W. S. B. Hopkins, Worcester; 1878, Rev. Amzi B. Emmons; 1879, Rev. Julius F. Simmons, Webster; 1880, Col. J. A. Titus, Worcester; 1881, Rev. Albert Tyler; 1882, John R. Thayer, Esq., Worcester; 1883, Lieut. Fred. G. Hyde; 1884, Col. E. J. Russell, Worcester; 1885, Homer B. Sprague, Boston; 1886, Gen. Charles Devens; 1887, Rev. E. W. Preble, Webster; 1888, Rev. H. Francis Perry, Hudson; 1889, Rev. Porter R. Stratton; 1890, Charles N. Thomas, Boston.

**Co. E Association.** This association was organized 26 Sept., 1868, and each year on 28 of June, the anniversary of going into camp at Worcester, has held a reunion. A dinner has always been provided, of late at the town expense.

<sup>1</sup> From the church steps in a pouring rain.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### INDUSTRIES.

POTASH. IRON. ELIOTT MILL. SCYTHES. COTTON SPINNING. SLATER'S MILL. CENTRAL MANUFACTURING COMPANY. POPE & WARNER. PRATT MILLS. OLD HUGUENOT MILLS. BUG SWAMP MILLS. NAILS. AUGUTTE-BACK MILLS. POWER WEAVING. OXFORD WOOLEN MANUFACTURING COMPANY. GEORGE HODGES. ANDREW HOWARTH. BUFFUMVILLE. THREAD MAKING. SIGOURNEY MILL. ROCKDALE MILL. OXFORD COTTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY. ACWORTH MILL. LAMB MILL. TEXAS MILLS. NORTH OXFORD OPTICAL WORKS. CHASE MILL NO. 2. STONE'S MILLS. RICH'S MILL. GATES' MILLS. WALLACE MILL. WOOL-CARDING. MILLWRIGHTS. BRICK MAKING. BAKERY. CHAISE AND HARNESS. DISTILLERIES. TANNERIES. SHOE MANUFACTURE.

**Potash.** For the first hundred years of the town's history its inhabitants were almost entirely devoted to agricultural pursuits. Scythe-making was undertaken in a small way toward the close of the last century, and before the Revolution the manufacture of potash began. This was, indeed, almost the only article of manufacture sent out of town for sale before 1800. Wood ashes were abundant; traders received them in exchange for goods, and several had attached to their premises buildings fitted with leaches and kettles for its manufacture, and transacted a considerable business, marketing it in Boston, whence it was shipped to England.

Six factories are known to have existed in town. At the north were the works of Uriah Stone, who cut and burned large quantities of wood on the Gore lands, and was perhaps the largest producer of the town. He is said to have operated two establishments. Another was at the northwest on Cox's land. In 1765 Stephen Barton sold to Dr. Alexander Campbell "potash works on Cox's land." [See Homestead 94.] Another stood north of the Butler tavern and was owned and operated by James Butler. At the north end of the Plain on the brook, called from the fact "Potash Brook," was another, owned in 1793 by John Wolcott and probably earlier by his father, Josiah; and in the east part of the town near the outlet of Robinson's Pond, on homestead No. 14, was one owned and operated by Elisha Davis, and another on Sueker Brook in the south part of the town, owned by Ephraim Kingsbury and Jeremiah Davis in partnership. In 1788, '89, '90, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Jr., carried on a considerable business at potash making, probably at this location.

**Iron.** One of the earliest manufactures of the town was bar iron, the making of which began about 1798 at South Oxford, now East

Village, Webster, where an establishment operated by water-power was owned by Philip Brown and John Healy. These bought of Asa Robinson in April, 1798, six acres on which were a saw-mill and a grist-mill, where they built a furnace and forges. The ore was mined on the hill easterly from the mouth of Sucker Brook [see "S. Gore grants"], and was smelted, worked into bars and used to some extent on the premises. In Nov., 1799, Brown sold to Healy, who continued the business for a time. A letter written 21 Jan., 1801, from Dr. James Gleason to his son Jacob, then at Greenbush, "on the New York Grants," says:—

"Jesse [the writer's son] has had 3 tuns of pig iron of him [Dr. Dyer of Providence]. Capt. Heely is a working them into bar iron and expects to have a tun soon," etc.

Operations must have been quite limited. In March, 1805, Healy sold the estate and the making of iron terminated.

**Elliott Mill.** Elliott mill brook, near the Hawes place, was in early times larger than at present. A stream sufficient to drive a saw-mill issued from "Burnt Swamp," near Wellington's, H. 129, now drained and cultivated. This mill was built by Reuben Eddy a short distance north of the Pope house, H. 132, and was dilapidated in 1820, but was used by Pope after he came to town. It was removed many years ago. By means of a dam at the south end a large pond serving as a reservoir was raised over the swamp. The east branch of Mill Brook rising in Auburn, now nearly dry in summer, was sufficiently large to operate a considerable mill at North Oxford station village. These branches meeting near the Pope homestead furnished a good water-power below, and near the crossing of the stream and Worcester road as early as 1715 Daniel Elliott built the first grist-mill of the English settlement. Before 19 March, 1716, he had sold his home lot, on which stood the mill, to Jonathan Provender. At a proprietor's meeting, 19 March, 1716, it was voted "that Jonathan Provender shall take up a small piece of land to set his house upon, lying near to the house lot he bought of Elliott." In June, 1716, Provender sold the lot and one-fourth of the mill to Samuel Barton, who settled there and died in 1732. His sons Caleb and Joshua, in 1733, sold their interests to Jacob Cummings. The mill had several owners. On 15 May, 1716, Joseph Dana sold to Jonathan Pratt one-fourth of it, "standing on Samuel Barton's rights." Elliott had removed to Sutton but retained his half until 1720, when he sold to Richard Moore "one-half a saw-mill and one-half a grist-mill." Cummings owned three years and in 1736 sold to Eleazer Ward of Newton, a capable business man, who owned mills and farm. In 1750 Ward sold to his son-in-law, Ebenezer Eddy, who, 18 years later, 1768, conveyed to his son Thomas, reserving the privilege of taking water to fertilize the meadow on the west side of the 8-rod way. The next year Thomas Eddy deeded the estate to Uriah Stone and William, son of Rev. John Campbell, who in Nov., 1771, conveyed the same to

John Stone of the North Gore. In Jan., 1778, Stone sold to Anthony Sigourney, who in 1792 sold to Nathan Patch of Worcester. In Patch's deed the property is described in two lots, one of 67 acres and one of six acres. The latter lot of six acres Patch probably sold to Jeremiah Learned, who deeded the same to Whitmore, and Patch in March, 1796, sold to Whitmore 53 acres adjoining the same. All details of early operations at this location are lost. There is, however, reason to believe that milling was continued here by the successive owners up to Sigourney at least.

**Scythe making.** On 1 April, 1793, Jeremiah Learned sold to Nathaniel Whitmore, Jr., of Sutton, six acres of land, the dwelling-house, now standing, and blacksmith shop, near the site of the Elliott mill. Whitmore put in a trip-hammer and carried on blacksmithing and scythe making until 1801, when he sold to John and Thaddeus Hall, father and son, of Sutton, who raised the dam, enlarged the shop and continued scythe making for nearly ten years. In 1810 they deeded to Jonathan Davis, who in 1811 conveyed to Amos Hudson, who in partnership with John Wait, his brother-in-law, continued the scythe business.

**Cotton Spinning.** As early as 1811 an interest was awakened in the town on the subject of working wool and cotton by machinery. John Hudson, Thomas Kendall, Jr., and Ephraim Edson projected a plan for the business at South Oxford, and completed a bargain with Elijah Pratt for the necessary land and water-power, but meeting with discouragement gave up the enterprise. Mr. Edson then went to Pawtucket and solicited Mr. Samuel Slater to purchase, which he subsequently did through Bela Tiffany.<sup>1</sup>

**Slater's Mill.** No event in the history of the town, viewed from a business standpoint, was so far-reaching and important in its results as that of the beginning of manufacturing at South Oxford by Mr. Slater. Its immediate effect was to give the wives and daughters of the farmers what they never before had, a means of accumulating earnings outside household duties; it led the way to the introduction of other like enterprises which have added materially to the prosperity of the mother town, and it was the germ from which has grown the present thriving town of Webster. Unlike most other similar undertakings in the vicinity, this interest continued in the family ownership through a long series of years, and had a steady and continuous growth until it was classed among the wealthiest and most successful

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Bradford G. Edson (brother of Ephraim), who is authority for this narrative, is positive that Slater came up and looked over the premises at the invitation of his brother. It is not reasonable to suppose that he would enter upon a scheme of such importance without first giving it a thorough personal inspection. An account of the manner in which he became acquainted with the locality is given in Ammidown's HIs. Col. I., 464. The letter there quoted, from Bela Tiffany to him, dated 27 May, 1811, evidently describes a place Slater had not then seen. Therein Tiffany states that he had obtained a refusal of it until 20 June, and that other parties were negotiating for it. Doubtless Hudson & Co. were the other parties. They had no deed of the property but were in some manner bound and lost a considerable sum in the operation.

manufacturing concerns of the State. Its operations at South Oxford were a very small part of its later transactions, but these only, come within the scope of this work.

In the latter part of 1811 the land purchases were made, the first deed being of 6 Jan., 1812, from Elijah Pratt, and included nine and one-half acres, a dwelling house, barn, grist-mill, saw-mill and trip-hammer shop, for \$3,700. The next was of 28 Jan. from Asa and Samuel Robinson, and included a farm of 203 acres with buildings, for \$3,500. A third, of 4 May, from Josiah Kingsbury, included 56 acres, a house and clothiers' works, for \$1,800. These embraced the territory now East Village, and all the water-power at that locality. Mr. Tiffany, who acted for Mr. Slater in purchasing, continued owner of one-sixth and was a partner in business, until Nov., 1816, when he sold to Mr. Slater. In 1812 the "Green Mill" was built, and early in 1813 machinery was put in operation. For about 12 years spinning only was done by power, all weaving having been done in the dwelling houses of the vicinage. This method was superseded by power looms about the beginning of 1825. [See power weaving.] The mill was enlarged as the increase of business demanded, and in 1832, when Webster was incorporated, contained 4,000 spindles and 100 looms, producing sheetings, thread and knitting cotton.<sup>1</sup>

**Dye House.** Dye works being required as a part of the manufacture, a large house was built in 1813, and with John Tyson (who had been employed at Pawtucket) as the head, a company was formed called the "Oxford Dye House Co.," which transacted a thriving business until Mr. Tyson's decease, 1821, doing a large amount of custom dying as well as that of the Oxford and Pawtucket mills.

**Woolen Mill.** In 1815 an important addition was made by the erection of a woolen mill near the Green mill, and the beginning of broadcloth making under the management of Edward Howard, an Englishman, previously employed at the Merino factory. This branch also flourished until 1820, when the mill was burned. Soon after the woolen plant was removed to the present South Village site, then in Dudley.

<sup>1</sup> Samuel Slater was born at Belper, Eng., 9 June, 1768, learned cotton spinning of Jedediah Strutt, partner of Richard Arkwright, came at about 21 years of age to New York, was employed a few weeks in a cotton spinning establishment, but the machinery being inefficient he applied for a situation to Almy & Brown of Providence, who were experimenting at Pawtucket in the same line. Mr. Brown replied: "Almy & Brown want the assistance of a man skilled in the frame or water spinning. An experiment has been made which has failed, no person being acquainted with the business, and the frames imperfect . . . If thy present situation does not come up to what thou wishest, and from knowledge of business can be ascertained of the advantages of the mills, so as to induce thee to come and work ours, and have the credit as well

as the advantage of perfecting the first mill in America, we should be glad to engage thy care so long as it can be made profitable to both, and we can agree.

MOSES BROWN."

Slater went to Pawtucket, engaged with these men, introduced Arkwright machines of his own construction, and the first successful power spinning in America began. He was soon admitted as a partner in the firm. Later with other partners he enlarged operations at Pawtucket, building a new mill and machinery, continuing after he began business at South Oxford.

We learn something of the profits of the early manufacturers, and Mr. Slater's business tact, from the fact that in Jan., 1829, he estimated his estate at nearly a million dollars.

**Town's Pond project.** Another scheme originating about the same time was that of Dr. Daniel Fisk, Titus V. Shepard and others who contemplated mill operations on the west side of Town's Pond. In the hope of obtaining power a canal was dug from the pond to the swamp on the west, which had the effect to reduce the level of the water somewhat, but furnished no considerable power, and the plan was abandoned.

In 1813 the making of woolen goods at the "Merino" Village, Dudley, began, and here two Oxford men, at least, Peter Butler and Elijah Pratt, were engaged. This and the operations of Mr. Slater familiarized the people with manufacturing, and when the proposition was made in 1814 to introduce it in Oxford adventurers were readily found to join the enterprise.

**Central Manufacturing Company.** The first legally organized business concern was "The Central Cotton and Woolen Manufacturing Company," incorporated 17 Oct., 1814, the following, all men of moderate means, being named in the act: Daniel Fisk, John Hudson, William T. Fisk, Henry G. Learned, Joel Eddy, Daniel Eddy, Amos Hudson, Ezra Lovell of Millbury, and Sylvanus Pratt. William Craig of Auburn, John Wait and Thomas Kendall, Jr., were also of the company. Dr. Daniel Fisk, John Hudson and Amos Hudson, each acted for a time as agent, Kendall, who had been a head mechanic at the Merino factory, Dudley, was machinist, and Lovell accountant and store-keeper. The place of business was near the Eliott mill site. In Jan., 1816, Amos Hudson deeded to the company four acres of land and the water power. The mill, containing a picker, carder, roper and two spinning frames of 72 spindles each, stood about 40 rods easterly from the Worcester road. A store was added. But the times were inauspicious. The markets were full of English goods which had been kept back by the then recent war, which were being sold at rates with which small operators could not compete, and in less than three years the capital of the company had been sunk and the business suspended. The result was disastrous to the stockholders, some having been ruined financially and several were arrested for debt and imprisoned, while others absconded to avoid the enforcement of the law.

**Pope & Warner.** In May, 1819, Jonathan A. Pope of Rehoboth and Thomas Warner of Providence came in and continued the business. In 1822 Warren Cudworth, to whom Hudson had sold the lower privilege, built for them a weaving shop near the old grist-mill, which with ten looms went into operation in the fall of that year. The water-power proving insufficient a plan was formed to reinforce it by drawing from the Maanexit, and by agreement with Stephen Learned water was taken from above his dam and conveyed to the pond by a canal. A trench nearly half a mile in length was finished, but the project was a failure, as the gravelly soil through which the canal passed absorbed the water so that little was available.

Early in 1826 Pope and Warner dissolved partnership, Pope remaining at the old mill and Warner removing to the Joseph Stone mill, previously occupied by Cragin and Dudley. In 1828 both removed to Millbury.

**Nahum Sibley.** In 1826 Pope mortgaged to Abijah Davis five acres of land, the mill and two dwelling houses. In June, 1832, Davis assigned his mortgage to Nahum Sibley, who began making cotton thread, his brother Francis being partner, and later friction matches, their operations being quite limited, continuing until 14 Jan., 1837, when the mill was burned. The store had been destroyed by fire the previous year. The site has been abandoned and hardly a trace of the mill remains.

On 18 May, 1818, Amos Hudson deeded to Warren Cudworth 14 acres with buildings, at the lower site, including the old mill, blacksmith shop, etc. Cudworth operated the grist-mill ten or twelve years and it passed into the possession of Abijah Davis on a mortgage. On 1 July, 1833, the executors of Davis deeded the same to William Sigourney, who in partnership with Jasper Brown conducted here a small business at pistol making, employing Brown's brothers, Danforth and Daniel. This continued only a short time and the buildings were left to decay, the old house only now remaining. The widow of Sigourney sold the premises to Michael Toomey who sold to Jasper Brown, whose heirs are present owners.

**Pratt Mills.** On the east branch of the stream, a little north from the present North Oxford railroad station, Sylvanus Pratt, in 1809, built on his father's estate, H. 156, two dams near each other, and at each place a mill, the lower being the principal one, and for several years transacted a brisk business at scythe making. Later two of his apprentices, Nehemiah P. Barton and John McKnight, continued the same for about two years. In 1818 Silas Ludden, who had been an employé, took the business and made scythes at the lower shop, while Abijah Craig turned bobbins for the cotton mills at the upper one. The business declined under Ludden and later Craig occupied a part of the lower shop. In 1834 Amory Trumbull having bought the property, fitted it up for wheelwright work and occupied it until about 1860. Later Nathaniel Eddy became proprietor and in June, 1868, sold to Joseph S. Swain, who died soon after. In Jan., 1870, the estate came into the possession of Ebenezer B. Walker, who built the present dam and a large two-story building containing a grist-mill, saw-mill and wheelwright shop, adding a steam engine for auxiliary power. He operated the mills for several years and later rented them for box-making. In 1875 he died, and on 10 May, 1878, the estate passed to the ownership of Orlando C. Ward of Worcester, who leased to Warren Glover of Millbury. On 25 Oct., 1878, the building was burned, and on 10 Oct., 1880, Ward sold to William H. Marble, the present owner. Nothing has been done here since the fire.

**Old Huguenot Mill.** The occupants and lines of business pursued at the "Old mill" at the lower end of the Plain have been many. Its site was included in the home-lot of Jonathan Tillotson and was sold by him in 1719 with the adjacent orchard, and a "mansion house" to Ebenezer Mackee of Killingly, Conn., who soon sold to John Comins, who removed hither from Killingly and occupied the premises.<sup>1</sup> He was an enterprising man and much improved the estate. [See Comins.] He sold in 1726 to Josiah Cummings of Woodstock, perhaps his son, from whose possession it soon after passed into that of Ebenezer Learned and Benoni Twichell. The next proprietor was Nathaniel Patten, a cooper, of whom we can learn very little. In Dec., 1729, Patten sold to Joseph Read of Leicester, who took possession and operated the mill until 1731, when he died. In May, 1733, his heirs conveyed the whole original estate to Timothy Harris of Watertown, who with his descendants owned and occupied a part of the premises nearly 150 years. Before 1750 a saw-mill was built on the east side of the stream, the grist-mill being on the west. In 1805 Jonathan Harris sold the west part to Peleg Foster, the grist-mill at that time having been removed and clothiers' works erected instead. These works had been built a few years before by Thomas Davis, Ebenezer Humphrey and Elihu Harwood in partnership, who had leased the premises, the two latter selling out to Davis before the completion of the building, and cloth finishing had been carried on under the management of one Binney. Samuel Jewett had also been employed and managed the business in 1793. Foster continued successfully for five or six years, when he leased to Zebina Abbott of Southbridge, who occupied until July, 1814, when Foster sold to Russell Clark of Chatham, Conn. Clark continued until 1819, and returned to Connecticut, the property passing through the hands of Stearns Witt to Jeremiah Motlit, who had in 1808 purchased the saw-mill on the east side of the stream and rebuilt it. Henry Puffer then took the cloth-finishing shop as lessee, was occupant in 1820, remained two or three years and was succeeded by Welcome Green, who in partnership with Thomas Aldrich of Oxford continued the business until the death of Motlit in Dec., 1824. At the settlement of Motlit's estate the mills were bought by his sons, Jeremiah, Sumner and Rufus, who continued sawing and cloth-finishing until 1829, when they sold to Rufus Robinson. He was the first to manufacture at this place, bought the right of flowage, removed the old buildings and erected new and much larger, in which were a grist-mill, custom carding machine and cloth-finishing appliances.<sup>2</sup> To these he added machinery for the making of satinets, and began this branch with

<sup>1</sup>This orchard was that set by the Huguenots, and referred to in another place as having been voted by the town on certain conditions to Ebenezer Humphrey.

<sup>2</sup>Up to this time these mills had stood idle each

year from 1 May to September, the water of the pond having been drawn off to enable the owners of the meadows above to grow and harvest the annual hay crop.

eight looms. Later, facilities for making cloths were increased. In 1836 the mill was sold to William E. Hacker of Philadelphia, Robinson continuing as manager until 1841, when he retired, and the estate was sold to Learned Davis and Col. Alexander DeWitt.

In 1842 Jonas Bacon engaged in spooling thread in a small building attached to the factory, and the saw-mill, of which Daniel Davis, Robinson's brother-in-law, had charge many years, was kept in operation, but the main mill was unoccupied until the spring of 1843 when Lyman P. Low took possession and began the manufacture of satinets. In Oct., 1844, he received a deed of the property and for a few years was very prosperous. Desiring to increase his operations he enlarged the mill, putting in an expensive breast water-wheel, auxiliary steam power, and a quantity of new machinery. He retired in 1848 and died the next year, and the estate reverted to Davis and DeWitt. The mill was unused again until 1851, when Lyman Cope land from Rhode Island began operations, but remained only a few months and returned, taking his machinery, to Rhode Island. In April, 1852, the place was sold to Olney Bolster, who put into it a grist-mill, planing machine and other facilities for making shoe boxes, which he operated for a year or more and leased the establishment to Charles Fuller, who was then doing a large business as carpenter and builder. While thus occupied, on the 27th of May, 1856, the buildings were burned. Bolster soon after rebuilt of stone, as it now stands, adding at the east end a wood building for a grist-mill, which was operated until Warner came in, 1866. In July, 1857, Bolster sold one-half the estate to Col. DeWitt at the same time mortgaging to him the remainder.

In the spring of 1859 William and David Perry of Dudley leased the place for making stockings and stocking yarn, continuing until after May, 1861. Thereafter it was unoccupied (excepting a few months from Sept., 1861, when George Hodges used it as accessory to his mill in the manufacture of army flannels), until the spring of 1866, when Daniel Warner of Woodstock took possession and fitted it up for making cotton twine and carpet warps. This business he with his sons George and Charles and sons-in-law Joseph Dart and Albert E. Merriam, continued until 1879, when upon the settlement of Col. DeWitt's affairs the property reverted to his estate, and was sold by the executors at auction to Francis L. Chapin and Calvin D. Paige of Southbridge. In 1880 the proprietors leased the mill for five years to Samuel Perry and a partner from Southbridge, who put in machinery and began cotton spinning. They retired in less than a year and were succeeded by Parley Brown of Douglas and a partner under the name of the "Oxford Yarn Company." They in turn left after a few months, removing their machinery. In 1881 the "Pioneer Rubber Company," incorporated, Edwin H. Allen, treasurer and manager, bought Perry and Company's lease, put in machinery

for finishing cotton goods for waterproof garments, and for a time did a thriving business. The lease expiring in 1885 was not renewed and the rubber business was relinquished. In 1886 the property was purchased by Nathaniel E. Taft, the present owner, who with two sets of machinery began the manufacture of fancy cassimeres under the name of "The Bernon Mills." In the winter of 1887-8 a change was made to satinets, on which the mill was operated until 26 April, 1888, when a fire occurred damaging building and machinery to a considerable extent. The mill is now, 1890, under lease and being operated on satinets by Gillespie & Sullivan. Capacity, two sets. Hands employed, 38. Production, about 300,000 yards per annum; estimated value, \$95,000.

**Bug Swamp Mills.** The uppermost mill on Bug Swamp stream is the saw-mill on the Hudson farm, H. 168, a little over the line in Sutton, built in 1792 by John Hudson; unserviceable in dry seasons.

At the lower end of the swamp, near Lovett's, Samuel Davis had in 1788 built on his own land a saw-mill. In 1801 he sold and removed to Eddington, Maine. David Lilley, the purchaser, soon built a shop for the manufacture of scythes, which business he followed until his death in Jan., 1815. Joab Maynard succeeded him, continuing in 1816 and 1817; later, John and Lewis Lilley, sons of David, carried on the same business until the spring of 1821. For a time the premises were unoccupied. On 8 Dec., 1827, Lawton and Joseph, sons of Baxter Pratt, bought the property and put up and operated a shingle machine and also made washing machines and other household utensils, but became involved in debt and in 1830 left for parts unknown. Later Reuben Davis and Silas S. Taft occupied each a few months. For lack of water it was unfit for any permanent business, and was abandoned and with the dwelling near went to decay, and both were removed many years ago. The property is owned by Slater & Co.

"**Saccarappa.**" The next mill below was built prior to 1792 by Joshua Stockwell, "nailmaker," from Sutton. In July, 1792, Elijah and Learned Davis, sons of Samuel, sold to him two acres and ten rods of land on the north side of the brook, including a house, blacksmith's shop and coal house, and Elisha Davis owner on the south, a half-acre adjoining, on the south side of the brook, "where Stockwell has erected his trip hammer." Stockwell (who was brother-in-law of David Lilley), and his brother Wright here manufactured scythes and nails until 1802. There were two shops and two dams; in one forging was done and in the other scythes were ground and finished.

**Nails.** On 27 April, 1802, Rufus Moore became owner and carried on nail making until March, 1815, when he sold the upper shop to John Kenney, Jr., of Sutton, who built the house now (1890)

standing, and carried on scythe making until his decease in 1819. Moore after selling the upper shop continued nail making at a considerable outlay, at the lower site. The making of nails by machinery was then a new process. Previously they had been forged separately from rods; Moore began by cutting them with shears from plates and heading them by the old process by hand. A Mr. Morgan of Belchertown had invented or made machines which *cut* and *headed* at the same time, and in 1814 Moore bought and transported from that place one of these machines, Morgan coming to put it in operation. James Collier was the operator. Learned Davis, father-in-law of Moore, was interested in the business, and not far from 1822 became owner, continuing for about two years, and nail making was given up.

After the death of Kenney, Amasa Taft of Uxbridge made scythes for two years or more, and later Perez and Daniel Hovey for one year. On 12 Dec., 1828, the place was bought by Col. Reuben Waters, who began a brisk business at scythe making, built a new dam and shop and for several years was successful. On 18 Feb., 1833, he mortgaged to Jonas L. Sibley of Sutton who assigned to the Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Worcester, which later sold to William Sigourney. Soon after Waters retired. Next a Mr. Schofield, employing Amos Bigelow of Sutton, made hoes for a year or two, after which no manufacturing was done. On 17 March, 1845, the place having been long deserted, William Sigourney purchased it as stated and fitted up a saw-mill and a grist-mill which were leased to different parties. Silas Putnam of Sutton, Ebenezer Fitts and Israel Peters successively lived here, having charge of the mills.<sup>1</sup> In 1859 Francis F. Sibley was lessee, and was followed in 1860 by Charles Lovett and Sumner Howard. But the business was small, the water-power deficient and the mills became dilapidated, and before the expiration of their lease the water wheel gave out and milling ended. About 1862 the buildings were removed and only ruins remain to tell of the former busy industries of the place. Mr. Slater holds the stream and by a large dam above, controls it as a valuable tributary to the Maanexit. [See Homestead 18.]

**Elisha Davis' Saw-Mill.** On the southerly branch of Mill Brook, coming from the "Robinson Reservoir," Elisha Davis built, probably as early as 1750, a saw-mill near his house, H. 14, which he and his son Nehemiah and the successive owners of the farm operated more than a hundred years. This mill was removed in 1881 by John W. Robinson. The last sawing there was in 1865.

**Howarth's Mill.** The site of this mill was sold by Abraham Skinner, the original proprietor, to Thomas Gleason in March, 1722. No mention is made of a mill in the deed. Gleason, a man of means, settled here, built a grist-mill and a saw-mill and died

<sup>1</sup>The wife of Putnam was from Saccarappa, is known, in honor of her old residence. Me. He gave the locality the name by which it

Jan., 1732, his estate including "mills and stream, with homestead and buildings." In March, 1734, Moses, his son, sold to James Coller of Uxbridge, who the next year conveyed to Jonathan Ballard of Andover, who with his son Ephraim owned and occupied until Dec., 1770, a period of 35 years. At the latter date Ephraim Ballard deeded to Amos Putnam of Sutton (brother of Gen. Rufus, the Ohio pioneer), who in March, 1779, sold to John Nichols, Sen., who owned until Nov., 1790, when he sold to his son John, who in 1801 conveyed one-half the same to his son David, who afterward became sole owner and sold in 1826 to the Oxford Woolen Manufacturing Company, the privilege and farm contiguous having been in the Nichols family about 47 years. This grist-mill was the second built in Oxford by the English and for many years was the only one in the south part of the town to be relied upon in dry seasons.

**Power Weaving.** The first use of this water-power for manufacturing purposes was in 1822 by Dr. Delano Pierce, son-in-law of David Nichols. During 1822 he often met Mr. Slater and discussed with him the subject of power weaving, Slater maintaining that hand looms were required for the best results, while Pierce, having knowledge of Dudley's operations at North Oxford, was positive as to the success of the new method. The result was a contract by which Pierce agreed to furnish first-class weaving at a certain price per yard. In November, in the old mill building, he began with eight looms, each producing at best 25 yards per day. Joseph Clark and Alfred Kingsbury were his overseers. The operation proved a success. Pierce realized a good profit, Slater was convinced as to machine weaving, declined to renew the contract which expired in 1824, bought Pierce's looms, removed them to his own mill and set them running, and hand-weaving of cotton in this region soon became a thing of the past.<sup>1</sup>

**"Oxford Woolen Company."** A little later a company was formed for manufacturing woolen goods at this locality, and Pierce, Richard Olney, Stearns Witt and Samuel Dowse were the leaders in the scheme. During 1825 the real estate and water-power were secured, a new dam begun and the main factory building erected and brought well on toward completion. At the beginning of 1826 a change occurred, Dr. Pierce withdrew, and on 26 January a new company was formed under the following compact:—

"We, Richard Olney, Lyman Tiffany, Stearns Witt, Sylvanus Holbrook, Samuel Dowse and Alexander C. Witt, do severally agree to form ourselves into a company under the name of 'the Oxford Woolen Manufacturing Company' for the term of five years from the first day of January, A. D. 1826, for the purpose of manufacturing Woolen Goods in its various branches, and transacting any other business the stockholders may think proper."

[Signed by the above-named persons.]

<sup>1</sup> See Sigourney Mill.

HOWARTH'S—FORMERLY OXFORD WOOLEN COMPANY.





On the same day a deed of the real estate was executed by David Nichols running to this company. During 1826 the mill building erected by Collins and Rufus Moore of Dudley was completed, the breast water-wheel and the fulling-mills were finished by Israel Sibley, and under the charge of William F. Morgan, during the fall and winter of 1826-7, machinery was set up and put in operation. In the spring of 1827 two sets of cards were running and five houses, including the old Nichols house, were standing on the premises. In 1828 the boarding-house and other dwellings were built by Willard and Daniel Underwood of Pomfret, Conn. In the latter part of 1827 an addition was made to the mill, and early in 1828 another set of cards added, increasing the producing capacity one-third.<sup>1</sup>

On 28 Feb., 1828, the company was incorporated with power to hold real estate to the amount of \$50,000, and personal property to the amount of \$150,000, and on 24 Oct., 1828, the old partnership, consisting of Sylvanus Holbrook, Stearns Witt, Samuel Dowse, Richard Olney, Alexander C. Witt and William F. Morgan (who had bought, 3 April, 1827, one-twelfth), sold for \$50,000 all their real and personal estate to the new company. The corporation organized 1 Aug., 1828, with Richard Olney President, Alexander C. Witt Clerk, Richard Olney Treasurer, and Stearns Witt Agent.<sup>2</sup> A code of by-laws was adopted 7 Jan., 1829. On 5 Jan., 1830, a dividend was declared amounting to \$2,715, being "all moneys that the shares may have cost over 1,000 dollars each." The later dividends were as follows: 1832, \$7,500; 1833, \$7,080; 1834, \$12,720, "being the remainder of the original stock paid in, with interest"; 1835, \$6,000; 1836, "10 per cent. on the capital stock," being \$6,000; 1837, \$6,000, which was the last dividend recorded. Stearns DeWitt was continued agent until Jan., 1836, when Sylvanus Holbrook was chosen, and continued until 1840, when DeWitt was again elected for the year. In Jan., 1841, Dexter W. Jones, having become a stockholder, was chosen agent, continuing until Nov., 1845. At a meeting of the company on the 17th of that month Peter C. Bacon was empowered to make sale of all its property, real and personal, and on 1 Jan. 1846, the mill and other real estate passed into the possession of Geo. Hodges, Jr.

**Stearns DeWitt** was prominent among the men of this company for enterprise and executive ability. He had strong common sense, and inherited from his Scotch ancestry a shrewdness and faculty to judge of men, and to profit by their best qualities, which fitted him to organize and conduct successfully such an undertaking. He moved quietly and cautiously, and in the main, wisely, and brought together an excellent set of men as managers of the different departments of a business which demanded much skill and judgment. In Mr. Morgan he had a thoroughly practical supervisor to whom he

<sup>1</sup> A second enlargement was made after 1840  
and the fourth set of machinery added.

<sup>2</sup> See foot-note page 90.

confided all the details of the mill, and to conduct the several branches under him were found artisans, chiefly residents of the vicinity, who interested themselves in the success of the enterprise and gave to it their best efforts.<sup>1</sup>

For several years the office of the company was at the rooms over the Witt and Dowse store on the Plain, and payments to employés were made largely in goods from that establishment. In 1829 Benjamin F. Campbell bought into the store and the office of the company was removed to the village. Gradually the designs of DeWitt were being realized at the mill. Robinson by his skill at carding had succeeded in producing a mixture, new and desirable, which became very popular in the trade as "Oxford Mixed." At Boston and Philadelphia exhibitions medals were repeatedly awarded for these and other fine productions, their goods became well known in the market, sold freely at good profits, and the credit of the concern stood very high. An important appendage to the manufacturing was the large farm, which was for a time under the charge of Silas Cummings of Douglas, and later of Amos Johnson. Two large barns stood at the entrance to the village, and these were filled yearly with the products of the adjacent fields; the tables of the boarding-house were furnished largely from the farm, and the fat cattle and swine produced annually won the admiration of the farmers of the town.

While affairs were thus moving in a very prosperous manner, Mr. Olney, for some reason desiring a change, proposed to buy of DeWitt his interest. DeWitt, although not wishing to sell, fixed a price at which he would do so, and at the annual meeting in Jan., 1836, a bargain was closed and he left the concern. Sylvanus Holbrook succeeded him, and for a few months affairs progressed as usual. But a change soon came. The close oversight which had been bestowed on every operation was relaxed, the quality of the goods deteriorated, and the reverses of 1837 coming on they were piled up in storehouses and later sold at a loss. The finances became involved, and at the end of Holbrook's administration in 1840 the bankruptcy of the company seemed imminent. To add to the troubles it was found that during the season of prosperity the laws of the State regarding corporations had not been duly observed, and consequently the private

<sup>1</sup> The late H. N. Slater of Webster once stated that in his opinion there never has been in the history of American manufactures a more efficient set of operatives brought together than was gathered by DeWitt at the Oxford Woolen Company's mill.

The accountants were in 1826, Alexander C. Witt; 1827 and 1828, Edmund F. Dixie from Marblehead; a few months in 1829, Benjamin F. Campbell; latter part of 1829 and for 1830, Wilson Olney; 1831, 1832, Alvan G. Underwood; 1833, for most of the year, Charles Dowse, Underwood having bought into the store on the Plain; from Nov., 1833, to 1842, Alvan G. Underwood; and later Wilson Olney and Stearns

DeW. Harris. Evans Ryan of Sturbridge had charge of wool-sorting; William E. Stebbins, Stephen Collins and John Ryan successively were dyers; Sylvanus Robinson carder and spinner; Elijah Pratt was first weaver, and Rufus Harris and Alfred Kingsbury followed him. Justin Root first fuller, succeeded by James Miller. Mr. Morgan first finisher, followed by James Miller, Henry Dilaby and Oliver Freeman, successively. The grist-mill was kept in operation under the charge of Amos Johnson, later miller at the City Mills, Boston. The boarding-house was kept by Alexander C. Thurston, Nathaniel Brown, Charles Lamb and Ira Merriam, successively.

property of each stockholder was holden to pay the debts of the concern. The liabilities of the company were discharged in full, but it was done at a serious loss to the individual owners.

DeWitt regretted the sale of his interest. To this enterprise he had given for ten years the best of his energies. A large, thriving business and a beautiful village had arisen under his supervision; in the corps of faithful employés were personal friends, and in the whole he had taken a befitting pride. The dropping of this from his life was a change which affected his spirits and his health suffered seriously in consequence. The year 1840, in which he was reinstated as agent, showed little improvement, and neither his efforts or those of his successor, Mr. Jones, could retrieve the ill fortunes of the past. The sale of the estate, 1 Jan., 1846, closed the operations of the company.

George Hodges carried on the single line of fine flannel making here successfully from his purchase in 1846, 35 years, until his decease in 1881. Average production at highest point, 12,000 yards per week.

Andrew Howarth became the proprietor of the establishment in 1882 and is, in 1890, continuing successfully in the same line. The present capacity of the mill is five sets; yards of flannel produced, 2,100 per day; average value, 17 cents; annual production, estimated, \$110,000; hands employed, 52. [See Howarth.]

The following appeared in the *New York Times* for 1 Dec., 1884:—

#### "FIRST MAKERS OF AMERICAN FLANNEL."

*From the New York Dry Goods Importer.*

"At various times the question has come up, Who made the first flannel in the United States? but it has never been successfully answered as yet, that it was made on hand looms and home spun there can be no doubt. And as it was not necessary to send such flannels to any mill to be finished it will be at this late day difficult to trace out who was the original maker of this material. 'Away down East' it used to be common to make and use what were called there 'woolen sheets.' They were home-made, the yarn, both warp and filling, being hard-twisted, and, when woven, they were simply washed out and worn in that condition, there being no nap raised on them. But the question now is, 'Who made the first flannel?' And in reply to this query we once received the following from a 'Veteran': 'Now it is in the memory of people living in and around North Andover, of a certain old lady who came to this country from Rochdale, England, 60 years ago or more. She went by the name of Dolly Howarth, and, if my information is correct, she was the first to weave a piece of genuine wool flannel in New England, if not in America.' If such be the case, I think it is nothing but right and just that the credit be given to her and be recorded in the archives of Massachusetts. She had a grandson living a year or so ago and he may be living yet. His name is Andrew Howarth. He has been connected with flannel manufacture all his life and the last the writer heard of him he was running a flannel mill with his son in Vermont. If Mr. Howarth, who is now getting along in years, could be induced to write what he knows about the matter, I think he could throw considerable light upon it."

On the foregoing Mr. Howarth remarks :—

" 'Dolly,' or Dorothy Howarth, spoken of, was an aunt of mine by marriage, having been the wife of my uncle James Howarth. She was among the first workers at flannel making at Andover, but was only a *spinner* and not a weaver. The first fine finished flannels made in the country, so far as my knowledge goes, were made by my said uncle James in partnership with his brothers, Charles (my father) and Isaac. These all came, bringing skilled workmen with them, spinners, weavers and finishers, in 1826 from Rochdale, the home in England of the flannel manufacture, to Andover, where they started the first mill with 27 hand looms operated by men. Precisely who was the weaver of the first flannel probably can never be known, but the credit of the first manufacture of the article as a business belongs, I think, to James, Charles and Isaac Howarth. Another manufacturer was early at Andover, but produced only coarse goods."

**Buffumville.** The site of this village was sold unimproved in 1793 by Samuel Danforth and Elijah Dunbar to John Nichols and his grandsons, Alexander and Jonathan Nichols, "183 acres, partly in Charlton and partly in Oxford." In 1795 John Nichols deeded his third to his son John, who in 1811 sold to his sons Alexander and Jonathan, they thus becoming sole owners. In 1812 they built a dam and a saw-mill, in 1815 the two-story house at the south end of the village, and in 1818 a grist-mill.

**Scythe making.** A year or two previous to the building of the grist-mill they erected a large blacksmith shop, containing two trip-hammers, which was first occupied by Sylvanus Pratt for making scythes and for custom blacksmithing. Later, Joab Maynard was proprietor and continued scythe making. In 1821 James Farwell of Douglas leased the shop and grist-mill, continuing scythe making and blacksmithing, employing Israel Moore and Ebenezer Fitts with others. In April, 1823, his lease expired. Alexander Nichols died the same month, and the following June, seven-eighths, and in Nov. one-eighth of the shop, mill, house and 29 acres of land were sold to Stearns Witt.

**Thread making.** In April, 1824, Witt conveyed three-fourths of the same to his brothers, Hollis, Archibald and Alexander C., and these, under the firm of "Stearns Witt and Brothers," soon began the manufacture of cotton thread in the upper part of the grist-mill. In 1824 Witt and Brothers sold one-third of the water power, the seythe shop and four acres of land south of the river to Farwell, who resumed seythe making, expending several thousand dollars in improvements, including the building of three houses, and the purchase, Feb., 1826, of Pierpont meadow of 58 acres and other property below it for a reservoir, and after two or three years was obliged to retire. In 1830 the real estate reverted to the Thread Company.<sup>1</sup>

Col. Reuben Waters of Sutton with one Davis, as partner, next occupied the shop as seythe makers. They remained but a short

<sup>1</sup>The Pierpont land was conveyed to Josiah F. Taylor to satisfy an execution which he held against Farwell. In March, 1830, Taylor conveyed it to the Thread Company.

time and were succeeded by Joseph Putnam and J. Flint Taylor in partnership. In 1832 Hunt Brothers of Douglas made axes here for Waters & Davis, and were the last occupants. Soon after this date the shops were removed to make room for the enlargement of the thread factory. The main thread manufactory was erected in 1825 and contained 600 spindles, and as business increased additions were made until the dimensions of the building were about 100 by 40 feet, two stories. Before June, 1832, Samuel Dowse and Benjamin F. Campbell had become part owners. About one year later Mr. Harrisson, an Englishman and a skillful mechanic, was admitted as a partner.<sup>1</sup> Under his management machinery for spooling, brought from England, was introduced and Litchfield brothers, of late shuttle makers at Southbridge, furnished spools.

In 1835 Elias B. Crawford came, and for a time made spools, but later was interested in the thread business which was continued under the firm of DeWitt, Campbell & Co., Alexander DeWitt being agent until after May, 1836, and succeeded by Benjamin F. Campbell, who continued until 25 May, 1842, when the mill was burned and business suspended. On 20 Sept. following, Stearns DeWitt conveyed to Crawford three-fourths of the estate, including "Pierpont," with the personal property of the old company. Crawford continued the making of thread in a shop near the site of the mill, and 24 April, 1845, Dowse having deceased, his widow deeded to him the one-fourth belonging to that estate. He then began the building of the present mill of brick, and had nearly completed it 1 July, 1847, when he sold to Charles L. Harding, who fitted it up for the manufacture of broad-cloths and doeskins. This manufacture Harding continued with varied success until Dec., 1852, when he sold to Moses Buffum and Edward Thayer, both of Millville. In 1855 Thayer sold to Buffum and removed to Worcester. In 1863 Moses H., and in 1868 Charles H., sons of Mr. Buffum, were admitted as partners, and a thriving business was transacted until his death in 1874. His heirs are the present owners. In 1872 the building was much enlarged and improved and now contains four sets of machinery, with a capacity of 15,000 yards per month, employing 60 operatives.<sup>2</sup>

**Sigourney Mill.** The first trace we find of this property in the records was the purchase of it, 22 Aug., 1812, by Joseph Stone from Aaron Sibley, administrator of the estate of his father, Aaron. According to tradition Sibley built a grist-mill here in 1794, the stones of which were brought from Cape Cod, and had been used in a windmill which stood on the Jesse Eddy farm on Prospect Hill. The dam had been washed away in the freshets of the winter of 1806-7, and rebuilt by Sibley. Stone rebuilt the mill, adding

<sup>1</sup> On 30 Jan., 1833, the owners were Stearns DeWitt, Alexander DeWitt, Hollis DeWitt, Samuel Dowse, Benjamin F. Campbell and Archibald DeWitt.

<sup>2</sup> The large house on the Charlton road was

built by Stephen Prince, Jr., but never occupied by him. It was sold in March, 1833, to the Thread Company, and was later the residence of Benjamin F. Campbell, Elias B. Crawford, Charles Harding and Col. Moses Buffum.

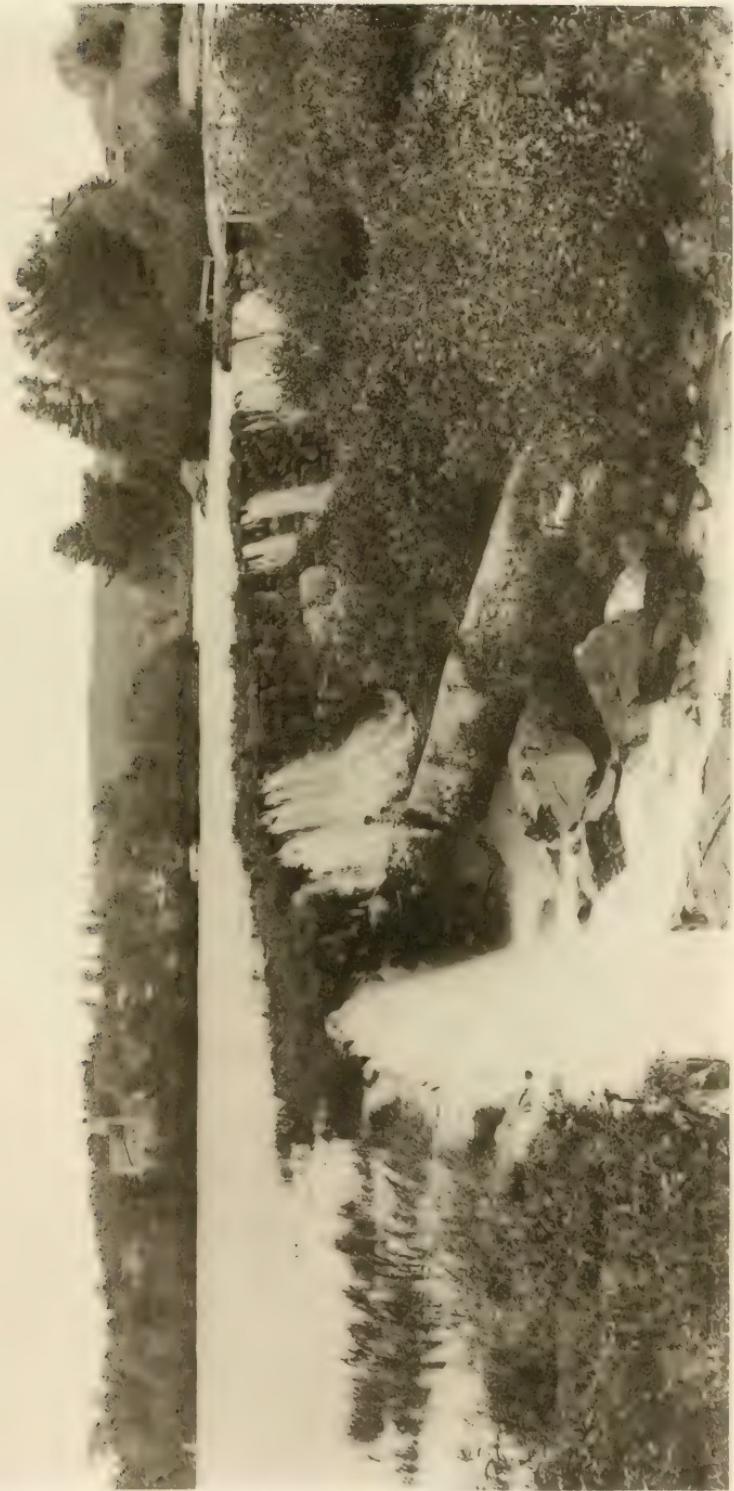
wool-carding and scythe grinding (in which he employed Amos Eddy), and operated carding machine and grist-mill until the close of 1821. In Jan., 1822, John Andrews of Douglas leased the place and began the first weaving of cotton on the power loom done in Oxford, operating six or eight looms, continuing for one year.<sup>1</sup>

In 1823 Benjamin Cragin and William Dudley, both of Douglas, succeeded Andrews, continuing until March, 1826, at which time Thomas Warner, having dissolved partnership with Jonathan A. Pope at the "Central" mill place, began on a lease and continued the spinning of cotton until the autumn of 1828. On 1 April, 1830, Asa Cutler and Joseph Stafford, in partnership, leased the mill and carried on a very prosperous business until the end of 1831. William K. Greene of Rhode Island succeeded them, with whom was associated in 1832-3 Robert D. Dorrance. In Aug., 1833, Ebenezer Henry of Northbridge and John A. Henry of West Boylston, brothers, bought the estate, "factory, three houses and a store," and began the manufacture of cotton batting. On 15 April, 1835, Ebenezer Henry of Oxford and Frederick Purinton of Northbridge conveyed the property to Edward Denny, who, in partnership with Hiram A. Pettibone, fitted up the mill with new machinery and began the making of fine satinets, under the firm of H. A. Pettibone & Co. In 1838 the establishment was very much improved, the old mill was removed and fitted for dwellings and a new one built in its place for cotton manufacture. In 1842 it was leased by Charles Lawton, who made a good quality of cotton sheetings for one year. In Sept., 1843, Denny sold the mill to Waterman A. Fisher, previously of Killingly, Conn. Benedict & Drury of Millbury operated it as lessees in 1847, and from 1849 to 1851 Jonathan Williams & Co. had possession. On 22 May, 1852, the mill was burned, and in 1853 was rebuilt of stone, as now standing, and called Phenix mill. Horatio G. Sanford of Worcester took a lease of the new mill and operated it on knit goods, stockinet, etc., until 1856, when Fisher took possession and manufactured cotton goods until his failure in 1857. In 1854 Elias B. Crawford occupied the basement as a twine factory. After Fisher's failure the property passed into the hands of his brother Erastus, who on 16 Jan., 1865, sold to Joseph Burrough and Edwin Bartlett. It was operated with the other mills of Burrough & Bartlett and sold with them to O. F. Chase & Co., from whom it passed, in Nov., 1885, to Edwin Bartlett, who is, 1890, proprietor. Until 1867 this mill was run on cotton sheetings; at that date a change

<sup>1</sup> Benjamin Cragin may have been interested in the business. Mr. Bradford G. Edson, who is good authority, says the first man to start a power loom in Oxford was Richard Robinson, an Englishman, whom he well remembers. We find no trace of him in the records; he may have been foreman for Andrews.

A power loom was invented in England in 1785. In 1811 Francis C. Lowell went thither to investi-

gate. In 1811 he with Nathan Appleton and another formed a company for operations at Waltham, and soon began spinning and weaving. The crank loom, superior to that used by Lowell, was a Scotch invention introduced in Rhode Island by William Gilmore under the patronage of Judge Lyman in 1817. It came thence into this vicinity, and, as appears, to Oxford through Douglas, or men from that town.



ON THE MANSEY AT NORTH OXFORD—LOOKING NORTH.



was made and the capacity increased to 3,300 spindles and preparatory machinery, and now produces satinet warps and cotton yarns, exclusively, employing 40 hands.

**Rockdale Mill.** The Oxford Cotton Manufacturing Company was the second legalized concern in Oxford for manufacturing purposes.<sup>1</sup> On 28 Dec., 1814, the privilege, 16 acres with water-power, was bought of Joseph Stone, it being the upper portion of the Aaron Sibley grist-mill property. On 13 June, 1815, an act was passed incorporating the company, as follows: Charles Cleaveland, Jacob Rich of Charlton, Joseph Stone, William P. Rider of Charlton, Sylvanus Coburn, Jonathan Rice, Benjamin Eddy, Samuel Watson, 2d, of Leicester, Israel Stone, Jr., of Ward, Thaddeus Hall, Sylvester McIntire, Elijah Waters of Millbury, Jeremiah Stone, William Hall of Northbridge and Elijah Rich. Samuel Harris, Benjamin Benson, and Joseph Farnsworth of Millbury were also of the company. Operations began in May, 1814, before the purchase of the estate. Cleaveland was chief manager and during the summer and autumn of 1815 the dam, the factory building and two two-story houses were built. But the limited capital was soon expended, and in a year or two all operations ceased. The losses were serious to many of the stockholders and some absented themselves to avoid arrest for debt. Later, Samuel D., Joseph E. and Charles B. Elliott, brothers, of Leicester, came into possession and continued cotton spinning. In April, 1823, Charles B. Elliott of Oxford and Joseph E. Elliott of Leicester sold their interest to Samuel D. Elliott of Oxford, who continued till Jan., 1825, when he sold to Calvin Leffingwell, Charles Preston and Asa Cutler, previously partners at the present Attawaugan, Conn. They were practical men and began the first power weaving at this locality. In Aug., 1825, Willard Arnold from Providence, who had previously lived in town, bought one-fifth, and in Sept. John Truesdell of Woodstock another fifth of the concern. The next Jan. Thomas W. Chapman of Thompson, Conn., became owner of one-fifth, Arnold at the same time purchasing another fifth. At about this time the concern assumed the name of "The French River Manufacturing Company." In March, 1826, Arnold was agent. The following September Leffingwell sold to Arnold and Cutler. In Jan., 1828, Truesdell bought a part of Chapman's interest, and in 1829 was taxed for one-fourth. Before 1830 a machine shop and several dwellings had been built. One after another the proprietors sold their shares to Arnold, Cutler in Jan., 1830, selling three-eighths and Truesdell all his interest in Nov., 1831, at which time Arnold became sole owner. He died Jan., 1832, and on 1 Oct., following, Ahab Arnold, his father, deeded the estate, "mill of 1,320 spindles,"

<sup>1</sup>This enterprise was projected by Abisha Learned and Joseph Stone as early as 1812, and considerable progress had been made in preparatory work at Texas Village, then owned by

Learned. For reasons unknown the operations began in 1814 at the present Rockdale Village, and Learned's name does not appear.

to Col. Samuel Damon of Holden. At same date Damon deeded to Phinehas T. Bartlett and Thomas W. Chapman, and thereafter the business was conducted under the name of "Bartlett, Chapman & Co." until Dec., 1833, when Chapman sold to Damon and Bartlett.<sup>1</sup> This firm continued, making cotton cloths, with Bartlett as agent, until 1 April, 1845, when he sold to Damon and retired. For a time in 1845 Henry A. Naglee was manager, and later George Hobart had charge until 1853, when Col. Damon died. On 18 March, 1853, while under Hobart, the mill was burned. On 20 Aug. Damon's heirs sold to Waterman A. Fisher, who removed the machine shop to the mill-site and began twine making, "E. M. Smith & Co." being the firm name until 1857. In 1859 Fisher was operating the mill on twine.

After Fisher's failure in 1857 the estate passed to his brother Erastus, who in 1864 sold to Edwin Bartlett, "factory, 7 houses and 2 barns." Later the estate was owned by Burrough and Bartlett, and 20 Feb., 1880, was reconveyed to Bartlett, who now, 1890, owns and operates the mill on cotton warps and yarns. Number of spindles, 2,300; hands employed, 22; the estimated value of the annual production in this and the Sigourney mill combined, \$125,000.

**Acworth Mill.** The site of this mill was sold in 1752 by Ebenezer Coburn to William Lamb, and later was owned by Lamb and Joseph Rocket in partnership. In making a division of this property Rocket received the west part and a saw-mill and yard on the river. This he deeded, 30 Aug., 1762, to Benjamin Davis, who in Sept., 1763, conveyed the same to Phinehas Ward. In Jan., 1764, Ward deeded to Ebenezer Learned, Jr., "a saw-mill standing on . . . French river, with the privilege of the dam, and liberty of the waters running in the ditch to the said mill, with a piece of land about half an acre for a mill yard." In April, 1764, Davis and Lamb quitclaimed to Learned as follows:—

"all their right in and to the stream and rocks in the river in Oxford, in the farm they had of Joseph Rocket, and since we have sold all on the west side to Daniel Phillips and to others all on the east side, the river and privileges thereof not included, and whereas the said Learned owns a saw-mill on said river and the stones and privileges of the stream will be of advantage to him and as his land joins upon it, etc."

Here for many years, excepting when in the public service, Gen. Learned managed his saw-mill. In June, 1799, he sold 24 acres, including, as supposed, the Phillips house, to Thomas Parker.

In April, 1802, Gen. Learned having died, Sylvanus, his son and executor, sold at auction the saw-mill "near the house of Thomas Parker" to Andrew Sigourney. It later came into the possession of Parker, who in Oct., 1811, deeded the "Phillips place" 76 acres

<sup>1</sup> During the ownership of Damon & Bartlett, beginning before May, 1839, Day Harris & Co., and beginning in 1848 and continuing for 18 months, H. G. Otis Taft and Silas S. Taft, his brother, occupied a part of the premises as a thread manufactory.

with the saw-mill to Sylvanus Pratt, who built a blacksmith shop with two tilt-hammers and dug the canal from the pond, now in use, and for a time manufactured scythes. In April, 1814, he sold to Abijah Abbott and Jonathan Rice, brother-in-law of Pratt, who continued the making of scythes. Abbott sold 7 April, 1817, to Rice, who continued blacksmithing in its various branches until 1831, and returned to Millbury. On 5 Feb., 1831, Rice sold to Asa Cutler and Joseph Stafford (to Cutler two-thirds), 34 acres of land with water-power and buildings. They at once built on the site of the present mill a stone factory 84 by 37 feet, three stories, for making print cloths. In 1831 Cutler sold one-fourth to George Torrey, his brother-in-law, of Killingly, Conn., who removed hither and was overseer in the mill.

In 1833 Cutler sold to Joseph Rogers of Providence one-fourth, and in 1837 the mill was taken on a five years' lease by Rogers and a partner who continued making print cloths for Providence market. On 20 March, 1839, the mill was partially burned and soon after Cutler came again to town, rebuilt it, and, about 1843, erected the large dwelling house east of the mill, burned in 1883. On 1 Oct., 1839, Cutler and Torrey bought out Stafford, and continued until Nov., 1843, when Torrey retired. On 1 May, 1844, the firm was Cutler & Rogers. On 1 July, 1846, Cutler & Rogers sold each one-eighth to Thomas Moies and Theophilus W. Wilmarth. On 1 April, 1847, Cutler sold another eighth to the same and removed to Putnam, Conn. Moies and Wilmarth continued about ten years, when Moies sold to Rogers and Wilmarth, who under the name of "Protection Mills, Joseph Rogers & Co." built a new dam and continued until early in 1864, when Rogers sold five-eighths to John Rhodes of Millbury, and the firm became Rhodes & Wilmarth. On 1 July, 1870, Wilmarth sold to Rhodes, who became sole owner. The mill was nearly destroyed by fire 22 Sept., 1870, and soon rebuilt in its present condition. The old mill contained 64 looms. The present one, with new machinery, was operated on yarns by Rhodes until 10 May, 1888, when it was purchased by Frank E. Lancaster of Worcester, present owner and occupant. Capacity, 4,000 spindles; hands employed, 43; estimated value of annual production, being yarns and warps, \$100,000.

**Lamb Mill.** At the second 60-acre division of lands among the proprietors, 12 Dec., 1720, John Town drew lot No. 30. On 1 March, 1735, he deeded to Caleb Lamb of Pomfret, Conn., what is supposed to have been the same. Lamb sold, 29 April, 1736, to Jacob Cummings "with a saw-mill thereon," undoubtedly built by Lamb. In 1742 Cummings deeded the same to Samuel Baker of Ashford, joiner, who built a grist-mill, and 3 Oct., 1749, sold it with two dwelling houses and 35 acres of land to John and Joseph Edwards. These added clothiers' works and carried on milling and cloth dressing. On 30 May, 1760, Joseph Edwards sold the west part to Asa

Conant, who continued the clothiers' business, having in his deed "full liberty to carry on clothing business on the east side of the river, where the fulling-mill and shop now stand." In 1765 Edwards deeded to Conant the remaining portion, being 44 acres of land, dwelling, barn and corn-mill. Timothy Sparhawk, son-in-law of Conant, lived near the mill and conducted the business after Conant's decease in 1810, and later Chester Boyden of Ward managed for a time, employing Peleg Foster, and was the last to do cloth dressing at this locality.

In March, 1766, Conant sold the corn-mill, a house, shop and barn and six acres of land, chiefly west of the river, to Jonathan Phillips, reserving the clothier's works. On 21 June, 1769, Phillips deeded the same to Reuben Lamb, who operated the grist-mill (adding also a malt-house) for many years. On 12 Feb., 1812, he sold to his son, Joseph Lamb, and Stephen Atwood a lot 20 x 26 feet, south of the road, on which to set a shop, with the privilege of water-power, also the "Malt house lot" of six square rods. At about the same time Sparhawk deeded to these land and use of water-power. Lamb and Atwood erected a building and began chair making by machinery, continuing two or three years.

In 1814 Reuben Lamb sold to his son Joseph "one-half the pond room, the benefit of the dam and liberty to take water to the grist-mill, reserving to Atwood one-half the stream and the spot for the chair shop." In 1822 Joseph Lamb sold to his nephew, Cyrus Lamb, the mill property, and soon after opened the tavern on a part of the estate near the mill. In 1824 Atwood, then of Merrimac, N. H., deeded to Cyrus Lamb his rights, thus giving to Cyrus the full ownership. He was a millwright, a skillful mechanie and in addition to milling carried on to some extent machine making and repairing, until 7 Jan., 1832, when the mills were burned.<sup>1</sup>

In 1874 the heirs of Cyrus Lamb sold the privilege, it having then stood unused for over 40 years, to Nathaniel E. Taft, present owner, who built and operated a shoddy mill, and, 1890, enlarged the buildings and put in machinery, one set, for making satinets, and also added a dyeing establishment. He employs 22 hands, produces 800 yards of satinets per day; estimated value per annum, \$24,000.

**Texas Mills.** These mills are in the eastern portion of the large estate bought in 1754 by Ebenezer Learned and Edward Davis of the heirs of Robert Thompson, original township grantee. The water-power descended to Gen. Ebenezer Learned and to his son Sylvanus, who in 1803 built here a dam and a saw-mill. In 1810 the estate was bought by Abisha, son of Sylvanus, Joseph Stone having been associated with him in the mill. This saw-mill was operated by

<sup>1</sup>He it is said had in his shop nearly completed at the time of the fire a remarkable clock of his own designing, which it was supposed would run for several years with once winding.

In the winter of 1849-51 the dam and a building which stood below it were swept away by high water.

Learned until his decease in 1854, and afterward by his heirs and later owners, until its removal, its last occupant having been Joseph S. Swain in 1868.

In 1831 Learned built a four-story stone mill 100 by 40 feet, which in May, 1832, he leased to Edward Denny of Oxford and Henry B. Stone of Boston, for making broadcloths.<sup>1</sup> On 13 March, 1833, the new mill, three sets of machinery, was burned, but was immediately rebuilt, and the manufacture of broadcloths under the name of the "Denny Manufacturing Company," continued until March, 1836, when Denny retired. Robert Appleton and Montgomery Newell, both of Boston, having bought the lease continued the business until the latter part of 1839, Capt. Stearns DeWitt having been their agent, when their operations terminated. Afterward little was done for several years. In 1841 a company consisting of Abisha Learned, Asa Cutler and George Torrey, "their associates and successors," was incorporated under the name of the "North Oxford Manufacturing Company," but no progress seems to have been made under this arrangement. In 1843 a second company was organized consisting of Abisha Learned, who was the principal stockholder, Jasper R. Rand of Westfield, his brother-in-law, and Lucius O. Ackley, with a nominal capital of \$30,000. Preparations began in Aug., 1843, and in the spring of 1844 the mill was started on fine cotton goods. On 18 Sept., 1844, Learned conveyed to the company real estate as follows: the stone factory, store, seven dwelling houses and other buildings, with ten acres of land. The capacity of the mill was 60 looms. Rand was treasurer and Ackley agent, the latter continuing as manager until 25 Feb., 1847, when he retired and Abisha Learned succeeded him for one year, Joseph Brown, 3d, being supervisor under him. In Feb., 1848, Loren C. Parks, who had been for several years overseer in various departments, bought one-third of the concern and assumed the management, Learned, Rand and Parks then constituting the company. The business continued thus, Parks manufacturing by the yard, until 8 Oct., 1850, when the mill was burned and operations suspended.<sup>2</sup>

On 1 Dec., 1862, Betsey, widow of Abisha Learned, and Elizabeth R., his daughter, deeded the water-power, saw-mill, nine houses, a store and two stone shops to Chamberlin & Burrough. In 1864 the same went into the possession of Burrough & Bartlett, and in 1870 of O. F. Chase & Co. On 10 Feb., 1882, Oscar F. Chase and Edwin Bartlett conveyed the same to Frederick Thayer, the present owner, who did not immediately occupy. In 1886, after a period of 35 years, business in the village was revived, and a large brick mill erected, which is now, 1890, being operated by Mr. Thayer on

<sup>1</sup>This lease describes "a stone factory, 4 pairs of fulling-mills, 2 water-wheels, a stone dry house, a store, blacksmith shop, 3 double tenement houses, dwelling occupied by Learned, barn

and sheds, and 5 acres of land," Learned retaining the saw-mill.

<sup>2</sup>The saw-mill was burned in the fall of 1853 and immediately rebuilt.

satinets. A considerable addition was made to the mill in 1887; present capacity, six sets; number of hands employed, 140; annual production, 800,000 yards; estimated value, \$240,000.

**North Oxford Optical Works.** As early as Sept., 1844, Henry M. Paine in a shop near the Texas mill site began the manufacture of spectacles and philosophical instruments. In 1845 a company was formed under the name of the "North Oxford Optical Works," and with a large outlay for machinery and experimenting, began operations under the management of Phinehas T. Bartlett, who was the principal capitalist. At the close of the year 1846 the company was embarrassed financially, and Mr. Bartlett took the assets and wound up its affairs. Later Francis Clark and son carried on pistol and rifle making, repairing, etc., at this place for a time. Thereafter until 1886 the water-power was unimproved.

**Chase Mills, No. 2.** These mills, the lowest two at North Oxford, stand on the original home lot of Ebenezer Learned, who as early as 1728, according to tradition, built here a saw-mill, which was operated by himself, his son and grandsons for a hundred years. The last survivor of his grandsons, Jeremiah Learned, died in 1829. In March, 1830, his administrator sold the home farm, 275 acres, with the mill, through a third party, to Sylvester McIntire, who soon conveyed it to Capt. Stephen Barton. On 17 Aug., 1833, Barton deeded to his sons Stephen and David 25 acres of the same, including mill and water-power. The Barton brothers were energetic men, and for several years transacted a large business in lumber. Soon after their purchase they built in the rear of the saw-mill a grist-mill, a part of which was after a short time utilized as a satinet manufactory, they in partnership with Parsons brothers running it on a contract for Sylvanus Holbrook of Northbridge, who stocked the concern, one run of stones being in the meantime operated in the grist-mill. This mill was burned 17 March, 1839. It was at once rebuilt and leased to Royal Chapin of Providence and Orsamus Taft of Uxbridge for cotton manufacturing, who occupied in 1849. Later, Waterman A. Fisher was lessee and was occupant 10 March, 1852, when the second mill was burned. The present one, of stone, 108 by 40 feet, three stories, with an L 150 by 28 feet, was soon after erected by Barton brothers, and leased to Mr. Fisher, who continued cotton business until his failure in 1857, William C. Tucker having been superintendent until 1855, and Thomas Harrington afterward.

The lower mill was built by Stephen and David Barton in 1848, and leased with the upper one to Fisher. On 22 Jan., 1856, it was burned, and 1 Oct., 1856, Henry D. Stone of Worcester bought the whole estate. The following winter he rebuilt, 80 by 60 feet, two stories, at the lower site, Otis Learned having been the contractor, and the new mill was filled with six sets of new wool machinery. Stone failed soon after, and on 26 July, 1858, his assignees deeded

the estate, one-half to Henry H. Chamberlin of Worcester, and one-half to Edward H. Tower of Boston and John A. McGaw of Oxford. Business began under the name of Chamberlin, McGaw & Co., the cotton mill with 100 looms being started as soon as practicable. After a few months Tower sold out to Joseph Burrough. The woolen mill was started in the spring of 1859, and on 1 Feb., 1860, McGaw sold to Chamberlin and Burrough. In 1861 the cotton machinery was sold from the upper mill and woolen machinery placed instead, and the mills were operated together on fancy cassimeres.

On 1 Dec., 1864, Chamberlin sold to Burrough and Edwin Bartlett, and the firm became Burrough & Bartlett. This company became the proprietors of the four lower mills at North Oxford and of the Texas Village, so called, and continued cotton and woolen manufacturing with varied success (E. Harris Howland having been for a time associated with them under the name of the "Huguenot Manufacturing Company"), until 10 Jan., 1870, when one-third of the property was sold to Oscar F. Chase, and the firm became O. F. Chase & Co. On 19 Sept., 1874, Burrough retired, selling his interest to the company. On 1 March, 1880, Bartlett conveyed his interest in the Huguenot Mills, 100 acres and buildings, to Oscar F. Chase. They were occupied on a lease by Briggs brothers of North Adams until April, 1881, and later, until Dec., 1885, by Haines, Maxwell & Hallowell, who in 1886 were succeeded as lessees by Learned, Howard & Co., Oscar F. Chase being an active member of the firm. In the spring of 1887 this firm dissolved.

John Chase & Sons of Webster now, 1890, own and operate the mills, producing fancy cassimeres. Capacity of both mills, nine sets; hands employed, 170; annual production, 190,000 yards; estimated value, \$370,000.<sup>1</sup>

**Stone's Mills.** The water-power near Leicester line was first utilized by Uriah Stone, who purchased in 1754, and built there a dam and a saw-mill. In 1807 Luther, son of Uriah, Jr., in partnership with his uncle Samuel, built at the same location a new saw-mill, adding a grist-mill. These they operated together until the decease of Samuel in 1820, after which Luther bought his rights and continued the business until Oct., 1848, when the mills were burned. He then built at a new location a few rods lower on the stream, and continued milling until his decease in 1853, after which the property came into the possession of his grandson, William H. Rice. On 15 April, 1854, Rice deeded to William B. Field and James Shaw of Andover. On 29 Oct., 1859, Field sold to Isaac B. Hartwell "the mill lot" of five acres. Hartwell sold the same 21 Nov., 1863, to William B. Field of Stow, who soon sold one-half to Shaw of Ballardvale. They, in 1865, removed the grist-mill, erected a small factory and began making flannels. This building was burned 19 April, 1872, and for nearly ten years the place was unoccupied. In 1880-81

<sup>1</sup> The saw-mill was operated until 1859 and the grist-mill until 1860, when both were removed.

the present mill was built by Mr. Shaw who soon after died. On 31 May, 1881, his heirs conveyed the mill, machinery, etc., and five acres of land to Reuben Cummings of Troy, N. Y., and Edward I. Comins of Worcester, firm of E. I. Comins & Co., who have since operated it for making satinets, running two sets of machinery, and employing 35 hands; production in 1889, 394,000 yards.

**Rich's Mills.** According to tradition Thomas Davis, in 1747, built a grist-mill on his farm, now Chaffee heirs, H. 15, one mile east of Main Street. In 1782 his heirs sold to Jeremiah, son of Elisha Davis, who operated it during his life. After his decease Capt. Ebenezer Rich of Sutton, in 1824, bought the property. The mill was operated for several years by Rich, but became dilapidated and after a time was removed, and for many years the water-power was unimproved.

On 11 June, 1847, Capt. Rich deeded one-half the water-privilege and half an acre of land to Ivers A. Davis, who in partnership with Rich erected a saw-mill, which Davis and George L., son of Ebenezer Rich, operated together. In 1852 Davis sold back his interest to Ebenezer Rich. George L. soon after added a grist-mill. In 1857 the mills with the farm were leased, and one-half the farm sold, to George L., who died soon after. In 1858 Ebenezer D. Rich, his brother, bought his share of the property, took possession, rebuilt the mills and operated them successfully until March, 1884, when farm and mills were sold to Abel M. Chaffee, who made radical improvements, adding a cider-mill. Chaffee's heirs continue, 1890, the milling.

**Gates' Mills.** In 1845 Hiram Moffit, then owner of the estate, H. 79, built a dam and, about 20 rods below, a grist-mill, which he operated about two years, and sold with the farm to John Gates, who continued milling until 1858. That year he removed the mill-stones and rented the building for five years to Thomas Ashworth and partners, Day, Peal and Jones, who put in machinery and began the manufacture of shoddy, continuing to the end of their lease, when they removed. Benajah, Clovis and Dennis S. B., sons of John Gates, then occupied the building for the same purpose for six years. Later the mill stood idle, until Aug., 1870, when it was burned. A small saw-mill was built in 1871 on the site and run for several years, and was removed. Nothing has been done there since.

In 1852 Gates brothers built nearer the dam another small mill for the manufacture of wicking and batting. This was burned 24 Jan., 1854. In 1858 Luke White, son-in-law of Gates, built on the spot a grist-mill, putting in the stones Gates had taken from the lower mill. This he operated a few months and rented it to Gates brothers, who began here the making of shoddy, continuing until the expiration of Ashworth & Jones' lease, when they removed to the lower mill and continued making shoddy as noted. In April, 1872, this second mill

at the upper site (which Gates brothers had continued to use with the lower one) was burned, and the power there has not since been utilized. All mill operations at this locality ceased when the saw-mill was removed.

**Wallis' Mill.** In 1851 Pliny M. Moffit built a dam and a shop on Mill Brook near the bridge on the Webster road, putting in machinery for making shoe boxes, and in 1852 sold to Eliphalet and Levi Eddy. They put in an upright saw-mill and a shingle-mill, but the power was inefficient, and in a year or two Levi sold to Eliphalet, who in 1865 sold to Col. Alexander DeWitt. He sold to Benjamin W. Childs, who owned for several years and later it was owned successively by John Dinsmore, Sylvanus Robinson, Mr. Buell of Worcester and Henry J. Whiting, standing unused much of the time. In 1880 it was bought by Frank G. Wallis of Sutton, who put in a cider-mill and for two seasons did a brisk business. In 1882 he enlarged the building, making it two stories, added a steam engine to the power and fitted it with machinery for wagon making. In July, 1884, it was burned. A few weeks afterward a temporary building was erected, a cider-mill put in, and the property was sold in the autumn of 1884 to Rodney M. Dadmun. In 1886 it was again sold, the buyer being the late Benjamin G. Wallis, who operated the cider-mill, and a circular saw and other machinery for wagon making and repairing.

**Wool Carding.** In the laborious task of preparing materials for the clothing of the large families of olden times, no mechanical appliances were employed until after 1800. About 1805 Hale of Worcester put in operation wool carding machines, and seems to have been the medium of their introduction in this vicinity, as he sold if he did not manufacture them.<sup>1</sup>

The first carding done in Oxford was by one of the Hale machines in 1806, at John and David Nichols' mill. At about the same time Simeon Waters began the business at Sutton, and David Rich at Charlton, near Oxford west line. John H. Rich, son of David, attended this machine, man and boy, for 70 years, much of the patronage coming from Oxford. The last of its operation was in 1876.

Joseph Stone, soon after his purchase of the "Sigourney Mill" privilege in 1812, began wool carding, continuing eight or ten years, and relinquished it when he rented his mill for manufacturing purposes. Rufus Robinson in 1829 attached a machine to his manufacturing establishment at the south end of the Plain.

<sup>1</sup> Wool carding by power was perhaps the first step in the application of machinery to the making of textile fabrics in the country, and was of vast importance to the community. Arthur and John Scholfield, who came from England in 1793, succeeded after 10 or 12 years of experimenting in making carding machines, and in 1804 John

Scholfield, Jr., began the operation of one at Jewett City, Conn. Few inventions have brought more instant and general relief and emancipation. Women everywhere exulted in the beautiful white, soft, clean, fleecy rolls which made spinning and weaving a positive enjoyment. [Miss Larned, Wind. Co. His., II., 399.]

**Millwrights.** Ebenezer Phelps of Sutton was among the first millwrights of this region. He removed to New Boston, Conn., where he owned mill property. Elijah Davis, Jr., a very ingenious mechanic, went in young manhood to that place to learn the business, and from him originated what may be termed a *school* of artisans in Oxford, which became widely known among the manufacturers of New England. Prominent among them was Ezra Davis, brother of Elijah, who for a time was esteemed as the leading man in the line in Worcester County. Others were Francis and Israel Sibley, brothers, apprentices of Ezra Davis, Clark Putnam, Rufus, Sumner, Jeremiah and Pliny Moffit, brothers, George and James Lovett, brothers, Moses Burdon, John Rowland and others, who were for many years after the opening of the manufacturing era employed far and near in building water-wheels, fulling-mills, etc., and placing shafting in new factories. On account of the substitution of metal for wood in mills the business gradually decreased and little has been done in this line in Oxford of late.<sup>1</sup>

**Brickmaking.** In the first houses of the town, chimneys, ovens, etc., were built of stone laid up in clay, and for the first 50 years bricks were but little used. Of the beginnings of this industry little is known. One of the first places of operation was on the land of Micah Pratt, not far from the river west from the north cemetery. This land before the Revolutionary war seems to have been valued for its brickyard and "clay pits," but we have no detail as to the manufacture. Soon after 1800 Samuel Rider was in the business at the clay pits, west of his house, a mile north of Augutteback pond, H. 84.

The "oldest inhabitant remembereth not" the time when bricks were not made on the Ebenezer Merriam farm at North Oxford, H. 103, and it is believed that the manufacture was begun by the first Ebenezer, who died 1761. Charlton, Leicester and Oxford were all more or less supplied from this source for many years, and the business was continued up to 1854, David Merriam, the present owner, being the last operator.

**Bakery.** A bakery, now standing, was built on Barton Street opposite the present Methodist meeting-house, in 1829 by Justin Root and Josiah Moore in partnership. Skilled workmen from Boston were employed, a fine quality of bakers' productions made and for about five years the concern flourished. In 1831 Moore having withdrawn the firm was Root & Clemence. In 1832 Daniel

<sup>1</sup> Tradition says the use of belts instead of gearing in mills was a cause of much discussion among the Oxford mechanics. Rumors came from the eastward that such changes had been made but the Oxford men were skeptical, and it was declared that "the idea of running a factory

by means of a strap was nonsense." To settle the matter Ezra Davis started on foot for Lowell. He went, saw and was convinced, and a few weeks later had machinery in a mill at Fitchburg successfully running by the same means.

T. Penniman was proprietor, and after one year resold to Root, who owned until Jan., 1835, when he disposed of the estate and soon left town. Operations were discontinued thereafter.

**Chaise and Harness.** In the spring of 1821 Seth Daniels and John Mellish came to town from Walpole where they had been employés in a chaise factory, and in partnership began making chaises and harness at George R. Larned's, H. 218. In 1823 Mellish withdrew and Benjamin F. Town and Sylvanus Harris joined with Daniels, the firm being Daniels, Town & Co. In 1826 Town retired and Daniels & Harris continued the business. In 1828 the shop at the south end of the Plain (estate 211) was built and soon occupied. In 1830 Sanford Gilmore who had been an apprentice became a partner, and the firm was Daniels, Harris & Co. In 1832 Harris had left and Daniels & Gilmore continued until 1836, when a copartnership was formed with Elihu Harwood, Jr., for the manufacture of shoes, and carriage and harness making was relinquished.

**Distilleries.** About 1810 Dr. William Fisk and Amos Hudson began distilling liquors in a small building near Town's Pond, H. 144, buying grain, potatoes, cider, etc., of the farmers and producing whiskey and cider brandy principally. The business continued only a year or two and the building was fitted up and occupied as a store by the same owners.

About 1811 or 1812 John Pratt began the same business, having erected a building for the purpose on the Millbury road a short distance south from his house, H. 148, now William H. Marble, and his sons Ebenezer and Abijah D. were employed. After about three years the enterprise was abandoned.

**Tanneries.** The tanner, with the shoemaker, the carpenter and the blacksmith was indispensable in the new settlement. As the farmers slaughtered their animals the skins were marked with their initials and taken to the tannery to be made into leather for shoes for the household. The beginnings of this industry in Oxford are lost in the obscurity of the past.

Jacob Willson of Pomfret, Conn., tanner, bought in 1730 estate No. 188, at north end of the Plain, and may have followed his trade, the meadows on his home lot being adapted to the business. The first positive knowledge we have of a tannery is in 1754, when Jeremiah Shumway conveyed property to William Watson, a saddler from Leicester, "lying fifteen rods south of the meeting house" [at the north common] the west line running southerly on the 8-rod way "to a stake in the edge of the meadow near the Tann Fatts," conveying said "Fatts" and house, H. 182. This was the northern extremity of the original Peter Shumway home lot. Experience, daughter of Jeremiah Shumway, married Thomas Read who lived near the tannery,

and was, as conjectured from his inventory, a currier. He died in 1750 and is believed to have carried on business at the old tannery. Watson owned and probably continued business here till 2 Jan., 1773, when he sold to Jonathan Gould of Woodstock, tanner, who held it for five years and sold, 3 Oct., 1778, to Samuel Hardy of Oxford, tanner, formerly of Sutton. On 15 March, 1781, Hardy sold to Andrew Duncan, merchant, of Worcester, who the next year sold to Jesse Jones, tanner, who sold, 26 June, 1783, to Daniel Goulding of Worcester, cordwainer. On 1 May, 1785, Goulding conveyed the property to William Forbes of Worcester, tanner, a man of good business capacity, who demonstrated by marked success that it was not the fault of the location or appliances for business that his predecessors were not successful. He enlarged the works and built up a thriving business, drawing many orders on Butler's store in payment for stock and labor, as was the custom, until his decease in 1808. From that date operations began to decline. Samuel Barstow of Killingly, Conn., who had, as is supposed, been Forbes' journeyman, in Nov., 1809, bought the estate and continued the business until about 1818, when he returned to Killingly. Alexander Campbell occupied the premises on a lease for tanning purposes from 1825 to 1829. After he left, the building, now standing, was changed to a dwelling.

The second, and only other establishment of the kind in Oxford, was at the crossing of the Sutton road and Mill Brook east of the main street. In 1810 William Sigourney, having learned the trade of a tanner at Warren's in Leicester, began business here, continuing with moderate success until 1816, when he removed to the corner, now George W. Sigourney's, into the store previously kept by his father, and began trading. He continued tanning under the care of Alexander Campbell, doing a small business only, until 1824, when he sold to Nathaniel Nolen, whose operations were quite limited. After 1829, by the raising of the dam at the Old Huguenot Mill for manufacturing purposes, the water damaged the premises and business thereafter amounted to but little, and entirely ceased six or seven years later, although the buildings stood until after 1840.

**Shoe Manufacture.** The shoe manufacture has for more than 50 years been the principal industry of Oxford Centre. The pioneer, Elihu Harwood, Jr., apprentice of Col. Arial Bragg of Milford, began about 1820 at his house at the south end of the Plain. The next operator was Capt. William Sigourney, who made men's boots and brogans from about 1828 until the burning of his shop, which stood near the site of the Memorial Hall, Jan., 1835. In 1836 Harwood formed a partnership with Seth Daniels and Sanford Gilmore at the chaise and harness shop at the south end, and in 1837 Samuel Dowse and Daniel T. Penniman joined the firm, adding the store next the bank to the shoe business. The reverses of 1837 terminated this

scheme. In 1838 Harwood and Dowse were partners. In 1839 Harwood was alone and continued thereafter until 1858, when he retired. Sanford Gilmore was, 1839, with Loriston Shumway; from 1840 to 1846 he was alone, and 1846 removed to Boston, entering shoe trade. Seth Daniels continued at the south end from 1839 (his sons, George F. and Albert H., being partners after 1844, under the name Seth Daniels & Co.), until 1847, then removing to the Sigourney homestead, H. 192, and enlarging operations. In 1851 Stearns DeW. Harris entered the firm, continuing until Nov., 1854, when he and Albert H. Daniels left, and Franklin G. Daniels became a partner, continuing until 1872, when the business was closed.

Andrew S. Wetherell began before May, 1840, continuing for five years. In 1844 Daniel Stevens was partner.

Lament B. Corbin was a very successful manufacturer, perhaps the most capable in the town. He began with Daniel Harwood, 1844. In 1845 William H. Shumway was with him, from 1845 to 1860 he was alone, excepting 1850-1, when Samuel C. Richards, and 1855 to 1858, Charles A. Angell were partners. From 1860 to 1870 Allen L. Joslin was of the firm. In 1870 William H. H. Thurston came in and was partner until Corbin's decease, 1872. Business was continued here by Thurston and Franklin G. Daniels until 1878 and by Thurston alone until the fall of 1885, when operations terminated.

Daniel Harwood on leaving Corbin, 1845, entered the trade in Boston, and Harwood & Moseley manufactured in the Arcade building, Albert H. Daniels manager, in 1845. In 1846 Gilmore and Benjamin F. Campbell were Harwood's partners in Boston, and manufacture continued, 1846 to 1849, with Samuel C. Richards as agent. In 1849 the business was removed to the Andrew Sigourney building, opposite Joslin's factory, and Edward W. Bardwell took charge. In two or three years, Gilmore & Cole of Boston being owners, it was removed to the rear of the present Catholic Parsonage, continuing till 1865. In May, 1865, Bardwell bought the shop on Sutton avenue, opposite the railroad station, and as partner with Cole, Wood & Co., successors of Gilmore & Cole, manufactured until the fall of 1866, when business was closed.

Samuel C. Richards, 1849, until the burning of the "Arcade," Jan., 1850, continued in that building with A. G. Underwood and Samuel C. Paine, partners. In 1852 and part of 1853 he occupied the shop opposite the railroad station. Loriston Shumway was in the "Arcade" at the time of the fire; and later with Henry Boyden operated at Boyden's house, H. 200, during 1850-1. Soon after he built a shop in the rear of his own house and manufactured alone, 1852 to 1856. In 1857 the firm was L. Shumway & Son. In 1859 Allen L. Joslin became partner, leaving in 1860. Later, Henry L. and Issachar Shumway conducted the business several years; in 1866 Loriston was alone and before May, 1868, retired.

Emory E. Harwood was, 1847-8, at the shop opposite the railroad station on Sutton avenue, in 1849 at Webster when Charles A. Angell joined him. They, after the fire, bought the "Arcade" lot and built the brick shop, 1850, continuing there till 1854. From 1855 to 1873 Harwood was alone and very successful. In 1873 he sold the shop to his brother Daniel and son, who also bought the adjoining property, connected and enlarged the buildings, introducing steam-power and machinery. Emory E. Harwood was manager for two years and the business was suspended. In 1876 he was tenant here, in 1877 removed to south end of the Plain, and in 1883 left town.

Craft Davis, Jr., began before May, 1847, near George W. Sigourney's residence. John R. and Ebenezer S. Williams began before May, 1852, on Charlton Street, and removed, 1853, to the old tavern store, and that year the firm of Davis & Williams was formed. After the burning of the tavern, 1854, they occupied the Andrew Sigourney building near railroad station, and in a few months moved to the new building next east of the brick shop, continuing until Jan., 1870, when they dissolved partnership. Davis remained till 1873 and retired. Williams brothers went into the shop opposite the railroad station, continuing till the decease of John R. Williams, 1879.

Thaddeus T. Gay began before May, 1847; in Jan., 1850, was partner with S. William Smith in the "Arcade" and burnt out. In 1850 he joined with Samuel Southwick, name Gay & Southwick, continuing (James M. Sanford having been partner one or two years) until 1857. Southwick left, and Gay, with his brother Charles L. part of the time, went on until 1867 at the shop near the freight depot. Southwick later made stays and inner soles until 1873.

William H. Thurston began before May, 1853, near the Universalist meeting-house, in present bakery; was two years on his own account, later going on for Campbell, Harwood & Co., and Benjamin F. Campbell until 1867, his son William H. H. being partner the last two years.

Allen L. Joslin began before May, 1858; in 1859 was with Loriston Shumway, and 1860 to 1870 with Lament B. Corbin. On 1 Jan., 1871, the firm of A. L. Joslin & Co. was formed, and 1871 the new shop at the Centre built. The firm, originally A. L. and O. F. Joslin, now includes Homer S. Joslin and Walter D. Tyler.

Larkin D. Newton and Eden Davis partners were, in 1845, in the "Arcade." In 1846 Newton went on alone.

David Whittemore was, 1846, partner with Elihu Harwood; in 1847 with Eden Davis; 1848 to 1851 alone; in 1852 removed from town.

Daniel Jennison began before May, 1850, at his house east of the railroad, on a fine leather boot for New England trade, continuing until 1854.

William Stone began before May, 1851, continuing until 1856 at his shop, Barton Street, near the Universalist meeting-house (shop later sold to Corbin and removed). In 1857 John Anderson was his partner, who continued alone 1860-1, and left town.

Henry Boyden, Seth W. Field and George Miller, firm Boyden, Field & Co., began before May, 1852, at H. 200, then Boyden's. In 1853 Field left; Boyden and Miller went on until 1856, Boyden continuing in 1857.

Charles E. Daniels and Wilson Olney in 1854 were partners at a shop in the rear of Seth Daniels & Co.

Lorenzo Morgan and H. Wilbur Snow were from 1854 to 1859 at Snow's harness shop near the north common.

Adams G. Barnes began before May, 1855, near the freight depot; in 1856 Abel F. Stow was partner; Barnes went on until 1860 alone.

Benjamin Paine began before May, 1854, at his house; Charles Watson, his son-in-law, was with him, 1856 to 1858; Paine continued 1859-60.

S. William Smith and A. Waldo Lackey began, 1854, at the shop opposite the railroad station; 1855, Albert Lackey, father of A. Waldo, came in (name Smith, Lackey & Co.), continuing to the fall of 1857. Charles C. Twichell had begun before May, 1857, in the rear of the brick store. Smith left Lackey 1857 and joined Twichell, and in a few months sold to Albert Lackey; the firm became Lackey & Twichell. They gave up business before May, 1859. A. Waldo Lackey continued at the old place till the spring of 1859.

George Appleby was, 1857, at his father's residence, continuing one year.

William H. Harrington, 1858, manufactured in the three-story building near the freight depot.

Albert G. Underwood manufactured a few months in 1859 at his father's house.

T. Vernon Nichols, Amasa Stowe and Daniel R. Cortis (name, Nichols, Stowe & Co.) began before May, 1866, at the south end; removed, 1867, to opposite the railroad station, Sutton Avenue, continuing until 1868.

It is impossible to give statistics of the past. Good judges estimate the total annual production when the business was at high tide, in 1856, at about a million dollars. The principal article produced was a woman's heavy pegged lace boot, which had a large sale, South and West, to the agricultural population. Harwood began on a cheap low cut "strap shoe" which went South. As time passed different patterns and improved qualities were made. A revolution was wrought in the business by the introduction of power and machinery, and the smaller concerns which could not advantageously adopt new methods, one after another yielded under the competition until there is now only the factory of A. L. Joslin & Co. in operation. This concern has largely extended its variety and quantity of productions. Their factory is 160 by 30 feet, four stories including basement, is fitted with the best improved steam machinery, employs 150 hands, and when in full operation turns out 1,000 pairs of shoes per day. Value of yearly production, \$280,000.

## CHAPTER IX.

BURYING-GROUNDS. SEXTONS. POUNDS. CATTLE, ETC. TOWN POOR. CENTENARIANS. EXCISE BILL. EMBARGO. JUSTICES IN COURT. CASES IN COURT. CORONERS. DEPUTY SHERIFFS. WILD GAME. SMALL-POX. WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. TOWN SURVEY. MILL. HALLS. MINES. BANK. TAVERNS. TRADERS AND STORES. POST-OFFICES. CARRIERS. STAGES. FIRE DEPARTMENT. MASONIC LODGES. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY. THE GRANGE. HUGUENOT MEMORIAL SOCIETY. LEARNED RELIEF FUND. LAWYERS. PHYSICIANS. GRADUATES. DOG TAX. CATTLE DISEASE. TOWN CLOCK. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

**Burying-grounds.** In Nov., 1713, John Town, Samuel Hagburn and Benjamin Chamberlain were chosen to lay out a minister's lot and a burying-ground. The latter was located west of the common, and in Jan., 1750, it was voted to fence it, but lines not being settled it was not then done. In Dec., 1751, the proprietors voted "two acres . . . to be set off bounding on the east on the west line of the training field, south on . . . Manning's land and extending north and west so as to include all the graves." This the town confirmed 1754, and in 1755 voted £13. 6s. 8d. to fence it. In March, 1756, voted that Dr. Jabez Holden may fence it "for what he owes the town for the old meeting-house." In 1788 the south line was not fenced, and it was agreed that the people should meet the first Monday in June to finish it. In 1796 James Gleason gave three-fourths of an acre as an addition on the west, deeded in 1803. For 135 years this was the only burying-ground of the town.

In Nov., 1847, it was voted to buy 12 acres at north end of Town's Plain for a new cemetery and to enlarge that at the Centre. In 1848 three-fourths of an acre, two rods wide on the south and extending several rods on the west, were added to the old ground, and 11 acres, 25 rods purchased of John Fitts for a new one, now the North Cemetery.

The Catholic ground contains 14 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres and was opened in 1864, having also been bought of Mr. Fitts.

In March, 1859, voted to improve the south ground and fence it at a cost not over \$500. In Nov., 1870, voted to set apart lots 462, 455 and 424 in North Cemetery for burial of soldiers. In April, 1871, voted \$500 to improve the North Cemetery. In Nov., \$300 additional was voted for the same purpose. In April, 1856, it was voted to build a receiving tomb, which was done at the North Cemetery.

**Hearse.** Up to 1796 the bier was the only means of carrying the dead to burial. In Feb. warrant was an article "to see if the town

will provide a carriage to carry their dead to a place of interment," on which we find no action. Soon thereafter a vehicle was in use consisting of a pair of long shafts without springs placed on an axletree with two wheels, with a flooring and a long canvas top over a series of small bows like a chaise top, a rude, unsightly affair. In 1817 it was voted to "procure a decent hearse for the conveyance of the dead." Another was voted in 1837, and in 1858 the present carriage was bought, costing \$251.

In Nov., 1821, by-laws were adopted fixing the price for digging graves, etc. Sextons were to receive 50 cents for attendance at funerals with hearse; and it was recommended that "giving public invitations to bearers and mourners . . . to return to the houses of the deceased for refreshments be discontinued."

In 1821 voted to have the bell rung Sundays and tolled at funerals at town expense. In 1825-6 George Nolen served at \$12½ per year.

**Sextons.** The first choice of sexton or "grave digger" recorded was May, 1768, when Robert Manning was chosen; Sept., 1768, Aaron French took his place. In May, 1776, David Mellen came in, Abner Mellen following in 1793. In May, 1819, Charles Town began, and later Charles P. Nichols acted several years. In April, 1842, Elliot Marsh offered to furnish "a good pine coffin" for persons 12 years and older for \$2, other charges to be 50 cents for attendance, and \$1 for grave, total \$3.50; and for those under 12 years \$2.75. He was chosen sexton. Alexander C. Thurston later held the office for several years, and 1856 Edmund Miller succeeded him. In 1860 Caleb Thompson was appointed, Charles R. Carlton following in 1868. In 1870 Reuben Rich took the place and has since officiated, excepting for one or two years, when Melvin W. Pierce was elected.

**Pounds.** March 30, 1714, it was "voted to build a pound two rods square to be set on the west side of the 8-rod way, against the 6-rod way, to be built by John Town by the last of next May," each freeholder to pay a day's work or 2s. 6d. in money. This was, excepting roads, the first public work of the town, and the location about on the site of the present brick store. Farm stock ran at large for which each owner had a mark, a description of which was entered in the town records.

On 24 May, 1716, £2. 5s. was voted for a pound.

On 24 March, 1719, "Agreed with Abraham Skinner, Sen., to build a pound 33 foot square and 7 foot high to be completed by the 7th of May," and voted £2. 7s. for the same. By a later vote Skinner was directed to repair the *old* pound.

April, 1728, voted to build a pound 30 feet square.

May, 1769, voted to build a new pound at the southwest corner of the burying-ground, of stone, six and one-half feet high, four feet thick at the bottom, with eight-inch timber on top of the wall. Former structures had undoubtedly been of wood. This substantial

work stood nearly 80 years, until the enlargement of the cemetery in 1848, when it was removed. In Nov., 1850, a new pound was voted, and soon after the present one built near Tureott's. H. 184.

**Cattle, etc.** April, 1726, "Voted that no herds of cattle be brought into town [to feed] the ensuing year." May, 1729, "Voted that every person taking a herd [to pasture] shall pay 10s. per head to the town." In 1734 a by-law was made against receiving cattle to feed or graze, under a penalty of 10s. per head, to be in force three years. March, 1735, "Voted that horses and cattle of the inhabitants may go free on the commons."<sup>1</sup> May, 1735, field-drivers were ordered to "clear the town of all herds of cattle" and "prosecute the owners." March, 1739, "Voted to make an act to prevent bringing such herds of cattle to feed in the town." March, 1748, "Voted, that no person shall take any cattle belonging to persons in other towns, upon forfeiture of 40s. to be recovered by the town treasurer, this for 3 years ensuing." 1769, "Voted, to let hogs go at large yoked and ringed."

**Town Poor.** In early times aid to the poor was given by individuals at discretion and bills sent to the town. In 1734, by a by-law, a penalty was required for a certain offence, "for the use of the poor," probably to be distributed by the selectmen. We find that Hannah Frail died at Daniel McIntire's before 6 March, 1749; Susanna Groo with a child travelling from Lebanon to Hampton sojourned at John Wiley's, 29 Jan., 1754; William Lackey, wife and child, of Waltham, at William Brown's, 19 April, 1753; and bills were sent for these severally to the selectmen. The Revolutionary war greatly increased this class, and a workhouse was discussed in many meetings but not decided on. In May, 1775, nearly 5,000 poor were sent from Boston into the State for support, 35 having been assigned to Oxford.<sup>2</sup> On 1 Jan., 1779, the selectmen reported to the Court four aged persons from Charlestown who had four years lived on the town, Matthew Mallet and wife, between 70 and 80, Margaret Fosdick, 78, Dorcas Delany(?), 60, asking relief. In reply these were ordered to be sent to Sutton. On 18 May, 1779, pay was voted to Ebenezer Fish for supporting Lydia Cop, "one of the poor of Boston." Stephen Pratt provided for her in 1780. Jan., 1780, David Mellen sent a bill for support of widow Munsell for a year. In 1784 voted to sell to the lowest bidder the support of the poor.

In April, 1818, Ezekiel Davis, insane, was dependent on the town and in Worcester jail for safe-keeping. The selectmen were instructed to remove him and "put him out to those who will take him on the lowest terms and give bonds for the damage he shall do and for his good behavior." In 1819 he was in jail again. Living in the south

<sup>1</sup>The commons were extensive, much of the outland at that date not having been allotted.

<sup>2</sup>It is very doubtful whether so large a number actually came to the town for support.

part of the town he wandered into Nipmuck woods, where he lived in a hut near the "Goat ledges" with "bell-fish," as he called the rattlesnakes, for company. He was harmless and spent much time in travelling about the region bareheaded and barefooted. When Webster was set off in the division of the poor he was assigned to that town.

Auctioning the poor annually was continued until 1826, when their support for ten years was contracted for by Capt. Stephen Barton at \$574 per year. For five years their residence was at H. 49 on Rocky Hill.

Early in 1831 a committee was chosen to review the matter, which advised the purchase of a farm for the support of the poor. In Sept. they further reported in favor of the "Harris place," which the town voted to buy at a cost of \$3,683. In March, 1832, the estate was conveyed and the dependants of the town have since been there domiciled. After a few years the old house was found insufficient to accommodate the increasing number of inmates, and an addition of about 25 feet was made at the north end. A tramp house was built 1878 at a cost of \$258. In the spring of 1890 it was voted to enlarge the accommodations of the place, and during the summer and autumn the old house was removed to the rear and the new and commodious front part added, as now existing. The institution is now fitted to receive thirty inmates.

**Centenarians.** Nancy Cady, widow, perhaps from Northbridge, died at the almshouse, 1 Aug., 1873, age 105. [Oxford Record.] Record of birth not found.

✓ Mary, daughter of Israel Town, born 16 Nov., 1709, at Framingham, married Theodore Kingsbury, resided at South Oxford, and died Jan., 1810.

Mehetabile, daughter of Israel Town, born 23 Dec., 1731, married Samuel, son of Josiah Larned, removed to Ashford, Conn., "d. over 100" years of age. [Adams, Framingham, who might have had this name confounded with Mary her sister.]

Sarah, daughter of Dea. Ebenezer Humphrey, born 30 Oct., 1771, married, 1795, Jesse Kidder, removed 1802 to Livermore, Me., where she died 24 Oct., 1874. In 1872 it was said of her "She is very deaf, but in her 103d year her health is remarkably good, and her face smooth and fair as a girl's." [His. Livermore.]

Huldah, daughter of Jonathan Pratt, born 1 March, 1739, married Isaac Town, (2) Samuel Bixby, resided at Oxford, removed 1831 to live with her son at Bethel, Me., where she died May, 1843.

Naomi (m. n. Everden), widow of Josiah Wolcott, died 18 July, 1848, age 108. [Gravestone.] No record of her birth is known to exist. It is understood that Dr. Bardwell from what he could gather from her, personally, became satisfied that the reputed age, 108, did not exceed the truth.

Dinah, colored, in the family of Josiah Wolcott. "Dinah, a faithful slave, died 1829, supposed to be 100 years old." [Gravestone.

Dennis Tonar, Irish, died, aged 108, 23 Dec., 1874. [Oxford Record.

**Excise Bill.** In town meeting, Aug. 30, 1754, the Excise Bill was read and it was voted not to accept of it. "Voted, that the said Excise Bill is disagreeable to them." This bill was to lay a tax upon wines and spirituous liquors. Gov. Shirley opposed it as unjust to require families to render an account of what was consumed in their private houses. The bill was sent to the towns for action, and with some amendments became a law.

**Embargo.** In Aug., 1808, the town voted to join with Boston in petitioning the President for redress of supposed grievances on account of the embargo, and chose James Butler, Sylvanus Learned and Abijah Davis to draft a proper petition. This was done and presented in town meeting and by vote the selectmen were requested to sign it. Three refused, viz.: Nehemiah Davis, Asa Harris and Josiah Kingsbury; Elias Pratt, Jr., and David Stone, Jr., complied. The signatures of the committee were added and it was forwarded.

**State Constitution.** In Aug., 1820, on the question of a revision of the State Constitution the vote was 47 yes, 6 no. In Oct. Richard Olney was chosen as delegate to a convention at Boston for the purpose of a revision. In April of 1821, 14 articles of amendment were voted upon and a very large majority vote against all was given.

**Court of Sessions.** Justices of the Peace from Oxford sitting in this Court at Worcester:—

RICHARD MOORE in 1739, '40, '42, '44.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, 1754, '55, '56, '59, '60, '61, '62, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71.

EDWARD DAVIS, 1763, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '70, '72, '73, '74, '76, '78, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83.

JOSIAH WOLCOTT, 1769, '71, '72, '74.

EBENEZER LEARNED, 1776, '77, '78, '80, '81, '83, '87, '88, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95.

SYLVANUS TOWN, 1793, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 1800, '1, '2, '3, '4, '5, '6, '7.

SYLVANUS LEARNED, 1796, '97, '98, '99, 1800, '1, '2, '3, '4, '5.

In Sept., 1807, by law a radical change was made in the court and the number of justices was reduced from 30 or 40 to one chief justice with five associates. JONATHAN DAVIS was in 1808 and 1811 associate justice, and in 1812, '13, '14, chief justice with three associates. In Aug., 1814, a Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the County of Worcester, JOHN HOOKER, Chief Justice, was held. In

1828, Feb. 26, the Court of Sessions was abolished and the Board of County Commissioners established.

**Oxford Cases, Court of Sessions.** Feb., 1732, John Mayo *vs.* Elijah Moore, recovered "for a gun of small bore, barrel 4 feet long, with a varnished stock of speckled color, with a lock to it."

1737. Aug., Joshua Haynes of Sudbury *vs.* Richard Moore; plaintiff bought of Moore a negro man named Sharper for £115, said to be sound; claimed he was so blind as to be incapable of service; verdict for defendant.

1738, Ebenezer Humphrey, for absenting himself from public worship, fined 20s.

1741, Thomas McIntire, for the same, pleaded living a great distance from meeting [at Charlton] and poor roads, sentenced to pay costs, amounting to £3. 16s., was committed, afterward paid, and was released. Ephraim Morey, fined £5 for killing a deer.

1742, Ebenezer Humphrey, for absenting himself from public worship, fined 20s. and costs. Richard and Stephen Carey, fined £10 for killing a deer in North Gore.

1743, Alexander Nichols, near Worcester line, fined for killing a deer.

1758, Case of slander, Duncan Campbell *vs.* Edward Davis, left to referees, who reported each should pay his costs and "there be ended."<sup>1</sup>

1763, Aug., Alexander Nichols *vs.* John Wiley for assault. [See "Wiley."]

1764, Feb., Mary Jackson, widow, William Jackson, brazier, and James Jackson, shopkeeper, all of Boston, *vs.* Hezekiah Bellows, for ejectment from Campbell tavern property, verdict for plaintiffs.

1777, June, appeal, Ebenezer Coburn, clerk of First Foot Company in Col. Holman's regiment. In accordance with a resolution of the General Court, 19 July, 1776, this company was notified to meet to "enlist or draught" one man in each 25 to recruit the American army. A man, of an Oxford family, "living near Oxford," being duly warned absented himself, for which he was arraigned by said Coburn before Edward Davis, Esq., at Ezra Bowman's hotel in Oxford on 27 Aug., 1776, and pleaded that "it was against his opinion to train or take up arms," which was not considered by the court a sufficient defence, and he was fined £10. He appealed and the higher court confirmed the action of the justice, adding costs.

**Coroners.** Although the chief duty of coroners was the holding of inquests on persons dying unnatural deaths, at the beginning of the present century when suing for debt was frequent, they acted in place of deputy sheriffs in serving writs. So far as known

<sup>1</sup> One charge was that the defendant had said plaintiff had gone to Lord Loudon for a commission.

Jonathan Harris was the first coroner in Oxford, having been appointed June, 1797, and continued for about 20 years.

**Inquests.** The first inquest we find under him was June, 1801, when it was ordered that he be paid for expenses in the case of "Phillis" (colored), found dead. [See Whittemore.] In 1802 the same on Joshua Wetherell of Dudley, drowned. In 1804 on Harvey, minor son of Stephen Kenney of Sutton. In 1805 on Reuben Barrett [Burrell?], drowned in Peter Pond, Dudley. In 1813 on James Howard of Dudley. In 1815 on David Howard, "found dead in the woods about one-third of a mile northwardly from Joseph Brown's house," in east part of Oxford, H. 23. On 3 June, 1819, on Elihu Moflitt, who hanged himself in the west part of Oxford, H. 69. On 22 July, 1819, on Asa Harris, insane, who threw himself into the well at the present almshouse. In the winter of 1819-20 on James Maxwell of North Oxford, who returning home from Millbury, being intoxicated, fell in the road near the present house of Asa H. Pope, H. 132, and died from freezing.

In 1817 Lemuel Crane was a coroner and held an inquest on the body of Capt. Ebenezer Redding.

Rufus Harris, son of Jonathan, whom he succeeded, held inquests in 1821 on Sumner Barton of Sutton, and Hezekiah Healy of Dudley, both shot; 1 Oct., 1822, on Eden Davis of Dudley; 28 Dec., 1824, on Jeremiah Moflitt, at the old mill, south end of the Plain. On 18 Sept., 1825, James Farwell held an inquest on Day Phipps, drowned in the river in south part of the town. On 25 Dec., 1825, Rufus Harris on Stephen Webster, drowned in Chaubunagungamaug; 9 Oct., 1825, on John M. Wilder; 24 Oct., 1825, on Leonard Eddy, accidentally drowned in north part of Oxford; 14 Sept., 1826, on David Dudley; 29 May, 1828, on Benjamin Learned, who hanged himself at North Oxford; 22 Oct., 1829, on John Rowley, an Englishman and factory operative, found dead in the strip of woods between the north end of Augutteback Pond and the road. He had been dead several weeks.<sup>1</sup>

Sylvanus Harris, the next incumbent, on 7 Oct., 1834, held an inquest on William A. Smith, son of Simeon, who was drowned in the river near the present stone arch bridge on Charlton road; and on 9 July, 1835, on Thomas, son of John Larned.

**Deputy Sheriffs.** As no record of appointments has been found we can only give the years in which these are known to have officiated. Richard Moore, Jr., 1753-1757; Jeremiah Learned, 1762-1767; Jonas Pratt, Jr., 1780; Benjamin Hovey, 1782-1787; Archibald Campbell, 1801-1804; Learned Conant, 1805, 1806; Jeremiah Shumway, 1822; Samuel Smith, 1823-1845; Jasper Brown, 1852; Orrin W. Chaffee, 1859-1875.

<sup>1</sup> The bark of a sapling near which he lay was gnawed off to the height of two feet.

**Wild Game, etc.** May, 1739, the town chose Thomas Gleason and Edward Davis to prosecute those who kill deer contrary to law. In 1742, John Nichols was chosen to do the same. For many years "deer-reeves" were regularly elected town officers. In 1791-2 and 1801 the town voted to pay bounties on crows killed.

**Small-pox**, then greatly feared, was brought to town by soldiers from the army in 1776-7. In the Court of Sessions, 15 Aug., 1776, Ebenezer Learned was made one of a committee to oversee hospitals in the County. Dec., 1776, the town voted liberty to Dr. Daniel Fisk to inoculate for it at the house of Samuel Davis, Jr., H. 17, four months from 1 Jan. Jan., 1777, Dr. Alexander Campbell was refused leave to inoculate at his house. In April, William Nichols, Ezra Bowman and Ebenezer Humphrey were chosen to take names and number of persons in the hospitals, and to warn doctors not to take more persons, if they would avoid the penalty of the law. A hospital was established, 1777, at North Oxford, at the "Cary house," H. 114. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nichols of Ward were employed as nurses. In 1798 Dr. Fisk and Dr. Learned asked leave to establish a hospital but were refused. At about this date the old Moore tavern, rear of Israel Sibley's, H. 205, was used as a hospital. In 1864 there was a "scare" at North Oxford, there being several cases, and 16 April Joseph Stone was appointed by the selectmen to take charge of them.

**Weights and Measures.** March, 1725, "Voted to purchase a standard of weights and measures." Our present standards are of comparatively recent date.

**State Maps.** In 1802 the State had furnished the town with maps, and it was voted that they be deposited at James Butler's house.

**Town Survey.** A survey of towns was required by the State in 1795, but we find no allusion to it in Oxford records. In March, 1830, the selectmen were authorized to hire a surveyor to prepare a map of the town in accordance with a late act of the legislature. Sylvester McIntire was employed, and a plan made from his surveys is in the office of the Secretary of State.

**Incumbrances removed.** In Aug., 1816, it was voted that the building on the common, built in 1802 by Archibald Campbell [saddler's shop], be removed in 60 days. This building stood on the west side of the common near the present house of Charles Lamb, and was about 15 by 25 feet, one and a half stories. After Campbell left it and went into the tavern, Ashbel M. Hawes used it as a shoe shop employing Andrew Smith. Later it was occupied by Josiah Ware as a dry and fancy goods store and straw shop. He was from Franklin and was the first to trade in straw braid in the town. [See Ware.]

In April, 1852, it was voted that the hay scales in front of Barton's hotel be removed. These were the property of William Sigourney, who had for more than 25 years thus occupied a location in the middle of the main street. The tavern sign-posts which had also probably stood in the same location nearly 100 years, were removed about the same time.

**Orchard.** Jan., 1714, "voted that Ebenezer Humphrey should have the orchard adjoining the southwest corner of his home lot, making allowance to the town in money in full, of what two men shall judge it to be worth," and chose John Town and Abiel Lamb to appraise the same. This was a Huguenot orchard, located directly west of the Old Mill at the south end of the Plain. It did not go into Humphrey's possession.

**Mill.** Jan., 1714, it was voted that Daniel Elliott should "build a greust mel for the town yuse." May, 1715, voted and chose Richard Moore and Benoni Twitchell "to go to Daniel Elliott and discors with him concerning building y<sup>e</sup> Corn Mill to see whither he will go on and accomplish it in a reasonable time." Up to this date the people were obliged to go out of town for grinding.

**Public Halls and Meetings.** For the first one hundred and twenty-five years of Oxford's history its town meetings were held in the houses of public worship; from 1717 until 1748 in the house at the north end of the Plain, and from 1748 until 1808 at the house on the north common, continuously. In 1795 the Universalist Society offered the use of their house, but the proposition was not accepted until Oct., 1807, when the town voted to hold its meetings alternately at the north and south meeting-houses. The first meeting at the south house was in March, 1808. Thereafter, with the exception noted below, until the building of a town hall, the meetings were continued in the same manner. In 1832 an unsuccessful attempt was made to have all meetings held on the Plain.<sup>1</sup> In May, 1835, it was voted to hold all meetings for one year at D. D. Clemence's hall [north tavern], he to "furnish the hall gratis and pay the town ten dollars for their company."

**First Town Hall.** In June, 1835, it was voted to build a town hall, and a committee on plan and location was chosen. In July this vote was rescinded. There being a disagreement between the north and south parts of the town as to location, although repeated efforts were made, it was not until April, 1839, that a vote could be obtained to proceed to the carrying out of this plan. At that date it was voted

<sup>1</sup> In the discussions on this subject the question was raised as to the geographical centre of the town. A committee chosen to decide the question reported it as a point 41½ rods northerly from

a large elm tree near the meeting-house, the large tree now standing in the centre of the highway at the common.

to build at once on the site of the old meeting-house at the north common, and to appropriate toward this object an unexpended balance of the surplus revenue received from the national government. Money sufficient to make up the sum of \$1,800 was raised and a building committee consisting of Cyrus Lamb, Liberty Lamb, Nathaniel Brown, Stephen Barton and Jotham Eddy was chosen.

Great excitement throughout the town followed this action, and immediately another meeting was called by the opposing party, which assembled at Brown's Inn, April 17. After the choice of a moderator an adjournment was made to the common, the house being too small to accommodate the assembly. The result was the dismission of every article in the warrant looking to the rescinding of former action. This was a second victory for the northerners. But the matter was not suffered to rest. A petition for another meeting was presented to the selectmen, which request was refused. Upon this, application was made by 27 voters to George B. Slater, Esq., of Webster, who issued a call for a meeting, which was held May 20 at the meeting-house on the Plain. There were nine articles in the warrant bearing on the rescinding of former votes and building nearer the centre of the town than the north common, every one of which was summarily dismissed and the meeting adjourned. The town hall was built upon the site of the old Meeting-house in 1839, and the first meeting in it was in November of that year. It was of wood, in size about 50 by 32 feet and 12 feet stud, of one story, the main hall having an arched ceiling. It was plain in its exterior, had a pediment end fronting the street, and with comfortable heating and seating conveniences was creditable as a public building. It was sold at auction in 1874 for \$314 to Craft Davis.

In March, 1841, an article to see if the town would grant the Methodist Society the privilege of raising the hall one story and fitting up in it a house of worship for their use, was dismissed.

For many years a jealousy had existed between the north and south portions of the town, and when in 1851 North Oxford obtained the new road from the railroad station to the villages, as a means of "getting even," the old bone of contention, the town house, was picked up by the southerners and in Sept., 1851, it was voted to remove this building to some convenient spot on the Plain, and a committee chosen to carry out the vote. This action aroused the people of the north and in Jan., 1852, a meeting was called—(1) to see if the town would rescind its action of Sept., 1851; (2) to see if the town would sell the town hall; (3) to see if the town would petition the Legislature to divide said town in the centre by a line running east and west. By a vote 127 to 123 it was decided that the house remain where it then stood. The south still persisted and in February another meeting was held to act upon the same subject. A general rally was made, the check list used and a ballot vote taken, resulting in a vote 219 to 201 against a removal of the house. This set at

rest a long vexed question, and until the erection of the new hall on the Plain, meetings were continued at the north common.

In 1861 it was voted to hold annual town meetings in April instead of March.

**Memorial Hall.** At the close of the Civil War a general desire existed to build a durable memorial to the soldiers, and Nov., 1865, \$10,000 was voted for a monument. This action was reversed April, 1866. In June, 1868, a committee reported in favor of a Memorial Hall, and George Hodges, Emory E. Harwood and Daniel Warner were chosen a building committee, who proceeded with the project until August, when they were discharged.<sup>1</sup>

In April, 1872, a new building committee was chosen, Emory E. Harwood, George F. Daniels and Samuel W. Smith, with instructions to build at a cost of not over \$25,000. Earle & Fuller of Worcester were employed as architects, and the building was erected by Thomas G. Learned of Worcester, and completed in the fall of 1873 at a cost of \$24,664. Cost of heating, seating and lighting appliances, \$3,755.<sup>2</sup> The dedication, at which an able historical address was given by Peter B. Olney, Esq., of New York, was on 19 Nov., 1873.

A public hall was finished in the steam fire-engine house at North Oxford when that was erected, 1885, and later furnished at the town expense.

**Private Halls.** The first place in town (excepting the meeting-houses) adapted to public gatherings was at the old tavern at the Centre where two adjoining rooms, separated by a swinging partition, could be thrown into one, measuring about 15 by 30 feet. This sufficed for dancing parties, singing schools, etc., until about 1800, when a hall about 20 by 45 feet was added at the north end of the building.

The next similar room in town was that added, 1827, by Samuel C. Butler to the tavern at the north common.

In 1791 Dr. Daniel Fisk in building his mansion-house opposite Town's Pond, finished a large room in the upper story, which was used for dances and social parties, and here private schools were kept. [See Schools.]

Rev. Josiah Moulton in building the present Campbell house at the north common had a similar room finished, in which were held social meetings, and Mr. Ludden taught singing schools.

A small hall was constructed in the house of the late Col. DeWitt, H. 226, by Richard Moore the builder, and also by Richard Gleason

<sup>1</sup> On 1 July the present lot had been deeded to the town, and Alexander R. Esty of Framingham had been employed to draw plans, etc. His bill was \$840, which the town, Nov., 1869, voted to pay.

<sup>2</sup> Measurements are as follows: main building, 92 x 55 feet, exclusive of porch; large hall, 63 x

52 feet; platform, 24 x 12 feet; lower hall, 45 x, 40 feet; library, 30 x 20 feet; selectmen's room 25 x 20 feet; height of lower story, 13 feet; upper, 25 feet. The walls are of Southbridge brick; trimmings, brownstone; floors, hard pine; finish, ash and walnut.

at the corner of Sigourney and Main Streets, H. 239. These were used for social purposes, and in the latter a girls' school was taught in the summer of 1820.

**Huguenot Hall.** The chambers over the store near the Bank were arranged as a hall not far from 1855; it was much used, and known as "Huguenot Hall." In 1860 it was leased by the Oxford Lodge of Masons, who have since occupied it.

**Sanford's Hall.** Until the erection of Memorial Hall, that built by Emory Sanford in 1855 over the brick store and known as "Sanford's Hall," was the usual place for public gatherings. For several years it has been occupied by the G. A. R. Post, and is now known as Grand Army Hall.

**Mines.** On Long Hill, east of the north common, very early traces of iron were found. On 13 Oct., 1735, Jacob Willson deeded to Elisha Johnson and Simon Dakin of Sutton all the minerals to be dug on 20 acres on the south part of Long Hill, and in 1740 Thomas Mayo deeding land here to Henry Cooledge, reserved one moiety of all the iron ore "with free liberty to dig and cart away said ore." In the South Gore in 1798 iron was mined and smelted. [See Industries.]

In the north part of the town at different times attempts have been made to develop paying mines. In 1761 Edward Davis deeded to Col. Ebenezer Learned, Benjamin Davis, Dr. Alexander Campbell and Ebenezer Learned, Jr., land at North Oxford, reserving to himself the right to one-fifth of all minerals upon his paying his share of the cost of mining, "whenever he chooses to come in for it," indicating that a company existed of the four grantees, of which the grantor might, if he chose, be a member. Tradition confirms the fact of this company, and traces of its operations may be seen a few rods east of the river, a mile north of the Texas mill-dam. Considerable money was sunk in the enterprise. There seems to have been superstition in the matter, as it is said expectations of finding precious metals were raised by seeing smoke issue from the ground. In 1786 Gen. Ebenezer Learned owned this property, and then deeded to his son Sylvanus 30 acres, embracing the mine, reserving all rights before conveyed to other parties to dig and carry away minerals. There is no evidence that further operations were carried on. In Oct., 1789, Learned sold to Jacob Work, owner of land adjoining on the north, reserving the right of passing and digging for ore. As late as 1875 persistent efforts were made by several parties to find precious metals at about a mile south of this locality. There are undoubtedly evidences of their existence, but in too small quantities to be mined with profit. In a deed, Daniel A. Pierce and others of Providence to Philip Cannon, 24 Aug., 1881, of land lying east of Texas Village is a reserve of rights to enter said land to mine at the shaft known as the "Big Hole."

In an article in the *Worcester Spy*, 28 Dec., 1890, on silver bearing ores in central Massachusetts, by George M. Rice, 2d, he says:—

"A complex ore from a locality in Oxford, which contained an intimate mixture of quartz, iron pyrites, zinc blend and galena, the latter being about 20 per cent., gave a result of 12 oz., 10 pwt., 20 gr., a value of \$13.16 for the silver; lead 20 per cent., equaling 400 lbs., value, \$16, total, \$29.16 per ton. This ore also contained a strong trace of gold, enough probably to add about \$2 or more per ton in value."

"These are smelting ores and would require a furnace process to extract the values."

**Oxford Bank.** The Oxford Bank was incorporated 8 Feb., 1823, with a capital of \$100,000. Its organization was, 13 March, 1823, at "R. Olney's Inn." Jonathan Davis, Aaron Tufts, Richard Olney, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Andrew W. Porter, Henry Sargent, Daniel Tourtellotte, Joseph Thayer and Nathan Heard, Jr., were chosen directors; Jonathan Davis president.<sup>1</sup>

**House.** The lot was bought 30 April, 1823, and the building, including dwelling for cashier, erected the next summer. Jonathan Davis was president for ten years. In 1833 Richard Olney succeeded him continuing until 1836, when Aaron Tufts was chosen and filled the office until his decease in 1843. In November of that year Alexander DeWitt came in and retained the position until July, 1848. John Wetherell was next president, continuing until Oct., 1849, when John Jewett was elected. In Oct., 1857, Jewett resigned and Emory Sanford was his successor, serving until 1864, when he declined a re-election and Charles A. Angell took the position. The health of Wilson Olney, cashier, failing, he resigned that office 30 Sept., 1873, and Charles A. Angell was elected his successor, having resigned the presidency. Samuel C. Paine was elected president and continued until Jan., 1881, when he declined further service and the present incumbent, Allen L. Joslin, was chosen.

The cashiers have been Sumner Barstow, 1823 to 17 Oct., 1845; Alvan G. Underwood, to 28 May, 1855; Wilson Olney, to 30 Sept., 1873; Charles A. Angell, to 3 Nov., 1882; Eben Harrington of Worcester, to 27 Sept., 1887, at which date Charles B. Sherman was chosen, and, 1891, fills the office.

On 30 June, 1856, it was voted to build a new Bank building, which vote was carried out the succeeding autumn. On 3 March, 1857, the

<sup>1</sup>The following persons were owners of stock to the amount of \$1,000 and over at the payment of the first dividend, Oct., 1824: Joseph Almy, 10 shares; James Anderson, 10; Ira Barton, 10; Simeon Burt, 30; Ebenezer Collins, 50; Abijah Davis, 25; Hannah Davis, 10; Jonathan Davis, 70; Jonathan Davis, Jr., 10; Stephen Davis, 12; Levi Eddy, 10; Otis Everett, 20; Simon Farnsworth, 10; Asa Fisher, 10; Ezra Fletcher, 10; Orra Goodell, 20; Sylvanus Holbrook, 10; Slater and Howard, 30; Jeremiah Kingsbury, 10; Joab

Maynard, 10; Richard Olney, 40; Andrew W. Porter, 10; Henry Sargent, 20; Francis Sibley, 10; Andrew Sigourney, 28; William Sigourney, 10; Esther Slater, 40; John Slater, 24; Samuel Slater, 40; James Smith, 40; Isaac Southgate, 15; John Spurr, 10; Bezaleel Taft, 20; Joseph Thayer, 20; Isaiah Thomas, 15; Lyman Tiffany, 20; Daniel Tourtellotte, 20; Salem Towne, Jr., 15; Aaron Tufts, 10; Jonathan Wheeler, 10; William Williams, Jr., 10; Samuel Wood, 10. A large proportion were non-residents.

old estate was sold to Emory Sanford. In June, 1857, the Bank voted to accept the act of Legislature increasing the stock to \$150,000. The business was at this time increasing, but the plan of enlargement of capital was given up on account of the financial reverses of 1857.

In Dec., 1864, it was voted to organize under the laws of the United States and assume the name of "The Oxford National Bank," and on 18 Feb., 1865, the old corporation was merged in the present one.

**Taverns.** The first licensed public house in Oxford was kept by Daniel Elliott in 1714 for one year only, at the extreme north end of the village, H. 132. The second legalized tavern was that of Richard Moore in 1715 on the Hagburn estate, late Israel Sibley's, H. 205. The house stood about 15 rods east of the main street, and was a large two-story, gambrel-roofed building, and for 45 years was the principal public house of the village. In 1734 Elijah, son of Richard Moore, assumed the business, continuing until 1760. A change was then made in the location of the popular resort of the people for public and social gatherings to a more eligible location, northerly on the main street. Dr. Alexander Campbell that year purchased the estate at the present corner of Main and Charlton Streets, where he opened the place which for almost a hundred years thereafter was the chief public house of the town.<sup>1</sup> In 1762 Dr. Campbell was succeeded as owner by Hezekiah Bellows from Dudley, who had been innkeeper there. He remained until 1766 when Dr. Stephen Barton succeeded him, having leased the house of Obadiah McIntire of Charlton. Ephraim Ballard was the next tenant, and was licensed from 1769 to Nov., 1773, when the property was sold to Ezra Bowman, previously of Dudley, then taverner at North Oxford. He was a man of enterprise, remodelled and enlarged the buildings and for a time was successful, but the reverses of the Revolutionary period so reduced his means that he was obliged to retire, and in 1782 he sold and soon after removed from town. Dr. Joseph Lord, of whom but little is known, was the next occupant and managed the business in 1783. In 1784 Samuel Campbell with his father-in-law, John Nichols, bought the estate, and Campbell began the landlordship which was continued for nearly 25 years. In the latter part of 1807 he became financially embarrassed, and from 1808 to 1811 the business was conducted in the name of Henry Campbell, his son. In 1812 they removed to Vermont and the tavern was taken by his brother, Maj. Archibald Campbell. He being an enterprising and competent business man the popularity of the house was sustained until his decease, in 1818. In April, 1819, the place was sold to Richard Olney, who

<sup>1</sup> It is not certain that William Davis, the former owner of this estate, bounded south on Quaboag Lane, did not previously keep a tavern, but at what precise locality cannot be ascer-

tained. The houses at the corner and at the site of the Dr. Cushman house, H. 225, were both very old, and stood on Davis' estate.

continued until the spring of 1823, when Joseph Haynes of Leicester came in on a lease. He remained but a few months and sold his lease to Jonathan Flagg of Worcester who was landlord until the spring of 1827, when he left and Benjamin F. Town and Andrew Sigourney in partnership became lessees and conducted the house until 1830. During their occupancy the hall and store under it were enlarged by extending the building north. Peter D. and Daniel D. Clemence occupied in 1831; Daniel D. Clemence alone in 1832-3, and in 1834 Jonathan H. Learned, assisted by his uncle, Henry G. Learned, became manager and continued until August of that year, when he gave up the business to William H. Bigelow, who was landlord until after 1 May, 1836. Some time in that year Daniel Moulton came in (Bigelow and Moulton both having been licensed), continuing until 1838. In the spring of 1838 William C. Walker bought the property and took possession. He had means and efficiency, and expended liberally in repairs, enlarged the house and built a portico across the whole front, 70 feet or more. Erastus Ormsbee of Thompson leased the place in the spring of 1840 and left in 1841. James G. Scott with his brother Rufus succeeded Ormsbee and remained until June, 1842. Ormsbee was again licensed in 1842 and perhaps returned for a few months. Rice Barton in partnership with Amasa Dowe occupied next in 1843, Dowe retiring after six months. Barton continued until 1845, in September of which year Sumner Holman was "licensed to sell liquors in the building occupied by Rice Barton," Charles C., son of Liberty Lamb, being his partner. In April, 1846, Barton resumed the management, having bought one-half the estate, and continued until April, 1853, when he sold to Franklin F. Snow and Otis Learned. The latter kept the house with Sanford Jones as partner at one time, until it was taken by Snow (Learned still living there), who was landlord 21 April, 1854, at the time of its destruction by fire.

In April, 1846, the estate was owned by Rice Barton and Alexander DeWitt. Learned and Snow bought Barton's interest and Emory Sanford bought DeWitt's. Learned then bought Snow's share, and after the fire Sanford and Learned made a division, Sanford taking the south part, on which he built the present brick store, and Learned the north, on which he erected the present hotel building for a residence. In the fall of 1858, after enlarging the house, he opened it to the public, continuing until Aug., 1859, when Alexander T. and H. Wilbur Snow, brothers, came in. Before May, 1860, they sold to Erastus W. Whiting, who managed the house a few months, and in the fall of 1860 was succeeded by L. A. Presby (in 1889 of Waterville, Me.), who continued until April, 1862, when Braman F. Sibley became the lessee and remained one year. April 1, 1863, Whiting again took the house, Sibley having removed to Farmington. In Feb., 1863, Sibley bought a mortgage of the estate and April 1, 1864, returned and took possession, continuing until his sale to Alfred J.

Kirby in 1877. Kirby sold in 1879 to Henry J. Whiting who was landlord until 1887, when he sold to the present proprietor and occupant, Hollis D. W. Bacon.

It will be readily seen that with the teaming, staging and private travel over the country roads previous to the era of railroads, and the trainings, musters and convivial habits of the people, the country tavern in former days was a far different institution from what it now is. In the early part of the present century the old tavern on the Plain was by far the busiest place in the region. The travel from Woodstock, Dudley, Honest-Town [Southbridge], Charlton and beyond, all passed here, and the "Campbell Tavern" was well known for many miles in all directions as a place where large quantities of liquors were consumed. A favorite beverage for which the place was noted was "flip," a mixture of New England rum and strong beer, sweetened with brown sugar and heated by plunging into it a hot iron called a loggerhead. It was a popular saying that a huge serpent lay across the three contiguous towns, Sutton, Oxford and Charlton, with the head in the former place and the body in Oxford.<sup>1</sup>

**Butler Tavern.** The second in importance of the public houses in Oxford was that opposite the north common, long known as the "Butler Tavern." The house, now standing, was built about 1748 by Duncan Campbell, who had begun business a year or two previous to this date, where is not known. He continued to receive a license as innholder until 1763, and may have moved his place of business, perhaps his trading, to his new house at the head of the Plain, later Josiah Wolcott's. He met with reverses in 1765, and soon after removed to Dudley. In 1778 Sylvanus Town bought the stand and removed thither, and was licensed innkeeper until his sale of the place in March, 1780, to James Butler, who was legalized innholder 25 years, his son Peter succeeding him in 1806, and continuing to 1822. At that date Sylvester McIntire took the business, Butler having removed to his new brick house and store on the opposite corner. McIntire was landlord two years, and in 1825 Samuel C., son of Peter Butler, succeeded him. In the fall of 1827 he retired and Archibald Campbell came in and remained until the spring of 1828. Samuel C. Butler occupied a part of the house while others were in charge of the business, and in 1827 made repairs and built the tavern hall as it now is. In 1828 Henry G. Learned was lessee and occupied until 1831, when Solomon Davis succeeded him, and was licensee for that and the next year. In 1833 Jasper Brown purchased the property and was that year and 1834 licensed, and with his brother Daniel kept a public house and also a store. In 1835 Daniel D. Clemence

<sup>1</sup> A young man, who about 1817 was purposing to come here to reside from a place about 30 miles distant, was met one day by an elderly gentleman who thus accosted him: "Joe, I

understand you are going to Oxford to live; is that so?" "Yes," was the reply, "I am thinking of it." "Well," said his friend, "you must look out, they drink flip there like the d---l."

was occupant, and later Daniel Moulton and Ansel Whitcomb each managed for a time. Daniel Brown was licensee in 1838-9, and Jasper Brown in 1840-41.<sup>1</sup> Business here gradually declined and no public house has been kept since about 1842.

**North Oxford Tavern.** The principal public house at North Oxford was originally a part of the "Lamb Mill" estate, owned and occupied by Reuben Lamb, whose son Joseph inherited it, and settled there about 1814, opening a tavern as early as 1823. He discovered a reputed medicinal spring on the premises, and considerable interest was awakened in the community as to its healing qualities, in consequence of which he advertised as a "Medicinal Spring Boarding-house," but did not meet with extraordinary success.<sup>2</sup> In June, 1826, Richard C. Stone became the proprietor. Very little was heard thereafter of the medicinal qualities of the spring. Stone kept the house until Dec., 1829, when it was bought by Henry J. Stratford, who occupied it until 1833 at least, and in 1834 removed from town. In June, 1834, Thomas Clark became the occupant, who with Ansel Whitcomb kept it for a few months, when Clark retired. Whitcomb continuing until the sale of the property to Joshua O. Battey, Jan., 1837. Battey was owner and occupant, with his son Lafayette, who was proprietor in the later years, until Feb., 1875, when the estate was sold to Eliza McMahon. The business of the place later became inconsiderable, and on 3 June, 1877, all the buildings were burned.

There were in different portions of the town other licensed public houses, indicating that in many cases, where dwellings were sufficiently large to accommodate guests, the people availed themselves of the small pecuniary advantages offered by the entertainment of occasional travellers. Moses Marcy was licensee in 1736 and 1738 at the extreme west, now Southbridge. In the western part of the "Country Gore," now Charlton, John Thompson was licensee from 1745 to 1750 inclusive, and gave place in 1751 to Jonathan Wheelock, who continued many years after Charlton was set off. East of the river, in the Gore, Josiah Gibbs was licensed 1746-7. Samuel Curtis succeeded him in 1749, remaining until 1751. Uriah Stone followed in 1752 and continued until 1783 inclusive. He sold his estate in 1787 to his son Samuel, who continued the business a short time, having been licensed in 1790 and 1791. After this date appears no public house authorized in that locality.

At the Centre, William Davis was licensed as innholder in 1739 and

<sup>1</sup> Whitecomb was landlord at least from June, 1837, to April, 1838, and Daniel Brown in Nov., 1838, and April, 1839.

<sup>2</sup> The *Worcester Spy* of 23 Aug., 1825, has an advertisement, a part of which is as follows: "The waters of the Oxford Mineral Spring have been analyzed by Simeon Colton of Monson Academy, and found to contain Carbonate of Soda, Muriate of Soda, Sulphate of Magnesia

and Carbonate of Iron. The Carbonate of Soda and Muriate appear to be the most abundant. Mr. Colton observes that the waters possess so many properties of the Ballston Springs, that the subscriber feels a confidence in recommending it to the public. It has been found of greatest utility in cutaneous eruptions, Scrophula, Dyspepsia, &c."

1740, as retailer in 1741 and 1742, and innholder again in 1743, where located, as before stated, is unknown. In 1744 Samuel Davis had a tavern license. Josiah Wolcott was authorized taverner from 1754, the date of his purchase at the north end of the Plain, H. 189, until 1765, inclusive. In the north part of the town, now Auburn, Ebenezer Cutler kept a tavern and store and was in 1765 licensed to sell tea, coffee and chinaware, and thereafter until 1770, inclusive, was a legalized innholder. Duncan Campbell succeeded him in 1771, continuing until 1780. In 1784 Campbell was licensed to keep a hotel at Worcester. David Gleason was innholder in the north part of Oxford, now Auburn, from 1768 to 1773, inclusive. In 1770 Jacob Pierce, after purchasing the place at North Oxford, now Nathaniel Ide's, H. 125, opened there a public house, which he kept until his decease in 1772. In 1773 Ezra Bowman took the business, continuing one year, which terminated the use of the place as a tavern. In the east part of the town a public house was kept in 1764 by Edward Davis, Jr., at H. 12. In 1765 and 1766 Nathaniel, his brother, was licensed at the same place. He removed to Dudley and no further licenses were granted for that location. Ebenezer Learned was authorized to sell spirits and to keep a tavern from 1761 to 1765 at H. 126. In the south part of the town, H. 64, Peter Shumway began as retailer of spirits in 1772 and 1773, and continued as innholder from 1776 to 1796. James Freeland was licensed taverner in 1776, and retailer in 1777 at H. 171. Jonas Pratt was authorized to keep a tavern near Town's Pond, H. 140, in 1778 and 1779. John Wolcott was innholder 1776 to 1778. Samuel Campbell was licensed innkeeper from 1778 to 1784 (the time of his beginning at the Centre tavern), at what locality is unknown, perhaps in the west part of the town.

**Traders and Stores.** The beginnings of trade were small. In the last century transactions were largely in the line of barter, and a store was often an adjunct to a tavern. Thus William Davis at the Centre was trader and taverner 1739-43; Duncan Campbell at the north common, the same, licensed to sell tea, coffee and chinaware, 1750, '54, '55, '58, '61; Jacob Pierce, 1767-9, at North Oxford, H. 125; Ephraim Ballard was licensed retailer 1752-8, probably at Augutteback village, and 1771 was taxed for goods £40 at the Centre tavern; William Phipps, 1770-3, at north part, now Auburn; Theophilus Lillie, 1770, on the Plain, H. 205, taxed 1771 for shop and goods £200, the largest stock then in town; Robert Fitts, 1771, taxed for "goods and wares" £30 at H. 148; William Campbell, 1771, taxed £20 for same, probably at the Elliott mill; Uriah Stone, North Gore, 1762, was licensed to sell tea, coffee, etc.; Stephen Barton, the same, 1764, on the Plain; James Freeland, 1773-8, at North Oxford, H. 131; John Wolcott, 1776-87, at north end of the Plain; James

Butler, soon after 1780 was a leading merchant, taxed 1784 for £120; Charles Dabney, Sept., 1780, sold sugar and coffee, location unknown, but at H. 125 or 225; Andrew Sigourney traded for a time in partnership with James Butler from 1784, removing about 1787 to the Plain where he became the leading merchant, continuing until 1816. William, his son, succeeded him, continuing until 1840 and removed to his new "Arcade" building east of the railroad, but the business declined. William Lamson traded, 1801-4, at site of Episcopal Church. Timothy Lamson succeeded him and perhaps removed to his residence, nearly opposite, H. 225, continuing until near 1810. Rufus Moore, nail maker, traded at "Saccarappa," H. 18, 1808-9 and 1814-18. Sylvanus Pratt, scythe maker, 1811-12, near North Oxford railroad station. Josiah Ware about 1812 traded in a shop on south side the common near H. 243, continuing about two years. Abijah Davis traded in north end of his house, H. 220, 1812, continuing three years at least, with Edward and John Wetherell, clerks. John Wetherell and Richard Moore, partners, bought his stock and went on a year or more, and 1815 built the house, H. 221, late Benjamin Paine, and soon after a store south of it which they occupied. In two years Moore left and built the Col. DeWitt house, H. 226, and there opened a store, continuing until his death in 1819. Wetherell remained at the old stand until 1835 when he retired. Stearns Witt took Moore's stock in 1820, employing Samuel Dowse as clerk, and in 1821 Witt and Dowse became partners, Hollis Witt clerk. They continued at H. 226 until 1824, and removed to the new store next the Bank, built that year; were successful for 12 years and were the leaders of trade in town. In 1826 Witt left to take charge of the Oxford Woolen Co. affairs.

**Witt & Dowse Store.** Later occupants have been: 1829, Benjamin F. Campbell and Dowse, name Dowse & Campbell; 1831, Wilson Olney, name Dowse, Campbell & Olney; 1833, Alvan G. Underwood, name Campbell, Olney & Underwood; 1834, Underwood left, name Campbell & Olney; 1835, Olney left and Campbell was alone; 1837, Samuel Dowse, Daniel T. Penniman, Seth Daniels, Elihu Harwood, Jr., and Sanford Gilmore, the store having been joined with the shoe business at south end of the Plain; 1838, Dowse & Penniman; 1839, Daniel T. Penniman; Loriston Shumway succeeded Penniman, and in 1840-1 Dowse resumed and the name was Dowse & Shumway; 1843, Loriston Shumway; 1844, Dowse & Underwood; 1845, Underwood & Shumway; 1845, Underwood went into the bank, Washburn Lumbard taking his place in the store, name Shumway & Lumbard; 1848, "Protective Union," Joseph Pelton, agent, who with Rufus L. Smith bought the stock, the Union having been unsuccessful, and 1849 the name was Pelton & Smith; 1851, Smith was alone, Lewis W. Spaulding clerk; 1854, Charles H. Robinson; 1855, L. F. Woodbury; 1859, Paul Buffum, who sold out the stock

and the building for several years was unoccupied; late in 1863 or early in 1864, Freeman Freeland occupied for a short time only. Before May, 1867, Charles I. Rawson and Arthur E. Codding of North Attleborough began flour trade, closed in a few months and the place was again unoccupied. Before May, 1870, Paul Buffum was again here and early in 1871 sold to Baxter E. Davis and Olin O. Foster. In May, 1876, Foster was proprietor and before May, 1881, Eugene Wetherell became a partner, continuing to 1887, when the stock was sold to William J. Lourie, who in a few months sold to Cornelius Putnam and Andrew J. Davis, present occupants.

**Butler Store.** As noted, Duncan Campbell was first trader at this location, was succeeded by Sylvanus Town, who sold, 1780, to James Butler,<sup>1</sup> who carried on a successful business until 1806, when his son Peter became proprietor. In 1822 Peter Butler removed to the brick store, then new, H. 177, and in 1830 retired, Danforth Brown following, who in about a year sold to his brother Jasper Brown, who removed the stock to his own premises near, and continued until 1849, when he relinquished trade.

**Centre Tavern Store.** At this stand trade was carried on by nearly all the tavern keepers up to 1823. In 1800 Henry B. Morgan was partner with Samuel Campbell. In 1804 Aaron McIntire of Charlton and later Rufus and Henry Campbell were managers. From 1812 for several years Maj. Archibald Campbell continued the business, and Stearns Witt and Daniel Hovey of Sutton were later partners with him, Hollis Witt and Lyrick Lamson being clerks, name Archibald Campbell & Co. Hovey left and Joab Maynard came in for a time, the firm being Witt & Maynard. Stearns and Hollis Witt were proprietors from April, 1817, to June, 1818, at least. Richard Olney came next, 1819–1823. In 1825 Andrew Sigourney, Jr., took the store, Benjamin F. Town becoming a partner in 1827, in store and tavern. Danforth Brown and Edmund F. Dixie next came in 1829. Thereafter the store and tavern were separate. Brown left 1830. Dixie continued until 1833 and was succeeded by Daniel T. Penniman, who remained about two years. Stephen Prince occupied in 1836–7, and Capt. Wolstan Dixie in 1838. William Robinson & Co. followed, occupying in 1839–40. Erastus Ormsbee came in 1841, remaining till the spring of 1846, and trade terminated at that locality.

**Universalist Church Store.** Ormsbee removed, 1846, to this place, continuing until Oct., 1858. Benjamin W. Childs succeeded him, and Oct., 1868, Albert E. Merriam and William E. Bardwell followed, continuing until Dec., 1876, when they retired, selling the grocery to James B. Campbell and the dry goods to Daniel R. Cortis and Amasa Stowe. In April, 1882, Campbell sold to Leonard E. Thayer and Alvan R. Bowdish, present owners. Cortis and Stowe

<sup>1</sup> His advertisement, Jan., 1800, names "groceries, coarse cloths, linens, India cottons and checks, many articles in the dry goods line."

continued until Dec., 1885, and removed to the brick store formerly Wm. E. Pease & Co. Thayer & Bowdish taking the vacated premises for a dry goods department.

Stephen Prince, Jr., on leaving the tavern store, 1838, removed to the "Cash Store," on site of Town Hall, continuing until 1840, removed to his own house, H. 226, and before May, 1843, sold to Sumner Putnam, who about one year later gave up the business. Before May, 1845, Prince erected a one-story building on the site of Joslin's shoe factory and there traded in flour, grain, etc. He sold, 1846, to Emory Sanford.<sup>1</sup>

**Cash Store.** This had been many years occupied as a tailor's shop. After Stephen Prince, Jr., left, William Robinson in 1841 took possession and before May, 1843, sold to William Parker, who continued till his decease in the winter of 1846-7. Later irresponsible tenants occupied who brought the place into ill repute, and Oct., 1849, a party of young men "raided" the establishment and it was closed up. In May, 1850, Caleb Larned was owner of the estate and in about two years sold to Asa H. Pope, who opened a market, continuing to 19 Oct., 1856, when the building was burned. The lot was sold to the town for a Town Hall.

Emory Sanford began, 1832, at Texas Village, continuing about four years; on 1 Jan., 1837, began with his brother Richard at Rochdale; 1839, bought the brick store at North Oxford, and with his brother, James M., traded several years; removed, 1846, to the Plain to the site of Joslin's shoe factory, with Horace DeW. Smith as partner, who retired 1847. In 1850 James M. Sanford and William E. Pease took the business under the name Sanford & Pease. In 1854 Edward S. Pease bought Sanford's interest and the firm became William E. Pease & Co. The brick store on the old tavern site was built 1855 and occupied 1 Jan., 1856. A large business was here transacted for many years. In Dec., 1885, the stock was sold to Cortis, Stow & Co., the present occupants.

The store on the corner near the railroad station was built about 1842 by Andrew Sigourney, Jr., where he kept hardware one year. Later it was occupied as follows: by Paul Perkins and James G. Scott, 1844, variety store and Post-office; by Lyman P. Low and Chad B. Carey, store, 1847; several years thereafter by shoe manufacturers; 1857, by James C. Mills, trader; 1860, William H. Harrington, who late in 1862 resold to Mills; Jan., 1869, P. Lafayette Rich and Asa F. Rich came in, the latter leaving at the end of the year, the former continuing a few months in 1870 and retired; Whiting & Campbell next kept a market here; before May, 1874, John W. Marsh occupied as trader, remaining until 1884; in 1885 Daniel P. Shea, with another, occupied about one year; later the place was used as a market.

<sup>1</sup> This building was occupied in 1856 as a tailor's shop by A. H. Newton, and in part by young men as a club-room, and was burned 8 Nov., 1856.

**Hawes Store.** At this location trade was carried on early by the owners of the mills near, by William Campbell, 1768 to 1776; Amos Hudson, 1815 to 1817, at least; later by Pope & Warner; 1826 to 1850, Ashbel M. Hawes; 1850 to 1861, I. Sumner Hawes, the last at that locality.

**Rockdale Store.** Joseph Stone traded near Sigourney mill, 1814; Thomas W. Chapman at Rockdale from before May, 1828, to spring of 1835; Bartlett and Barrett, 1835-6; Damon & Bartlett later for several years; Thomas Clark, 1846; William A. White, 1847, one year; George Hobart, Jr., 1852-3.

**Brick Store.** Albert Guild was agent for Daniel T. Wheeler, Worcester, 1833; Guild and Joseph Stafford, partners, stock taxed 1834 to their assignees; later came Richard Sanford, 1835-6; Emory and James M. Sanford, 1837 to 1841; Andrew J. Copp & Co., 1842; Sanford Brothers, 1844; Hobart C. and Edward A. Cutler, 1845; Hobart C. Cutler, 1846; Moies and Wilmarth, 1847; Rufus L. Smith, 1848; about this date, William Sigourney (William Tourtellott and Washburn Lombard, managers); Amos Aldrich, 1851; H. G. O. and Silas S. Taft, fall of 1851; Lewis M. and Benjamin F. Learned, spring of 1852; Lewis M. Learned bought out Benjamin F. Learned, Sept., 1860; R. Alonzo Aborn and E. Gerry Warren, 1862-3; Lewis M. Learned sold the building, Feb., 1864, to Lafayette E. Battey, who occupied 1864-5; Albert W. Kelley and —— Fowler came next, Fowler left before May, 1868; Albert W. Kelley, 1870; Silas S. Taft, 1871, he died Sept., 1871, his brother, H. G. Otis Taft, went on until 1876, when James O. Copp became partner, the firm continuing until 1882; Daniel W. Mann, 1882 to 1886; Fred. Thayer bought, summer of 1886, and is present owner.

Thomas Clark built a store near Sigourney Mill, 1847, and occupied; Isaac L. Brown and Samuel Healy owned 1851; Brown died March, 1852, Healy and Elisha M. Smith continued; Smith owned in 1855, continuing until 1864 and Allen F. Brown in 1865-6; Henry S. Brady, Jr., traded here in 1869 a few months, the last at this locality.

Next below Clark's, Silas S. Taft and Joseph Burrough, partners, began before May, 1861; Burrough left before May, 1864; Taft went on till 1868; John W. Robinson succeeded in 1869; later for a time the manufacturing company owned; before May, 1871, E. Harris Howland, previously at the lower store, came in and operated until after May, 1875, when he sold to Lucius H., his brother, who continued until 1884; John W. England then became partner; before May, 1885, Howland retired, and a few months later England removed from town.

At the lower store William S. Dunbar and Hosea Grover began before May, 1865; John W. Robinson followed in about three years, and before May, 1870, E. H. Howland became owner, removing

before May, 1871, to the store above. In 1886, Learned, Howard & Co., proprietors of the mill, opened a store, and sold, 1887, to Benjamin F. Learned, who in 1887 sold to Mart A. Howard, present proprietor.

**Texas Store.** After Sanford left, Jan., 1837, little was done until 1844, when the Manufacturing Company began trade under the management of Albert Huntington, who in 1847 became owner. The burning of the mill, 1850, terminated the business. H. G. O. Taft has kept a small store at his residence, H. 116.

**Mrs. Sigourney's Store** was long an important institution of Oxford, where a thriving business was transacted in millinery, dress-making and the sale of dry and fancy goods. Business began in the old Sigourney mansion as early as 1828, and continued in the commodious house, now standing, until near the decease of Mrs. Sigourney in 1885. In its palmiest days patronage came from all the surrounding towns, and for many years it was the leading establishment in the line in the south part of the county.

Dr. Daniel Fisk kept a small store before 1800 near his home, H. 141. His son, William T., continued the business, 1802 to 1810, when Amos Hudson, his brother-in-law, became partner, continuing several years, and removed to the Central Cotton Manufacturing works at Hawes' place, remaining until 1817. Joab Maynard was proprietor at the Fisk store, 1818, going on perhaps two years, and trade at that place terminated. Peter Spaulding was trader, 1806, at the fork of Thompson and Webster roads, south. Abisha Learned at Texas Village, 1813-14, Charles Cleaveland, 1814, William Dudley, 1823-25, Charles Preston, 1825, Charles Lawton, 1842, all at North Oxford, indicating that they, at or near their places of manufacturing, had stores connected therewith. Other like places of trade have existed in the factory villages of the town.

**Oxford Post-office** was established 1 Jan., 1801, Samuel Campbell postmaster, and the mail arrived and was forwarded once a week. The office was at the Centre tavern until 1809, when Archibald Campbell, brother of Samuel, was made postmaster, and it was removed to his dwelling on the site of the Episcopal Church. In 1811 William Sigourney was appointed Campbell's assistant, took charge of the business, and for a few months the location was at his tannery, 100 rods east of Main Street. It was removed thence to the store of Andrew Sigourney, Sen., at the corner of Sutton Avenue and Main Street, where it continued until 1840, William having succeeded his father in trade here, and having been made postmaster on Campbell's decease in 1818. In 1840 he built the "Arcade," near the railroad on the east, and removed his business and the Post-office thither. In 1844 James G. Scott succeeded him and the office was removed to the Andrew Sigourney building on Sutton Avenue, near the railroad station, where Scott & Perkins kept

a store. In 1846 Scott resigned in favor of Willard Benson, who took the office back to the Arcade building, where it continued until his decease, Jan., 1847, when Emory Sanford received the appointment and the office was removed to his store on the site of Joslin's shoe shop. William E. Pease was assistant, and in Jan., 1850, was appointed postmaster. On 1 Jan., 1856, the office was removed to the new brick store on Charlton Street corner, where it remained until after the election of Cleveland, and 26 Oct., 1885, Henry A. Moffitt was appointed postmaster and the office was taken to Sigourney's building near Joslin's shoe factory. Moffitt was succeeded, 19 Oct., 1889, by Willis M. Wellington, who removed the office to its present location (1890) on Charlton Street.

The gross receipts have been: 1850, \$915; 1860, \$831; 1870, \$1,131; 1880, \$1,315. Postmaster's compensation: 1850, \$386; 1855, \$533; 1860, \$464; 1865, \$570; 1868, \$620; 1870, \$650; 1875, \$741; 1880, \$946; 1885, \$780.<sup>1</sup>

The matter forwarded for six days from 1 Dec., 1880, was as follows: letters, 946; postals, 348; other parcels, 232; total, 1,526. The postal facilities are ample, there being five inward and six outward mails daily.

**South Oxford Office.** The present Webster Post-office was established 7 Jan., 1828, at South Oxford, now East Village, George W. Kimball (accountant of Samuel Slater) postmaster, and the office was at his counting-room in a part of the old "Green Mill." On 9 April, 1829, Kimball was succeeded by William H. Bigelow, trader, and the office was at his store, near the corner of Thompson road. The next incumbent was Rev. Thomas Barrett, who came in on 22 April, 1832, and continued until his decease, 7 Aug., 1832. On 24 Aug. Jonathan Day, successor in trade to Bigelow, received the appointment. The name of the office was changed to "Webster" 21 March, 1832, and about 1840, on the opening of the railroad, it was removed to the present Webster town.

**North Oxford Office** was established in 1837, Abisha Learned postmaster. It remained in Texas Village until the appointment of his successor, Loren C. Parks, in 1851, when it was removed to the store of Waterman A. Fisher, about one mile further south. In 1853 Capt. Stephen Barton, Jr., succeeded Parks, and the office was removed to his counting-room. In 1854 it was again removed to Fisher's store, where it remained until the appointment of Thomas Harrington in 1856, who established it at the residence of Joseph Stone, where it has since remained. Harrington was succeeded by Luther Clemence in Feb., 1857, who held the office until the following May, when the present incumbent, Miss Martha E. Stone, was appointed.

<sup>1</sup> The amounts in 1865 and 1870 were salaries, all others were commissions on the receipts.

**Carriers.** In the last century the principal means of communication with the outside world was through carriers. Boston was the market and source of supplies, and regular trips were made thither, at first with oxen, and later horse carts and wagons, carrying occasionally a passenger, but mainly farmers' produce, which was marketed; and the return commodities were chiefly rum, molasses, codfish, tea, salt and spices, the main stock of the country traders. Joseph Davis, known as "Honest Jo," was for many years the principal carrier, and later James Gleason, James Williams, William Hurd and Joel Eddy were each long in the service.<sup>1</sup>

The first regular messenger between Oxford and Worcester so far as known was Daniel Mansfield of Dudley, who began about 1805, and whose weekly route was from Worcester to Ashford, Conn., carrying the mail and the weekly newspapers, going on horseback through Millbury, Sutton, Oxford, Dudley and Woodstock. As business increased he drove a wagon and carried passengers and parcels. About 1824 the mails were transferred to the stages, but newspaper carrying was continued, and David Keith, who began 1807, and Joshua Healy, both of Dudley, and George Nolen of Oxford and Levi Upham of Dudley in turn kept up the route as far as Dudley until after 1850.

**Stages.** The first public conveyance to and from Worcester, of which we have knowledge, was that managed for a short time in the early part of the century by Henry B. Morgan. The first regular line of stages was established in 1824 and ran from Dudley through Oxford, Sutton and Millbury to Worcester, leaving Dudley early each Thursday morning and reaching Worcester in time for the noon stage for Boston. Joshua Healy was first driver. After a time the route was changed, and as business increased trips were made three times a week from Dudley to Boston direct. This was continued (running to Westboro after the Boston and Worcester railroad was completed) until the opening of the Norwich and Worcester road in 1840. The second and more important was the line from Worcester to New York *via* Norwich, and was established June, 1826. Stages left Worcester at 4 o'clock A. M. on Sunday and Wednesday (later changed to Monday and Friday), passing through Ward, Oxford (where passengers breakfasted), Dudley, Woodstock, Pomfret, Brooklyn, Canterbury and Lisbon to Norwich, whence the little steamer "Fanny," leaving Norwich at 6 P. M., ran in fair and calm weather to New York, arriving at from 7 to 10 o'clock A. M.<sup>2</sup> As Worces-

<sup>1</sup> From an account book of Jeremiah Kingsbury, Jr., we learn that 20 Dec., 1789, he carried for Capt. [Elisha] Davis a hog weighing 280 lbs. to Salem. "When I came back I let the said Davis have Cash, £2. 6s. 8d.: Nine pounds of Cotting Wool, 1s. 9d. per pound: One pound of

Tee 2s. 9d.: one quarter of indigo 2s. 2d.: two Bonshels Salt, 3s. 6d."

<sup>2</sup> The "Fanny" began her trips to New York 1 March, 1826. Prior to that time a small steam craft had plied between Norwich and New Haven, where connection was made with a boat thence to New York.

ter and the business of the Quinebaug valley developed other and larger boats were required, and trips were made daily with constantly increasing business until the opening of the Norwich and Worcester railroad in 1840, when it became one of the main lines of travel between Boston and the metropolis.

In 1834 a line of stages ran from Worcester to Hartford through Oxford. Passengers to Hartford breakfasted here and dined in returning.

**Fire Apparatus.** In Nov., 1856, there having been four destructive fires in the town that year, the selectmen were instructed to buy a fire engine to be located on the Plain. This engine was purchased in 1857 at a cost of \$1,000. In March, 1857, William Stone, Charles Fuller and William A. Wheelock were appointed as engineers and supervisors of the Fire Department. In May the selectmen were authorized to purchase a hose cart and 300 feet of hose, which was done at a cost of \$558. A company was formed under the name of the "Col. DeWitt Engine Company," which organization has been continued until the present time, the town making a yearly appropriation for its benefit. The Company has been efficient, but the principal hindrance to its work has been the want of water.

An engine house was built by subscription in 1858. No conveyance of it to the town has been found. The engineers' report for 1859 recommended that it be conveyed by the subscribers and in May, 1859, the town voted its acceptance and also land belonging to the same, which was given by Col. DeWitt, and deeded 6 Aug<sup>st</sup>, 1864.

**Steamer.** In Jan., 1884, the town voted to purchase a steam fire-engine to be located at North Oxford, and chose Samuel R. Barton, Nathaniel E. Taft and Thomas J. Maxwell to procure the same. In the following April it was voted to build a house for its accommodation, and in April, 1885, the sum of \$1,300 was voted to finish the said house with a hall in the second story. The purchasing committee reported in the spring of 1884 that they had contracted with the Silsby Manufacturing Company of Seneca Falls, N. Y., for a No. 5 Holley Rotary Engine with heater, for \$3,350, and with the American Fire Hose Manufacturing Co. of Chelsea for 1,000 feet of fabric rubber-lined hose at 85 cents per foot, and also with Smallridge & Bourget of Worcester for a hose wagon at \$225. Harness was bought of John Turcott at a cost of \$200. Of the expense of this apparatus and house, \$800 was paid in 1884, \$5,143 before the annual meeting of 1885, and in 1885 \$1,378, making a total of \$7,321.

**List of Fires.<sup>1</sup>** Dr. Alexander Campbell; 1 Nov., 1771, house on Sutton road, H. 195.

<sup>1</sup> There were undoubtedly fires in the town in the last century of which there is no record, but the principal cases of the last 100 years are noted.

In a large majority of cases the destruction of buildings was complete.

Nov. 1, 1771. This day about 10 o'clock A. M. the dwelling house of Dr. Alexander Campbell, at Oxford, took fire by one of his apprentices breaking a bottle of oil of turpentine, which held about seven gallons, by taking ashes, supposed to be cold, to clean it. It took fire and violently ran to other bottles, which burst, and forced open the door of the room where the Doctor's wife lay, as she had lain in bat a few days, who immediately was carried out with her bed and bedding, which is all that was saved, except a few trifles. His books and all his accounts, were entirely consumed, as also a fine assortment of drugs, newly imported from England. This house was finished to the doctor's mind, which he enjoyed but a few weeks, and then, the account says, this cruel Master deprived him thereof: Not leaving him nor his a shift of clothing to put on. The loss is computed at least to be one thousand pounds, lawful money. [Mass. His. Soc. Col., I. vol., 2 series, 89.]

Capt. Jeremiah Kingsbury, house at site of the present almshouse, Webster, then Oxford, a short time previous to Feb., 1778.

1786. John Larned; house west of the river, H. 72.

1793 or near. Uriah Stone, Jr.; house North Gore, H. 108, new; took fire while the carpenters were at dinner.

1812, Sept. Gilbert Crane; house on Long Hill, H. 165.

1832, Jan. 7. Cyrus Lamb; mill at North Oxford, H. 121.

1832, Jan. 16. Luther Burnett; house on Long Hill, H. 166.

1833, March 13. Abisha Learned; woolen mill, North Oxford, H. 117.

1835, Jan. William Sigourney; dwelling and shoe shop, Plain, large building, near the site of Memorial hall.

1835, March. Josiah Shumway; house, North Oxford, H. 97.

1837, Jan. 14. Nahum Sibley, thread factory, near H. 134; the previous year the store at this locality was burned.

1839, March 17. Stephen & David Barton; satinet mill, North Oxford.

1839, March 20. Cutler & Stafford; cotton mill, North Oxford.

1842, May, 25. DeWitt and Dowse; thread mill, H. 77.

1846, Dec. 17. Jonathan Sibley; house, Plain, H. 225.

1848, Oct. Luther Stone; grist-mill, North Gore, H. 108.

1850, Jan. 7. William Sigourney; large three-story "Arcade," Plain, H. 193.

1850, Jan. 7. Chad B. Carey; house adjoining the "Arcade."

1850, Oct. 8. Abisha Learned; cotton mill, North Oxford, H. 117.

1852, March 10. Stephen and David Barton; cotton mill, North Oxford. Fisher, lessee.

1852, May, 22. Waterman A. Fisher; cotton mill, North Oxford; now "Sigourney mill."

1853, March 18. Damon & Bartlett; cotton mill, North Oxford, "Rockdale."

1853, Autumn. Abisha Learned; saw-mill, North Oxford, H. 117.

1854, Jan. 24. Gates Brothers; wicking mill, H. 79.

1854, April 21. Old tavern at the Centre, H. 235.

1854, July 20. Abisha Learned; barn; lightning, H. 117.

- 1855, Aug. Former Andrew Fitts house, H. 31.
- 1856, Jan. 22. Stephen and David Barton; mill, North Oxford.
- 1856, May 27. Olney Bolster; old mill, south end of the Plain, H. 37.
- 1856, Oct. 19. Old tavern barn at the Centre; William Robinson's barn, near, and the "Cash Store" building. The fire took about 11.30 P. M. Sunday, in the barn, which was occupied by Edwin Bacon, who lost seven horses, and Otis Learned, one, very valuable.
- 1856, Oct. 24. John C. Steere; house and shop; northwest part of the town, H. 100.
- 1856, Nov. 8. Emory Sanford; store building, on site of present Joslin's shoe factory.
- 1858, Spring; Nathaniel Eddy; house near North Oxford railroad station; roof burned off; loss, \$1,000.
- 1859, July 26. James Walker; barn near north common; three cows, horse, hay, etc.
- 1860, Feb. 26. Horace Pope; barn, two cows, hay, etc.
- 1861, March. Two old barns on Mowry place, H. 92.
- 1862, Feb. 25. Nahum Sibley; house at north end of Plain, occupied by Charles Green and another.
- 1866, May 3. Rev. Horatio Bardwell; house and barn, Plain, H. 242.
- 1866, July 18. Henry J. Whiting; barn, H. 14, lightning.
- 1868, Nov. 29. Nathaniel Eddy; barn near North Oxford railroad station; nine head of cattle, etc.; loss \$2,500, incendiary.
- 1869, Feb. 6. Burrough & Bartlett; picker room at mill; loss \$12,000.
- 1869, April 24. Edward Hilton; house at lower extremity of North Oxford village, formerly Luther Clemence. A girl of ten years, Elizabeth Moulton from the Worcester Orphans' Home, lived with Hilton, and is supposed, on retiring, to have set fire to clothing in a closet. Her charred remains were found in the ruins.
- 1870, Aug. 21. Gates' shoddy-mill, H. 79.
- 1870, Sept. 22. John Rhodes; cotton mill at North Oxford; upper part burned off.
- 1872, April 19. Flannel mill near Rochdale, P. G. Kent, lessee.
- 1872(?), April. Gates' shoddy mill, second time.
- 1872, July 9. Samuel Nichols house near H. 71, then owned by Allard.
- 1874, April 10. Moses K. Shepardson, house on "Long Hill," H. 165.
- 1875, (about). Unoccupied house on Prospect Hill, H. 127.
- 1876, April 16. Old "Wolcott house," north end of Plain, H. 189.
- 1877, June 3. Martin McMahon; North Oxford tavern and out-buildings, H. 122.

- 1877, July 26. Charles Rawson ; slaughter house, Camp Hill.
- 1877, Sept. 13. William Kimball estate ; barn, Plain.
- 1877, Dec. 5. Rufus Moffitt estate ; barn south end of Plain.
- 1878, Oct. 25. Ebenezer B. Walker ; mill and contents near North Oxford railroad station, H. 154.
- 1879, Nov. 5. Daniel Warner ; tenement house, south end of Plain.
- 1879, Nov. 7. John W. Robinson ; tenement house, east part of the town, partially burned.
- 1879, Dec. 1. Horace A. Pope ; house and barn, west of north common, H. 84.
- 1881, Nov. 29. Alexander DeWitt estate ; Plain, two barns, one horse, three carriages, H. 226.
- 1882, Oct. 15. Addison M. Stevens ; house south part of the town, H. 63.
- 1883, April 29. Henry S. Brady ; house, Rockdale, North Oxford.
- 1883, July 19. Michael Toomey ; house and barn on Millbury road, H. 175.
- 1883, Sept. 3. John Rhodes ; house and barn at North Oxford, near H. 125, formerly Asa Cutler's.
- 1884, July 19. Danford Johnson, carriage-shop and machinery, north end of Plain, H. 186.
- 1884, July 23. Wallis mill, on Webster road.
- 1888, April 26. Nathaniel E. Taft ; mill at south end of the Plain ; partial loss ; main building saved.
- 1889, Dec. 24. Barn near Huguenot Fort ; 20 head of cattle, horse, hogs, produce.
- 1890, Jan. 8. Barn, five head of cattle ; east part of the town, H. 13.

**Masonic Lodges.** The first Masonic organization in the town was the Olive Branch Lodge. A movement was made for its formation early in 1797, and on 1 May officers were chosen as follows :—

JONATHAN LEARNED, *Master.*  
 DANIEL FISK, *Sen. Warden.*  
 JONATHAN DAVIS, *Jun. Warden.*  
 SYLVANUS LEARNED, *Sec.*  
 SYLVANUS TOWN, *Treas.*  
 JONATHAN HARRIS, *Sen. Dea.*  
 JEREMIAH KINGSBURY, *Jun. Dea.*  
 NATHANIEL WHITMORE, }  
 PETER BUTLER, } *Stewards.*  
 WILLIAM ROBINSON, *Tyler.*

A committee was chosen to petition the Grand Lodge for a charter and a vote passed to hold meetings monthly on Mondays at 2 o'clock

in the afternoon. A charter was granted the 14th of the following September. The petitioners named were: Jonathan Harris, Allen Hancock, Jonathan Davis, Ebenezer Rich, Samuel Davis, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Reuben Baxter, Jr., Daniel Fisk, Jonathan Learned, Peter Butler, William Robinson, Abel Morse, John Brown, Daniel Hunt, Sylvanus Town, Sylvanus Learned, Nathaniel Whitmore, Amos Keith, Simeon Waters, Moses Sibley, Jr., Ebenezer Dean, Parley Barton, Joseph Howland and Elijah Brown.

**Hall.** On 25 Sept., 1797, it was voted that the hall for the use of the Lodge, when built, shall be set within three-fourths of a mile of the house of Jonathan Davis. This house was the well known Davis homestead, No. 12, and this vote indicates that a large share of the membership was in Sutton. No hall was built in this town, but the house of Mr. Davis was thereafter the regular place of meeting during the continuance of the Lodge in Oxford. Occasionally meetings were held in the tavern hall on the Plain. In Nov., 1797, it was voted to pay Brother Jonathan Davis \$24 per year for the use of the hall, furnished and warmed.

On 13 Sept., 1798, the before named officers were duly installed at the "new meeting-house," Universalist. The members met at Campbell's tavern, whence the procession marched at 12 o'clock to the Meeting-house, where, after a sermon by Thaddeus M. Harris, the ceremony of installation was performed.<sup>1</sup> The procession returned to the hall and "from thence to a bothe prepared for that purpose and partook of an elegant dinner."

In Nov., 1814, a new hall was projected, and in Aug., 1815, a committee chosen to finish and furnish the same. The new quarters were built at West Sutton and were first occupied 21 Feb., 1816.

**Removal.** On 15 Sept., 1815, leave was given to remove the Lodge to Sutton. In March, 1845, it was again removed to Wilkinsville. In Dec., 1856, permission was granted to hold meetings alternately at Sutton and Webster. After 8 Sept., 1858, all the meetings were at Sutton. On 14 Dec., 1859, leave was granted to remove to Millbury. Early in 1860 the removal was made and the Lodge has since continued there.

The Masters while in Oxford were:—

JONATHAN LEARNED,	chosen 1797.
JEREMIAH KINGSBURY,	" 1801.
SUMNER BARSTOW of Sutton,	" 1806.
ESTES HOWE,	" 1808.
SUMNER BARSTOW,	" 1809.
ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL of Oxford,	" 1812.
SAMUEL HARRIS,	" 1813.
SUMNER BARSTOW of Sutton,	" 1814.

<sup>1</sup> Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris, at this time twenty-six years of age, was Unitarian minister at Dorchester for many years.

**Oxford Lodge.** The second organization was the "Oxford Lodge," instituted 4 Dec., 1825, on petition of John Wetherell and others. The first meeting was in the Butler tavern hall, 25 Dec.; present: Samuel Harris, John Field, Elihu Harwood, Jr., Thomas Warner, Stephen Learned, John Wetherell, Stephen Barton, Peter Butler, John Mellish, Richard Olney, Samuel C. Butler, Artemas G. Metcalf, Jonathan A. Pope, Jonathan Harris, Rufus Moore. Samuel Harris was chosen *Worthy Master*; John Field, *Senior Warden*; Elihu Harwood, Jr., *Junior Warden*, and Jonathan A. Pope, *Secretary*. An installation of officers took place at the old Meeting-house on 27 Sept., 1826, at which Rev. David Holman of Douglas gave an address. About 20 officials from the Grand Lodge and like institutions in towns near Oxford were present, and a dinner was provided by Mr. Samuel C. Butler at his tavern. On 27 Oct., 1828, it was voted to remove the place of meeting to the tavern on the Plain. Regular meetings were kept up until 1831, at which date the records end. An officer of the Mass. Grand Lodge at Boston writes: "It [the Lodge] probably died of the Anti-Masonic scare about 1831."

**Third Lodge.** On 23 Sept., 1859, the following petitioned for a new Lodge under the name of the former: Alexander DeWitt, John Wetherell, Loriston Shumway, Elihu Harwood, John A. McGaw, T. W. Wilmarth, Lovell H. Cleveland, Loren C. Parks, A. W. Fullerton, Wm. A. White, Clovis M. Gates, William Kimball, Daniel Davis, Jonathan Davis, William Sigourney, Archibald Campbell, Dennis S. B. Gates, Leander P. Cobb, Jonas Bacon, Benjamin Paine. The Lodge was duly instituted at Masonic Hall in the upper part of the shoe shop of Davis & Williams on Sutton Avenue. In 1860 the present hall, over the store near the Bank, was occupied. On 5 Oct., a charter having been received, the hall was consecrated, and the officers of the Lodge installed by public services in the Universalist Meeting-house, as follows: Geo. Mason, *W. Master*; T. W. Wilmarth, *Sen. Warden*; Loren C. Parks, *Jun. Warden*; Jonas Bacon, *Treas.*; William A. White, *Sec.*; Elihu Harwood, *Chaplain*; John Wetherell, *Marshal*; H. L. Shumway, *Sen. Deacon*; William Hughes, *Jun. Deacon*; Pliny M. Harwood, *Sen. Steward*; Eben Walsh, *Jun. Steward*; Henry Boyden, *Tyler*. The meetings have been kept up at the aforesaid hall to the present day.

The Worthy Masters have been: Samuel Harris, chosen 1825; Alexander DeWitt, chosen 1826; Ira Barton, chosen 1829; Sumner Barstow, chosen 1831; Geo. Mason, chosen 1860; T. W. Wilmarth, chosen 1861; Loren C. Parks, chosen 1863; Charles A. Bacon, chosen 1867; George H. Dodge, chosen 1870; Edward W. Bardwell, chosen 1871; Lester H. Cudworth, chosen 1878; Cornelius Putnam, chosen 1880; Lester H. Cudworth, chosen 1881; Nelson G. Dodge, chosen 1882; John A. Taft, chosen 1884; Walter D. Tyler, chosen 1886.

**Oxford Agricultural Society.** On 15 Sept., 1886, a citizens' meeting was held at which an association of 42 members was formed "for the purpose of initiating an annual exhibition of horses, cattle, farm produce, manufactures, mechanical products, fruit, flowers and specimens of skill in the home and shops, curious things in nature, or heir-looms in families, etc., in Oxford." The following officers were chosen :—

RICHARD L. DODGE, *President.*

EDWARD S. PEASE, *Secretary.*

JOHN W. ROBINSON, *Treasurer.*

Joseph L. Woodbury, Frank A. Howarth, Abel Marsh, Franklin Howard, Daniel M. Howe, John P. Cudworth, Denny S. Putnam, *Directors.*

**Exhibition.** An exhibition was held 14 Oct., 1886, which was a success beyond the expectations of the most sanguine, and so stimulated the movement that in 1887 the Society became incorporated under the general laws of the State, and another successful exhibition was held 12 Oct., 1887. The interest increased, extending to the surrounding towns, and in the winter of 1887-8 it was decided to enlarge operations and apply to the legislature for a special act of incorporation. The result was an act as follows :—

"James W. Stockwell, Allen L. Joslin, Daniel Dwight, Thomas S. Eaton, E. R. Carpenter, Waldo Johnson, Daniel M. Howe, their associates and successors in the towns of Sutton, Oxford, Dudley, Auburn, Charlton and Webster are hereby made a corporation under the name of the OXFORD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY to be located at Oxford, for the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture and the Arts by premiums and other means, etc., and said corporation is hereby authorized to hold by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise, real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding 25,000 dollars."

At a meeting 3 April, 1888, the following officers were chosen :—

Daniel H. Dwight of Dudley, *President.* Allen L. Joslin of Oxford, Waldo Johnson of Webster, Erastus Alton of Dudley, E. R. Carpenter of Charlton, James W. Stockwell of Sutton, Thomas S. Eaton of Auburn, William Putnam of Worcester, H. P. Wilson of Spenceer, *Vice-Presidents*; Fred. F. Barnard of Oxford, *Secretary and Treasurer*; Alfred W. Long, Lester H. Cudworth, Willis M. Wellington, Joseph L. Woodbury, Richard L. Dodge, all of Oxford; Chester C. Corbin and A. C. Burnett of Webster; George H. Marsh and Albert Jacobs of Dudley; Daniel M. Howe and James W. Davis of Charlton; H. S. Stockwell and S. F. Marsh of Sutton; John J. Allen and M. L. Hervey of Auburn; John W. Robinson and Hiram E. Barnard of Worcester, *Trustees.*

**Grounds.** In the spring of 1888 the Society purchased of the heirs of Samuel Smith 35 acres near the south end of the Plain, on a part of which was standing sufficient timber to enclose about 25 acres, which during the summer of 1888 was fenced, a good half-mile track was constructed and in September a successful exhibition held. At

the annual meeting, 2 Nov., 1888, Jonathan P. Dana was elected president, under whose inspection the exhibition hall and grand stand were built in 1889 and a successful exhibition was held that year. At the annual meeting, 1889, Mr. Dana was re-elected president. In 1890 Hon. Allen L. Joslin was chosen as his successor.

**Improvement Association.** On 4 May, 1886, Hon. B. G. Northrop gave an address at Memorial Hall on Village Improvements, at the close of which measures were taken to form a society for the promotion of this object in Oxford. On 14 June a second meeting was held at which a constitution was adopted and officers were chosen as follows:—

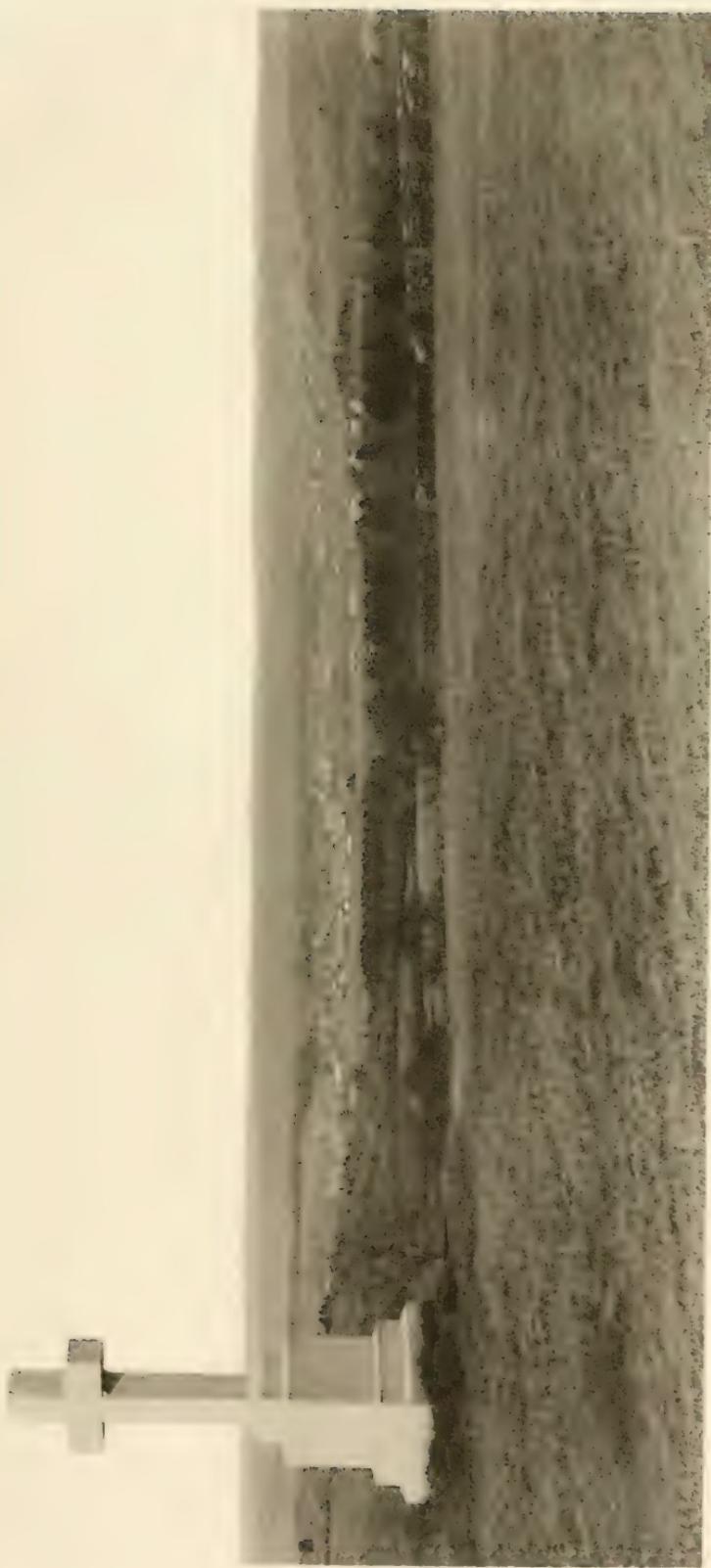
Allen L. Joslin, *President*. Edwin Bartlett, Samuel R. Barton, Frank A. Howarth, Charles H. Buffum, Willis M. Wellington, Samuel C. Willis, Jr., Charles C. Lamb, *Vice-Presidents*. Orrin F. Joslin, *Treasurer*. Miss Ellen A. Paine, *Secretary*. Mrs. Reuben Rich, Mrs. N. E. Taft, Mrs. Dr. Cushman, Mrs. Frank A. Howarth, Miss Caroline E. Buffum, Mrs. M. M. Hunt, Mrs. Willis M. Wellington, Mrs. Edwin Bartlett, Joseph L. Woodbury, Charles H. Wellington, John E. Kimball, Charles I. Rawson, Ithiel T. Johnson, John W. Robinson, John D. Hudson, *Executive Committee*.

The constitution states the objects of the Society to be, improved sanitary conditions in the town, better facilities for travel on roads and sidewalks, and beautifying public and private grounds and buildings; also that any one under 18 who shall plant two trees by the roadside with the approval of the Society, or pay 50 cents to the treasurer, or being over 18 shall plant trees as aforesaid, or pay one dollar to the treasurer shall be a member for one year, and that the payment of five dollars annually for three years or of 12 dollars at one time shall constitute one a life member.

**Sidewalks** were first considered. Committees were appointed to solicit funds, and 7 Sept., 1886, \$112 had been expended on walks. Street lighting was next discussed. At this time \$425 had been pledged to the objects of the association. At the annual meeting, 7 March, 1887, it was reported the receipts had been \$474, of which \$107 remained in the treasury. Three \$50 subscriptions were reported promised by individuals.

**Lights.** The subject of street lighting was next taken up and a committee chosen, which reported in favor of the Wheeler Reflector Company's system, which was adopted. During 1887 fifty posts and lanterns were set at a cost of \$191, the lamps and reflectors being the property of the lighting company, which contracted to furnish all supplies and to light the lamps at a certain rate per light per evening. These were lighted as a matter of experiment, largely at the expense of the treasurer, until November, when the town voted to assume the cost, and a contract was made extending to 8 May, 1888. The Society in Nov., 1887, transferred to the town the posts and lanterns.

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During the season of 1887 the improvement of the walks was continued, the additional sum of \$147 having been expended thereon. At the annual meeting, 5 March, 1888, arrangements had been made for the incorporation of the Society under the general laws of the State, a new Society for purposes essentially the same as the old was formed and the following officers chosen:—

Allen L. Joslin, *President*. Miss Ellen A. Paine, *Clerk*. Orrin F. Joslin, *Treasurer*. John E. Kimball, Edward S. Pease, Reuben Rich, Walter D. Tyler, Asa B. Taft, Ovide Villers, Samuel C. Willis, Jr., *Vice-Presidents*. Henry A. Moffitt, Allen L. Joslin, Orrin F. Joslin, Miss Frances H. Robinson, Mrs. Amasa F. Stowe, Miss Laura D. Stockwell, Miss Mary J. Shumway, *Executive Committee*.

**The “Grange.”** Oxford Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, No. 123, was organized 23 March, 1885, with 24 members, since which 92 have been added; present membership [1890] 101. The Masters have been successively, Lester H. Cudworth, John A. Taft, Joseph L. Woodbury, Daniel M. Howe. Meetings are held semi-monthly, and interest is well sustained.

**Huguenot Memorial Society.** In 1881 a society was formed for the purpose of honoring and perpetuating the memory of the first settlers of the town, of which Zachariah Allen, LL.D., of Providence, was chosen president. He died 27 March, 1882, and Hon. Peter Butler of Boston was elected as his successor. Its members are exclusively descendants of the Huguenots, residing in Oxford, Worcester, Boston, Providence, New York and other places. A fund was raised and several acres of land with the old fort purchased, to be held by the Society in perpetuity. The foundations of the fort have been cleared of earth and stones.

**Monument.** A subscription was raised for the erection of a monument and a handsome and appropriate memorial, being a massive granite cross on a pedestal, was erected, and dedicated 2 Oct., 1884, with appropriate ceremonies in the presence of a large assembly of people. Rev. Charles W. Baird, D.D., of Rye, N. Y., Richard Olney, Esq., of Boston, and Peter B. Olney, Esq., of New York, were the chief speakers on the occasion.

Inscriptions:—

[*South.*]

IN MEMORY OF THE  
HUGUENOTS

EXILES FOR THEIR FAITH,

WHO MADE THE FIRST SETTLEMENT OF OXFORD

1687.

“WE LIVE NOT FOR OURSELVES ONLY, BUT FOR POSTERITY.”

Z. Allen.

[*West.*]

A LA MEMOIRÈ DE  
ANDRE SIGOURNAY,  
COMMANDANT DU FORT.

NE À LA ROCHELLE, FRANCE, 1638.  
MORT À BOSTON, MASS., 1727,  
A L'ÂGE DE 89.

[*North.*]

ERECTED BY DESCENDANTS OF  
GABRIEL BERNON  
AND OF  
ANDRE SIGOURNAY,  
1884.

"A LA FOI ET HONNEUR."

[*East.*]

A LA MEMOIRÈ DE  
GABRIEL BERNON,  
FOUNDATEUR DE LA COLONIE D'OXFORD,  
NÉ À LA ROCHELLE, FRANCE, 1644,  
MORT À PROVIDENCE, R. I., 1736,  
A L'ÂGE DE 92.

**Learned Relief Fund.** Miss Elizabeth R., daughter of Abisha Learned, died 18 May, 1880. A few days before her decease she wrote thus to a friend in reference to a disposition of her property:—

"It has been the dream of my life to bless the unfortunate of my native town by my death. First, all for my mother. Then if not used it shall be a trust fund for the poor, to which I hope others will add."

In her will she made ample provision for the needs of her mother, and adds:—

"After my mother's decease I order that all my remaining estate shall be paid into the hands of three trustees [to be exempted from giving sureties], namely, Samuel C. Willis, Jr., Allen L. Joslin and Orrin F. Joslin, and when a vacancy from any cause occurs in this board, the remaining members or member shall fill said vacancy, after consultation with, and with the approbation of the Judge of Probate for Worcester County. These trustees shall safely invest, on interest, said money, and it shall be a permanent fund forever, and all its net income shall be distributed at the discretion of said trustees annually to indigent widows, maiden ladies and orphans who are actually legal inhabitants of Oxford, and not otherwise. And I order that all assistance rendered in every case be made without partiality or distinction of party or sect.

"My object in leaving this fund is to render assistance to those who are actually needy, and striving to keep themselves from charge to the town, and suffer great privations for the want of a little aid, which if occasionally given would make them comfortable and happy."

"It is not my intention that any part of the income of this fund should be appropriated for the assistance of those who are wholly destitute, and unable or not disposed to help themselves—these will of course fall upon the town for support. There may be cases however where a little aid for the time being, to either sex, would be very acceptable and proper, should there be funds at disposal, but as such cases are not easily described . . . I leave it to the discretion of my said trustees and their successors to act in the premises."

Miss Learned's estate was valued at \$11,400, and now yields an annual income of nearly \$600.

**Lawyers.** At some time between 1790 and 1800 SAMUEL JENNISON opened a law office in Oxford. Although an able man he found so little demand for his services that his stay was short, and he returned to Brookfield, whence he came.<sup>1</sup> With this exception we have no knowledge of a resident lawyer here prior to 1800. The first of the profession to settle in town after that date was ERASMIUS BABBITT, who practiced from 1804 to 1806 or 1807.<sup>1</sup>

CHARLES G. PRENTISS came in 1821, doing a moderate business until 1829, when he returned to Worcester.<sup>1</sup>

IRA BARTON was the first to really prosper in the profession, and his success was due to his superior abilities and the general increase of manufacturing and its attendant operations in the town and vicinity. He began in 1822, was in 1824 in an office over the Bank, where he was first partner with Sumner Barstow and later with Peter C. Bacon. He removed in 1834 to Worcester.<sup>1</sup>

PETER C. BACON joined Barton in 1832 and continued here after the removal of the latter to Worcester, transacting a successful business until 1844, when he also removed to the County seat.<sup>1</sup>

CHARLES D. BOWMAN came in 1845, continuing until his decease in 1857.<sup>1</sup>

L. W. PIERCE opened an office in May, 1854, continuing until May, 1855, when he removed to Westborough. Later he was of Winchendon.

NELSON BARTHOLOMEW occupied Bowman's old office in the summer of 1858, and left in the summer of 1861 to enlist in the army.<sup>1</sup>

EMORY F. HOLWAY, born at Westport (Conn.?), began before May, 1863, remained about one year and removed to Clinton, Ia.

WILLIAM H. HARDING came in 1864, practiced through 1865, and returned to Lee, Mass., where he died.

For ten years afterwards Oxford had no resident in the profession.

HENRY J. CLARK, son of Isaac, of Southbridge, came to town from Bridgewater in July of 1875, remained three years, removing July, 1878, to Webster, where he resides, 1890.

**Physicians.** There is substantial evidence that Rev. John Campbell was during his life acting and advising physician in many of the families of the town, and that the profession proper had quite a limited support prior to 1760.

<sup>1</sup> See name in Genealogical Department.

HEZEKIAH MERRIAM settled in the North Gore as early as 1730 and practiced in that vicinity. He removed about 1770 to the Marcus Bond place at North Oxford, H. 114; is supposed to have continued his practice and went thence about 1790 to Auburn.<sup>1</sup>

DAVID HOLMES from Woodstock appears to have been the first physician at the Centre, and was here from 1742 to 1746.<sup>1</sup>

JABEZ HOLDEN came next, having lived here from 1752 to 1760 at least.<sup>1</sup>

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL began practice probably before his father's decease in 1761. Little is known of his early professional life. He was an able man, in the full tide of success in 1770, continuing until his death in 1782. Numerous pupils studied with him.<sup>1</sup>

DANIEL FISK was a successful practitioner from 1773 to his decease 1815, and had many pupils.<sup>1</sup>

WILLIAM T. FISK, son of Daniel, studied with his father and began about 1800, continuing until his removal in 1820.<sup>1</sup>

STEPHEN BARTON practiced prior to the Revolutionary war; removed to Maine.<sup>1</sup>

AARON HILL settled at North Oxford 1780; remained 12 years and removed, perhaps to Maine.<sup>1</sup>

EZRA CONANT was in practice from 1780 to his decease in 1789.<sup>1</sup>

SIMEON KINGSBURY, son of Amasa, began about 1792, continuing until his decease in 1806.<sup>1</sup>

JONATHAN H. LEARNED studied with his father-in-law, Alexander Campbell, settled at Winchester, N. H., returned to Oxford 1792, where he had a successful practice until his decease, 1810.<sup>1</sup>

EBENEZER LILLIE, Dudley, came as early as 1799, remaining until 1807; removed to South Gore.<sup>1</sup>

DELANO PIERCE came in 1811, continuing until 1834, and was the leading physician of his day.<sup>1</sup>

PORTER DAVIS of Palmer came in 1821, and removed after a few months.

JOHN W. TENNEY, son of Daniel of Sutton, came in 1830, took Dr. Pierce's house expecting to succeed to his business; removed 1831(?) to Webster, where he died. He was graduated 1823 at Brown University; a talented man and skillful physician.

ADDISON KNIGHT next occupied the Pierce house. He came prior to May, 1834, remained two years or more and removed to Rhode Island, and died at Cumberland from ship fever taken from a patient.

DAVID HOLMAN came in 1831, practiced mostly in North Oxford until his decease, 1881.<sup>1</sup>

SAMUEL C. PAINE came in 1831, settled at the Centre, and was long the principal practitioner, continuing until near his decease, 1888.<sup>1</sup>

CHARLES RAWSON, Botanic, began 1846, is now, 1890, in practice.

CHARLES W. LYNN, soldier in late war, assistant at Dale Hospital, Worcester, one year; studied at Vermont University and Harvard;

<sup>1</sup> See name in Genealogical Department.

came to North Oxford 1867; diploma, Dartmouth; removed to Auburn and other places; returned to Oxford, 1883, and continues, 1890, in practice.

DANIEL B. PLIMPTON, Southbridge, came to North Oxford, May, 1846; removed Nov., 1847, to Putnam, Conn.; died 1874.

JONATHAN NICHOLS was in practice on the Plain from 1848 to 1 July, 1856; removed west; resides, 1890, at Atlantic, Iowa.<sup>1</sup>

BYRON STONE, North Oxford, began practice 1877, and continues at the present time, 1890.<sup>1</sup>

CHARLES L. CLARK, Brooklyn, N. Y., came in the spring of 1878, and removed summer of 1881 to Springfield.

WILLIAM B. CUSHMAN, born 1856 at Roxbury, son of Elkanah A.; was graduated 1878, Harvard College, Medical Department Bowdoin College 1881, Demonstrator of Anatomy there 1 July, 1881; began practice Aug., 1881, at Cumberland Mills; settled at Oxford, 1 Dec., 1881, where he (1890) continues.

JOHNSON R. WOODWARD, born 2 Sept., 1865, at Braintree, Vt., son of Charles E.; was graduated Jan., 1884, at Randolph, Vt., Normal School; studied two years in University of Vermont at Burlington in Classical Department, two and a half years in Medical Department, was graduated 18 July, 1888, and came immediately to Oxford, continuing, 1890.

**Graduates.** A list of persons who received a collegiate education, born in Oxford, or residing here at the time of studying.<sup>1</sup>

ABIJAH MOORE, physician; Yale, 1726.

ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, minister; Harvard, 1761.

JONATHAN MOORE, minister; Harvard, 1761.

PHINEAS BOWMAN [brother of Rev. Joseph Bowman]; Harvard, 1772.

NEHEMIAH SHUMWAY, physician; Brown, 1790.

CYRUS HARTWELL, physician; Dartmouth, 1806.

IRA M. BARTON, lawyer; Brown, 1819.

GIDEON DANA, minister; Brown, 1830.

RUFUS C. TORREY, lawyer; Harvard, 1833.

JULIUS S. BARSTOW, physician; Amherst, 1835. [Entered Harvard Medical School, 1836; M. D. Vermont Medical College, 1838.]

NATHANIEL EDDY, teacher; Amherst, 1838.

LUTHER STONE, minister; Brown, 1839.

HORATIO F. BARDWELL, lawyer and civil engineer; Amherst, 1840.

JOHN W. WETHERELL, lawyer; Yale, 1844.

RUFUS N. MERIAM, Dartmouth, 1844.

WILLIAM S. BARTON, lawyer; Brown, 1844.

NELSON H. DAVIS, U. S. Army; West Point [entered 1841], 1846.

GEORGE A. WETHERELL, lawyer; Yale, 1848.

<sup>1</sup> Sketches of nearly all these may be found in Genealogical Department.

**HENRY S. HUDSON**, lawyer; Amherst, 1849.

**JOHN H. MELLISH**, minister; Amherst, 1851.

**JOHN SAVARY**, minister(?) ; Williams, 1855(?) . [Entered Harvard Law School 1866, left 1866.]

**RICHARD OLNEY**, lawyer; Brown, 1856.

**JOHN E. KIMBALL**, teacher; Yale, 1858.

**LYMAN S. ROWLAND**, minister; Amherst, 1858.

**PETER B. OLNEY**, lawyer; Harvard, 1864.

**CHARLES R. PHIPPS**, teacher; Amherst, 1866.

**FRANCIS E. BURNETTE**, teacher; Amherst, 1867.

**ELLIOT P. JOSLIN**, studying for physician; Yale, 1890.

The following were students as designated :—

**JAMES B. CAMPBELL**, lawyer; entered at Brown 1824; left in 1826, not graduated.

**RHODES B. CHAPMAN**, South Oxford; studied at Brown 1831-4, not graduated.

**NELSON P. ANGELL**, entered at Yale 1831; left after two years.

**LORING F. RUSSELL**, died while in Amherst College, Feb., 1842.

**THOMAS D. KIMBALL**, one year, 1859, at Yale.

**BYRON STONE**, North Oxford; physician; Harvard Medical School 1874, remaining one year, was graduated, 1877, at Philadelphia.

**JOSEPH L. STONE**, North Oxford; physician; was graduated, 1855, at Hamilton Medical College, Cincinnati.

**EMORY F. STONE**, North Oxford; entered Wisconsin University, Madison, before Sept., 1859; in catalogue June, 1862, reported "in the National army."

**First Village Improvement.** About 1807, Nathan Blackman, a hatter employed by Samuel Campbell, set in motion a project for the ornamentation of our main street by setting trees, resulting in placing about 250 Lombardy poplars in lines on each side the length of the avenue. These flourished for a few years, but soon began to decay and after 25 or 30 years scarcely one remained. The principal trees now growing, excepting the large elms at the common, were set by individuals since the poplars disappeared.

**Dog-tax.** In March, 1848, an article "to see if the town will raise a tax on dogs" was dismissed. In December Charles D. Bowman, Alvah G. Underwood and Jasper Brown were chosen to draft a code of by-laws on the subject, who reported as follows<sup>1</sup> :—

1st. That the selectmen be authorized to appoint a Register of dogs to account annually for fines and money received for licenses. 2d. No dogs to be allowed to go at large except such as are licensed. 3d. All licensed dogs to wear a collar with the name of the owner and "Licensed" engraved upon it. The sum to be paid to be two dollars. 4th. All dogs to be muzzled under a penalty of two dollars. 5th. The penalty of offences against the

<sup>1</sup> This action was based on Chap. 58, Sec. 10 of the Revised Statutes, and was approved by the Court at Worcester, Dec., 1848.

foregoing to be ten dollars and costs of prosecution. 6th. A reward of fifty cents to be paid for killing all dogs running at large contrary to these provisions.

The adoption of this report caused excitement in certain quarters resulting in a meeting in Jan., 1849, at which the 4th and 6th articles were repealed and the license fee was made one dollar instead of two, and also a vote passed that "any person poisoning or in any other way killing a licensed dog should forfeit ten dollars." In 1867 the State law superseded town action on this subject.

**Stables, etc.** In July, 1851, it was voted to adopt the act of the last legislature relating to the erection and use of buildings for stables and bowling alleys. This law empowered selectmen to decide as to the location of these buildings.<sup>1</sup>

**Cattle Disease.** In the winter of 1870-71 a disease among cattle called the "Epizootic," or foot and mouth disease, prevailed generally in this region. In Jan., 1871, the selectmen prohibited the driving or transporting cattle to or from or within the town. This restriction was removed the following March.

**Indexing.** In April, 1876, the sum of \$200 was raised for the purpose of copying and indexing the earlier records of births, marriages and deaths, that the originals might be preserved. This work was done in 1876.

**Trotting Park.** In 1867 a project was started, mainly by Webster men, under the lead of Ethan Bullard, for a race-course in the south part of Oxford, and in September a tract of land at the south end of Johnson's plain was deeded to him and his associates, who enclosed it and built a half-mile track. It was much used for several years, but for ten years past has been deserted.

**Town Clock.** In the spring of 1888 a committee was chosen to consider the subject of placing a clock in the tower of Memorial Hall, which reported that a proposition had been received from Messrs. Charles and Willard Harwood, merchants, of Boston, brothers and natives of Oxford, as follows: They would present to the town free of cost a good tower clock and a bell for the same, on condition that the town would raise the tower on the hall so that it would be appropriate to receive them, the structure as originally built not being suitable. The town accepted with thanks the proposal and appropriated the sum of \$1,500 for the work. This change was made during the summer of 1888, and the clock and bell were in the autumn put in position, at a cost (as understood) of \$1,000. The expense of raising the tower, which was a very marked improvement of the building, was a little above the appropriation.

<sup>1</sup> Pub. Stat., Chap. 102, Sec. 39, 114.

The clock in the rear of the platform in the main hall was also the gift of Harwood Brothers at the time of the erection of the building.

**Historic Relics.** In an appropriate receptacle in the Free Public Library the town has a small but valuable collection of historic relics, the donations of individuals, which are worthy of notice. In the accompanying illustration are represented a few of the most interesting.

No. 1. Is a powder-horn inscribed "X JEREMIAH LEARNED X HIS HORN X LAKE GORGE X JULY 1758 X" and carried by him in the French war; presented by the late Jeremiah Learned of Worcester.

No. 2. Silver spoon of Gen. Burgoyne, inscribed "J. A. B. 1776." This with Nos. 4 and 5 was brought from the Saratoga battle-field by Gen. Ebenezer Learned and presented by a descendant, Rufus G. Alverson.

No. 3. The sword of Reuben Lamb; presented by Misses Elizabeth and Ellen M. Tolman, North Oxford.

No. 4. Silver-plated spur of Burgoyne.

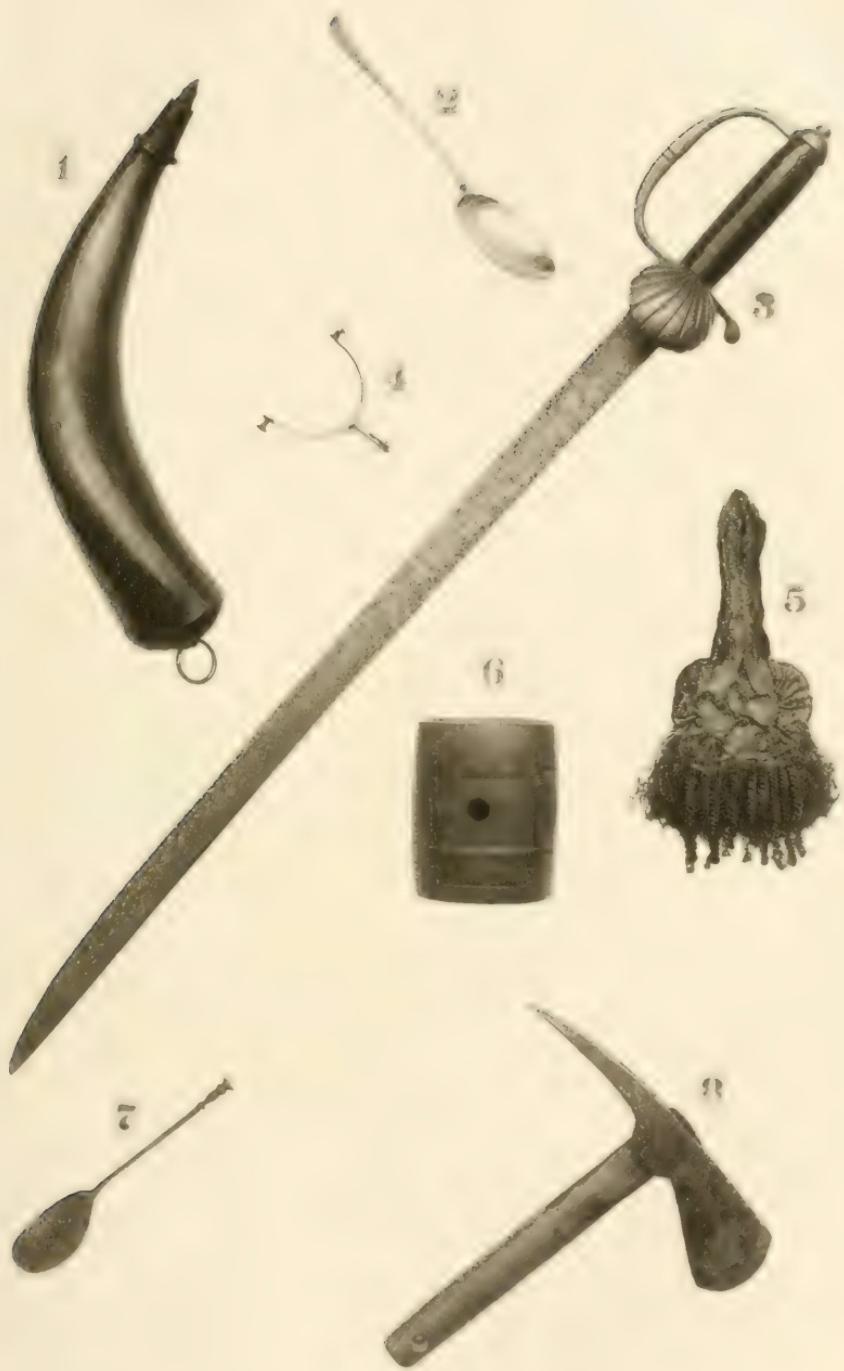
No. 5. Gold lace epaulette of Burgoyne.

No. 6. A wood rum canteen, barrel-shape, taken from a British soldier at the battle of Bunker Hill by Rev. Christopher Bullock, of Limerick, Me., chaplain of a Maine regiment; presented by Jonas Tolman, grandson of Mr. Bullock.

No. 7. The brass spoon of Collicump, the last wild Indian known to have lived in Oxford; plowed up on the site of his cabin by Joseph Brown; owned by George F. Daniels.

No. 8. Fighting hatchet or tomahawk such as were furnished to soldiers in the Revolutionary war. This was carried by George Alverson; presented by his grandson, Rufus G. Alverson.

Others are a cannon ball (24 pounds) brought from Bunker Hill by Gen. Learned, and a set of money scales and weights used by Gen. Learned; both presented by Miss Elizabeth R. Learned; a set of money scales and weights used by Reuben Lamb, presented by the Misses Tolman; a powder-horn carried in the Revolution by George Alverson, presented by Rufus G. Alverson; and a flint-lock musket carried at trainings by Ira Merriam, presented by him.



HISTORIC RELICS IN POSSESSION OF THE TOWN.



## CHAPTER X.

### STATISTICS, Etc.

**Tax Payers in 1771.** This is not a tax list, but in the original is termed an "invoice," being a proportionate abridged valuation, based on the true one, from which Province, town, highway or school rates were computed, the reduced form saving labor in making calculations.

#### SOUTH PART.

Polls.	Real Estate.		Personal.	
	£	s.	£	s.
Abner Allen,.....1	0-	0	0-	0
John Allen,.....1	8-	8	3-	10
Ephraim Amidown,.....1	12-	0	5-	14
Jeremiah Amidown,.....1	0-	0	0-	0
Philip Amidown,.....1	6-	0	5-	18
Ephraim Amidown, Jr.,.....1	0-	0	0-	0
Dr. Stephen Barton,.....1	0-	0	0-	0
Ephraim Ballard, .....	54-	0	14-	6
John Barton,.....2	9-	0	4-	14
Hezekiah Bellows,.....2	12-	0	18-	10
Stephen Bullen, .....	0-	0	0-	0
John Bogle,.....2	24-	0	15-	15
Joseph Blanchard,.....1	21-	0	6-	0
James Brown,.....1	9-	0	1-	10
Dr. Alexander Campbell,.....2	24-	0	7-	12
William Campbell,.....1	60-	0	22-	17
Ebenezer Coburn,.....2	90-	0	34-	18
Jonas Coller,.....1	36-	0	11-	19
Ebenezer Coller,.....1	0-	0	0-	0
Ebenezer Coburn, Jr.,.....1	0-	0	3-	0
Jason Coller,.....1	9-	0	3-	0
Jonas Coller, Jr.,.....1	0-	0	0-	0
Philip Cody, <sup>1</sup> .....1	15-	0	10-	10
Richard Coburn,.....1	0-	0	4-	2
Clement Coburn,.....1	0-	0	1-	10
Capt. Samuel Davis,.....2	78-	0	32-	5
Capt. Elisha Davis,.....2	120-	0	35-	14
John Davis,.....1	72-	0	18-	19
Edward Davis, Esq.,.....2	120-	0	60-	0
Dea. Thomas Davis,.....1	78-	0	43-	4

<sup>1</sup> No record of estate found. He was of Charlton, 1783.

	Polls.	Real Estate. £      s.	Personal. £      s.
John Dana,.....	1	26- 0	14-14
Joseph Davis, Jr.,.....	1	8- 8	5-10
William Davis,.....	1	12- 0	5- 0
Samuel Davis, Jr.,.....	1	18- 0	9- 5
Benjamin Davis, Jr.,.....	1	0- 0	11- 7
Joseph Edwards,.....	2	21- 0	7-16
Edmund Eddy,.....	1	0- 0	0-18
Josiah Eddy,.....	1	0- 0	0- 7
Aaron French, <sup>1</sup> .....	1	6- 0	1-10
Daniel Gleason,.....	2	21- 0	13- 9
Edward Groo,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Dea. Samuel Harris,.....	1	24- 0	15- 1
Abijah Harris,.....	1	30- 0	13-16
Capt. William Hancock,.....	2	36- 0	15- 2
Arthur Humphrey,.....	1	12- 0	5- 6
Joseph Hurd,.....	1	18- 0	8-16
Benjamin Hudson,.....	1	24- 0	13- 8
Nahum Houghton,.....	1	0- 0	2- 0
Josiah Kingsbury,.....	1	39- 0	18- 2
Theodore Kingsbury,.....	1	39- 0	22- 4
Jeremiah Kingsbury,.....	1	39- 0	19- 4
Joseph Kingsbury,.....	1	18- 0	11- 4
Amasa Kingsbury,.....	1	54- 0	21-18
Abijah Kingsbury,.....	1	9- 0	2- 0
Jacob Kingsbury,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Elijah Kingsbury,.....	1	6- 0	6-10
Lt. Isaac Larned,.....	1	36- 0	19- 5
Capt. John Larned,.....	1	60- 0	31- 5
John Larned, Jr.,.....	1	12- 0	6- 1
Elijah Leavens,.....	1	0- 0	1- 1
Asa Larned,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Abner Livermore, <sup>1</sup> .....	1	30- 0	0- 0
Mr. Theophilus Lillie,.....	1	66- 0	24-18
Samuel Manning,.....	1	30- 0	7-10
Robert Manning,.....	1	0- 0	4- 9
Capt. Elijah Moore,.....	2	24- 0	9- 0
Richard Moore,.....	2	30- 0	24-18
John Marvin,.....	1	18- 0	8-18
Collins Moore,.....	1	21- 0	0- 0
John Mayo,.....	1	60- 0	23-18
David Mellen,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Marvin Moore,.....	1	30- 0	0- 0
William Nichols,.....	1	24- 0	9-12
Lt. John Nichols,.....	1	60- 0	40-14

<sup>1</sup> No record of estate found. Perhaps taxed as tenant.

	Polls.	Real Estate. £    s.	Personal. £    s.
William Nichols, Jr., .....	1	0- 0	0-12
Henry Nichols,.....	1	24- 0	14-10
Amos Putnam,.....	1	21- 0	4-12
Joseph Pratt, Jr.,.....	1	24- 0	13-18
Ephraim Russell,.....	1	18- 0	8- 0
Ens. Jeremiah Shumway,....	2	45- 0	13-11
John Shumway,.....	1	21- 0	9- 0
Amos Shumway,.....	2	33- 0	14-12
Peter Shumway,.....	1	18- 0	10-15
Adams Streeter,.....	1	0- 0	1-10
Jacob Shumway,.....	2	24- 0	9- 3
Jacob Shumway, Jr.,.....	1	0- 0	0-12
Solomon Shumway,.....	1	0- 0	3- 0
David Town,.....	0	18- 0	3-12
Thomas Town,.....	3	21- 0	12- 7
Dea. John Willson,.....	1	24- 0	9-17
Ens. John Willson,.....	2	0- 0	2- 0
Josiah Wolcott, Esq.,.....	3	108- 0	16-16
Jonathan Willson,.....	1	6- 0	0- 0
William Watson,.....	1	60- 0	30- 0
Joseph Winter,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Sylvanus Town,.....	1	0- 0	1-10
John Ives,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Abel Waters,.....	1		
— Johnson .....	1		
Andrew Walker,.....	1		

## NORTH PART.

	Polls.	Real Estate. £    s.	Personal. £    s.
David Allen,.....	1	30- 0	10-10
Edward Allen, .....	1	18- 0	0- 0
Phinehas Allen,.....	1	0- 0	3-16
Amasa Allen,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Timothy Barton,.....	1	6- 0	1-10
John Ballard,.....	1	21- 0	7-16
William Brown,.....	0	6- 0	3-10
Lt. Jedediah Barton,.....	1	3- 0	1-18
Jedediah Blaney,.....	1	3- 0	1-10
Nathan Barton,.....	1	21- 0	6-18
Asa Conant, .....	1	48- 0	9-16
Duncan Campbell, Esq.,....	3	30- 0	10- 6
John Campbell,.....	2	12- 0	2- 6
Jonathan Cutler,.....	2	30- 0	11- 6
Daniel Dana,.....	0	18- 0	0- 0
Ebenezer Davis,.....	1	27- 0	10- 0

	Polls.	Real Estate. £    s.	Personal. £    s.
Craft Davis,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Samuel Eddy,.....	1	27- 0	11- 6
Levi Eddy,.....	1	24- 0	12-15
William Eddy,.....	2	54- 0	11- 9
Jonas Eddy,.....	1	0- 0	7- 8
Silas Eddy,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
William Everden,.....	1	18- 0	2- 4
John Fessenden,.....	1	0- 0	3-18
Thomas Fish,.....	1	12- 0	7-10
Ebenezer Fish, .....	1	9- 0	3-18
James Freeland,.....	1	15- 0	7- 4
Robert Fitts,.....	1	18- 0	7- 0
David Gleason, .....	1	27- 0	9-19
Joseph Gleason,.....	2	0- 0	3-18
Joseph Gleason, Jr.,.....	1	6- 0	1-18
Lt. Thomas Gleason,.....	1	18- 0	5-14
Elijah Gleason, .....	1	18- 0	6-10
Simon Gleason,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Daniel Griffith,.....	2	27- 0	13- 1
Joseph Hudson, .....	1	33- 0	17- 2
William Hudson, Jr.,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Daniel Hovey,.....	1	48- 0	18-18
John Harwood,.....	1	21- 0	4-13
Joseph Jennison, .....	1	42- 0	8-16
Peter Jennison, .....	1	12- 0	11- 6
John M. Jewell,.....	1	6- 0	1-10
Col. Learned,.....	1	51- 0	22- 1
Capt. Ebenezer Learned,.....	1	78- 0	22- 0
Capt. Jeremiah Learned,.....	1	108- 0	22-19
Samuel Learned,.....	2	24- 0	10- 3
Reuben Lamb,.....	1	21- 0	1-18
Micah Livermore,.....	0	12- 0	0- 0
Joshua Meriam,.....	1	24- 0	16-11
Dr. Hezekiah Meriam,.....	1	9- 0	5- 8
Nathaniel Muzzey,.....	1	33- 0	7-14
Richard Moore, Jr., .....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Ebenezer Meriam,.....	2	18- 0	6-11
Alexander Nichols,.....	2	33- 0	17- 8
Stephen Pratt, .....	1	0- 0	2- 0
Jonathan Pratt, .....	1	30- 0	9- 0
Aaron Parker, .....	2	6- 0	5- 8
Jonas Pratt,.....	2	42- 0	10-16
Joseph Pratt,.....	1	45- 0	10- 3
Joseph Pratt, 3d,.....	1	24- 0	15-11
Nathan Pratt,.....	1	18- 0	2- 4

	Polls.	Real Estate. £ s.	Personal. £ s.
Elias Pratt,.....	1	43- 0	6-12
Jonathan Pratt, Jr.,.....	1	21- 0	8-16
Isaac Pratt,.....	1	24- 0	5- 8
Joseph Phillips,.....	1	57- 0	14-12
Israel Phillips,.....	1	30- 0	12-16
Daniel Phillips,.....	1	30- 0	15- 7
Jesse Pratt,.....	1	18- 0	6- 6
Isaac Putnam,.....	1	33- 0	14-12
Jacob Pierce,.....	1	33- 0	17- 4
John Rockwood, .....	1	18- 0	5-16
James Richardson,.....	1		
Oliver Shumway,.....	1		
Ebenezer Shumway,.....	1	27- 0	12- 6
John Stone,.....	1	30- 0	
Widow Stone, .....	2	54- 0	15- 8
Jesse Stone,.....	1	27- 0	14-12
William Stone,.....	2	12- 0	5- 0
Ichabod Stockwell,.....	1	3- 0	0- 0
Joseph Streeter,.....	1	0- 0	3-18
William Snow,.....	1	18- 0	6- 4
Widow Singletary, .....	0	24- 0	5- 0
Jonathan Shattuck, .....	2	24- 0	12-13
Ambrose Stone,.....	1	0- 0	6-17
Abner Shumway,.....	1	9- 0	3-10
John Town,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Moses Town,.....	1	0- 0	0- 0
Abner Town,.....	1	12- 0	1-18
Isaac Town,.....	1	24- 0	9- 6
Lt. John Town .....	1	42- 0	10- 2
Ebenezer White, .....	1	0- 0	2- 0
Phinehas Ward,.....	1	30- 0	12-13
John Wyman,.....	1	18- 0	11-12
Jacob Works,.....	1	27- 0	2- 7
Joshua Turner,.....			
Lt. Samuel Trask,.....	0	18- 0	0- 0
David Bates,.....	0	12- 0	0- 0
Edmund Barton, <sup>1</sup> .....	0	6- 0	0- 0

## NORTH GORE.

	Polls.	Real Estate. £ s.	Personal. £ s.
Capt. Isaac Hartwell,.....	1	72- 0	24-10
Elijah Curtis,.....	1	24- 0	5- 8
Thomas Eddy,.....	1	0- 0	3-10
Ebenezer Locke,.....	1	21- 0	10-18

<sup>1</sup> Last three supposed to have been non-residents.

	Polls.	Real Estate.		Personal.	
		£	s.	£	s.
Lt. Joshua Meriam,.....	2	54	0	24	9
Widow Elizabeth Meriam, ..	1	36	0	14	6
Uriah Stone,.....	2	78	0	20	9
Uriah Stone, Jr.,.....	1	18	0	11	4
James Meriam,.. ..	1	0	0	0	0
John Stone,.....	1	0	0	0	0
Jotham Meriam,.....	1	0	0	2	0
Total number of polls, 238.					

**Statistical Returns.** A return in the State archives, 1781, gives: Polls, 219; houses, 131; barns, 121; stores, etc., 20; distil houses, mills, etc., 7; barrels of cider made, 364: acres English mowing, 421; tillage, 688; meadow, 1,235; pasturage, 1,738; wood and unimproved land, 10,235: money on hand and at interest, £490: value of goods and merchandise, £60; horses, 131; oxen, 129; cows, 427; sheep and goats, 786; swine, 121; value of coaches, chaise, etc.. £40; oz. of gold coined and otherwise, 4; oz. of silver coined and otherwise, 266.<sup>1</sup>

For 1784, total polls, ratable and otherwise, 231: houses, 115; barns, 98; tan houses, 1; grist, saw and slitting mills, 8; tillage land, 373 a.; English mowing, 252 a.; fresh meadow, 823 a.; pasturage, 960 a.; woodland, 1,896 a.; unimproved land, 8,235 a.; improvable do., 3,494 a.; barrels of cider made, 457; goods and stock in trade, £120 [James Butler]; horses, 3 yrs. and upward, 116; colts, 2 yrs., 10; colts, 1 yr., 17; oxen, 4 yrs. and upward, 158; cattle, 3 yrs., 129; do., 2 yrs., 127; do., 1 yr., 120; cows, 4 yrs. and upward, 394; sheep and goats, 705; swine, 270; silver plate, 30 oz.; money, none(!).<sup>2</sup>

For 1790, houses, 148; families, 165; white males, over 16, 272; under 16, 236; total, 508; females, all ages, 487; all other persons, 5; total population, 1,000.

A State report of the manufactures of Oxford in 1837 gives: cotton mills, 4; spindles, 6,226; cotton consumed, 169,450 pounds; goods made, 653,500 yds.; value, \$92,685; males employed, 66; females, 67; capital employed, \$107,000. Woolen mills, 5; sets of machinery, 12½; wool consumed, 288,900 lbs.; cloth made, 184,820 yds.; value, \$371,915; males employed, 122; females, 78; capital invested, \$291,000; sperm oil used, 6,797 gals. Boots, 4,165 prs.; shoes, 33,522 prs.: value of both, \$36,794; males employed, 66; females, 45.

In 1875, under the supervision of the State authorities, an estimate of agricultural and industrial products and values was made, showing results in Oxford as follows:—

<sup>1</sup> Vol. CLXII., 37.

<sup>2</sup> Vol. CLXII., 442. There are two copies of this return, dated 1784 and 1785, respectively.

*Agricultural.* Number of farms, 140; comprising land, 11,885 acres; valued at \$294,160. Number of houses [farm], 138, which, with other farm buildings, were valued at \$176,675; total value of farms and buildings, \$470,835. Of these lands, 2,926 acres were under crops, 1 acre market garden; 57 acres orcharding, 5,094 acres unimproved, 292 acres unimprovable, and 3,485 acres woodland. Number of apple trees, 2,363.

*Animals.* Bees, 18 hives, \$144; calves, 137, \$1,307; colts, 16, \$2,335; heifers, 70, \$1,330; hens, 3,087, \$1,630; hogs, 166, \$2,624; horses, 150, \$14,580; lambs, 75, \$412; milch cows, 331, \$15,370; oxen, 67, \$5,845; pigs, 181, \$1,200; sheep, 75, \$455; steers, 25, \$950; turkeys, 78, \$106. Total value of animals [not all enumerated above], \$49,327.

Aggregates of farm property: land, \$294,160; buildings, \$176,675; fruit trees, \$3,200; animals, \$49,327; agricultural implements, \$16,600; total, \$539,962.

*Products.* Butter, for sale, 12,743 lbs.; do., for use, 8,569 lbs.; cheese, for sale, 640 lbs.; do., for use, 1,754 lbs.; cider, for sale, 11,126 gals.; do., for use, 4,079 gals.; firewood, for sale, 690 cords; do., for use, 706 cords; railroad sleepers, 950; apples, 8,443 bush.; beef, 29,945 lbs.; blueberries, 2,543 qts.; buckwheat, 130 bush.; cabbage, 7,438 heads; chickens, 1,470 lbs.; maize, 3,804 bush.; eggs, 5,209 doz.; hay, 1,936 tons; meadow do., 221 tons; milk, 107,855 gals.; mutton, 1,215 lbs.; oats, 3,500 bush.; pork, 49,315 lbs.; potatoes, 9,663 bush.; pumpkins, 9,000 lbs.; rye, 326 bush.; squashes, 2,200; turkeys, 321 lbs.; turnips, 1,359 lbs.; veal, 6,107 lbs.; wool, 542 lbs.; total domestic products [not all above enumerated], value, \$145,936, of which hay was \$33,955.

*Manufactures.* Number of establishments, 27; number of employés, 721; males, 431; females, 290; capital employed, \$394,025; yearly wages paid [estimated], \$279,597; value of stock used, \$762,517; value of goods sold, \$1,207,578. Number of cotton spindles, 10,076; looms, 56. Number of wool sets of machinery, 18; looms, 113. Carpet warp and twine, value, \$80,000 [this branch of business is now suspended]; cassimeres, \$310,000; cotton sheeting, \$35,000; cotton warps, \$122,000; wool flannels, \$105,000; shoes, \$443,000; shoddy, \$9,000; woolen goods, \$70,000. Value of manufacturing buildings, \$125,000; average of stock on hand, \$149,000; value of machinery, \$138,000.

*Productions of other occupations.* Blacksmithing, \$4,800; butchering, \$18,000; cobbling, \$250; harness making, etc., \$2,500; painting, \$2,000; paperhanging, \$500; wheelwrighting, \$1,000.

From the State census, 1885, we gather the following: Whole number of inhabitants, 2,355; males, 1,130; females, 1,225; foreigners, 428; whole number of voters, 641; non-voters, 18; aliens, 78; total, 737; voters native born, 543; naturalized, 98. The whole number

of families in town, 606; of one person, 46; of 2, 126; of 3, 126; of 4, 119; of 5, 71; of 6, 52; of 7, 35; of 8, 13; of 9, 7; of 10, 4; of 11, 4; of 12, 1; of 13, 1; of 15, 1. The whole number of houses in town, 655; occupied, 575; unoccupied, 80. Colored inhabitants, 20; males, 7; females, 13; mulattoes, 8; males, 5; females, 3. Number of inhabitants 80 years of age and over, 48; males, 19; females, 29.

Of the total population there were born in Mass., 761 males, 781 females, total 1,542; born in Conn., 62 males, 75 females, total 137; in Dist. Col., 1 male; in Iowa, 1 male; in Maine, 14 males, 28 females, total 42; in Md., 3 males, 1 female; in Mich., 1 male, 3 females; in Mo., 1 female; in N. H., 17 males, 22 females, total 39; in N. J., 1 male, 2 females; in N. Y., 12 males, 20 females, total 32; in Ohio, 1 male, 1 female; in Pa., 1 male, 4 females; in R. I., 34 males, 35 females, total 69; in Vt., 22 males, 21 females, total 43; in Va., 2 males; in Wis., 2 females; in Cal., 2 females; in Can., English, 3 females; in Can., French, 80 males, 89 females, total 169; in Eng., 25 males, 29 females, total 54; in Ger., 4 males, 4 females; in Ire., 80 males, 93 females, total 173; in It., 2 males; in N. S., 1 male, 3 females; in Scot., 3 males, 1 female; in Swe., 4 females; in Switz., 1 female.

The Assessors' Report for 1887 gives:—

Number of persons assessed on property,	679
Number of persons assessed on polls,	435
Number of polls assessed,	758
Value of buildings,	\$547,600.00
Value of land,	422,645.00
Value of personal property,	359,031.75
 Total valuation,	 \$1,329,276.75

Number of horses, 347; cows, 500; sheep, 53; other neat cattle, 234; swine, 114; number of houses, 539; acres of land, 16,065.

The Assessors' Report for 1890 gives:—

Number of polls,	762
Value of real estate,	\$961,160.00
Value of personal estate,	381,969.00
 Total valuation,	 \$1,343,129.00

Horses, 367; cows, 503; sheep, 4; other neat cattle, 221; swine, 105; houses, 543; acres assessed, 16,392.

The aggregate of manufactures for 1890 is as follows:—

Satinets,	1,734,000 yards,	\$424,000 value,	235 employés.
Flannels,	630,000 "	\$110,000 "	52 "

Cotton yarns and warps,	\$225,000 value,	105 employés.
Cassimeres, 190,000 yards,	\$370,000 ..	170 ..
Shoes, 300,000 pairs,	\$280,000 ..	150 ..
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Total value, \$1,409,000		employés, 712

**Population, etc.** The earliest statistical return we find in the State archives from Oxford is of 1764, 50 years after the English settlement, as follows: Number of houses, 128; families, 148; persons under 16, 247 males, 206 females; over 16, 214 males, 217 females; negroes and mulattoes, 6; total, 890.

Later returns of population have been:—

1776,	1,112	1855,	2,808
1790,	1,000	1860,	3,034
1800,	1,273	1865,	2,713
1810,	1,277	1870,	2,669
1820,	1,562	1875,	2,938
1830,	2,034	1880,	2,604
1840,	1,742	1885,	2,355
1850,	2,380	1890,	2,616

### List of Voters in 1789:—

Col. Job Crocker.	Capt. Jeremiah Kingsbury.
Nathaniel Crocker.	Jeremiah Kingsbury.
Lt. Samuel Campbell.	Capt. Amasa Kingsbury.
Lt. Jason Collier.	Daniel Kingsbury.
Richard Coburn.	Joseph Kingsbury.
Maj. Jonathan Day.	Jacob Kingsbury.
Ens. David Day.	Elijah Kingsbury.
Capt. Jonathan Davis.	Levi Lamb.
Capt. Elisha Davis.	John Larned, 3d.
Jeremiah Davis.	Jacob Larned.
Abijah Davis.	John Larned, Jr.
Dea. John Davis.	Elijah Larned.
Samuel Davis.	John Mayo.
Elijah Davis.	Marvin Moore.
Learned Davis.	Capt. William Moore.
Craft Davis.	Collins Moore.
Ezekiel Davis.	Isaac Moffitt.
Samuel Davidson.	Lt. John Nichols.
John Dana.	William Nichols.
William Forbes.	Joseph Pratt, Jr.
Daniel Gleason.	Ephraim Russell.
Josiah Gleason.	John Shumway.
James Gleason.	Josiah Shumway.
Edward Groo.	Jacob Shumway

Dea. David Harwood.	John Sweet.
Capt. Allen Hancock.	Amos Shumway.
Capt. John Howard.	Amos Shumway, Jr.
Capt. Ebenezer Humphrey.	Peter Shumway.
Nathaniel Hamlin.	Gideon Sibley.
Dea. Samuel Harris.	Andrew Sigourney.
Jonathan Harris.	Benjamin Trow.
Lt. Abijah Harris.	Josiah Wolcott, Esq.
Joseph Hurd.	John Wolcott.
Abiel Atwood.	Benjamin Learned.
Richard Bartlet.	Joshua Meriam.
Lt. John Ballard.	Ebenezer Meriam, Jr.
James Butler.	Capt. Elias Pratt.
Isaac Barton.	Jonathan Pratt.
Asa Conant.	Joseph Pratt.
Lemuel Crane.	John Pratt.
Thomas Clark.	Aaron Parker.
Ebenezer Davis.	Thomas Parker.
William Eddy.	James Phillips.
Reuben Eddy.	Ephraim Pray.
Jonas Eddy.	Ebenezer Pray.
Parley Eddy.	William Phips, Esq.
Dr. Daniel Fisk.	John Rockwood.
Daniel Fitts.	Ambrose Stone.
Dr. Aaron Hill.	Timothy Sparhawk.
Gideon Hovey.	Lt. Ebenezer Shumway.
Joseph Hudson.	Anthony Sigourney.
Lt. William Hudson.	Col. Silvanus Town.
Eben. Learned, Esq.	Lt. Joshua Turner.
Capt. Silvanus Learned.	James Williams.
Capt. Jeremiah Learned.	Total, 109.



RESIDENCE OF O. F. JOSLIN.



## CHAPTER XI.

### CIVIL OFFICERS.

#### Representative to Congress.

ALEXANDER DEWITT, for the Ninth Mass. District, 1853 to 1857.

#### State Senators.

IRA BARTON, 1833 and 1834. ALVAN G. UNDERWOOD, 1855.

ALEXANDER DEWITT, 1842, '43, NATHANIEL EDDY, 1861.

'44, '50, '51. ALLEN L. JOSLIN, 1886.

#### Town Agents.

This was an officer first chosen in 1801. His duties were to represent the town in suits at law, to prosecute and defend, and to manage cases in which the legal rights of the town were in any manner involved. For many years past these duties have devolved upon the selectmen.

Sylvanus Town, 1801 to 1803, Ira Barton, 1827 to '33.  
1805 to 1807. Ebenezer Rich, 1837, '38, '45, '46.

Jonathan Davis, 1808, '10, '11, John Mayo, 1839.  
'15, '16, '21-'23, 25. Alexander DeWitt, 1840, '44.

Abijah Davis, 1804, '12 to '14, Emory Sanford, 1841, '49, '50.  
'17, '19. Peter C. Bacon, 1842, '43.

Archibald Campbell, 1818. Charles D. Bowman, 1847, '48.  
William Moore, 1820. Jasper Brown, 1851, '52.

Richard Olney, 1824, '26, '34 to '36.

#### Delegates to Constitutional Conventions.

Ebenezer Learned, 1779. Richard Olney, 1820.  
Ezra Bowman, 1779. Alexander DeWitt, 1853.  
Jeremiah Learned, 1788.

#### Representatives.

As the sending of a representative was by the law of 1692 left optional with small towns, Oxford in its earlier years, as appears, was represented only when there were matters of interest to the town to be laid before the Court. The years given below are those both of election and service, until 1831, when the time of convening of the legislature was changed from May to January. From that date the years given are those of *service*, the election having been the previous November.

Richard Moore, 1721. Benjamin Davis, 1749.  
Ebenezer Learned, 1731, '51. Duncan Campbell, 1752, '53, '54,  
Samuel Davis, 1742, '43, '47. '55.

- Edward Davis, 1756, '57, '59, '60,  
   '61, '63, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71,  
   '74, '75, '77, '79, '80.  
 Josiah Wolcott, 1764, '65, '66.  
 Jeremiah Learned, 1772, '73, '84,  
   '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, '90, '91,  
   '92.  
 William Watson, 1775, at Water-  
   town.  
 William Campbell, 1776.  
 William Hancock, 1777, '78.  
 Ebenezer Learned, 1783.  
 James Butler, 1794, '95, 1809.  
 Sylvanus Town, 1798, '99, 1800,  
   '01, '03, '06.  
 Abijah Davis, 1807, '08, '09, '10,  
   '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17,  
   '19, '21.  
 Richard Olney, 1826, '29.  
 Jonathan Davis, 1827, '28, '29.  
 Alexander DeWitt, 1830, '31, '32,  
   '33, '34.  
 Ira Barton, 1830, '31.  
 Learned Davis, 1833, '34, '35.  
 Stephen Barton, 1836.  
 Benjamin F. Campbell, 1836.  
 Francis Sibley, 1838, '39.  
 Sylvanus Harris, 1838, '39.  
 Ebenezer Rich, 1840, '41.
- Alexander C. Thurston, 1840.  
 Emory Sanford, 1842, '53.  
 Israel Sibley, 1843.  
 Jasper Brown, 1844.  
 Erastus Ormsbee, 1845.  
 David Barton, 1846, '54.  
 Jonas Bacon, 1847.  
 Paul Perkins, 1849.  
 David Wait, 1850.  
 Albert A. Cook, 1851.  
 Thomas Appleby, 1852.  
 James M. Sanford, 1855.  
 George W. Hartwell, 1856.  
 Lainent B. Corbin, 1857,<sup>1</sup> '68.  
 Ira Merriam, 1859.  
 George Hodges, 1860, '74.  
 Seth Daniels, 1860.  
 Moses Stone, 1862.  
 Moses S. Johnson, 1863.  
 Archibald Campbell, 1865.  
 Charles A. Angell, 1866.  
 Moses W. McIntire, 1870.  
 E. Harris Howland, 1872.  
 George F. Daniels, 1876, '77.  
 Samuel C. Paine, 1879.  
 Albert Tyler, 1883.  
 Allen L. Joslin, 1885.  
 Joseph L. Woodbury, 1886.

## Selectmen.

- John Town, 1713 to 1715, '18,  
   '19, '21, '22.  
 Benoni Twichell, 1713, '14, '16,  
   '23, '24.  
 Joseph Chamberlain, 1713.  
 Benjamin Chamberlain, 1714.  
 Richard Moore, 1715 to 1717, '20,  
   '22, '25, '27, '28, '30 to '33, '37,  
   '39 to '41.  
 Abraham Skinner, 1715, '17 to  
   '19, '21.  
 Isaac Larned, 1716, '20, '26 to  
   '29, '31, '33, '36 to '39, '42,  
   '43.
- Ebenezer Learned, 1717 to 1720,  
   '22, '24, '26 to '28, '30 to '34,  
   '36 to '49, '53 to '56.  
 Israel Town, 1719, '25, '27 to '29,  
   '32, '35, '38, '45 to '47.  
 John Comins, 1721, '23, '24.  
 Thomas Gleason, 1723 to 1726.  
 Jonathan Pratt, 1723.  
 Peter Shumway, 1723, '25, '29.  
 Jonathan Town, 1724, '25, '34,  
   '35, '44, '48, '49.  
 Samuel Rich,<sup>2</sup> 1726.  
 Daniel Hovey, 1726, '27.  
 Abial Lamb, 1728.

<sup>1</sup>In 1857 OXFORD was made a part of a representative district, and thereafter fewer men

from the town were elected.

<sup>2</sup>Later of Sutton.

- Jonathan Ballard, 1729, '30, '32, '36.  
 Thomas Hunkins, 1729, '35.  
 Thomas Gleason, Jr., 1730.  
 Philip Amidown, 1730.  
 Samuel Davis, 1731 to 1733, '36 to '45, '49.  
 Richard Gleason, 1731, '34.  
 Samuel Eddy, 1733, '51, '53 to '55, '60, '71, '73.  
 Ebenezer Humphrey, 1734, '35.  
 John Willson, 1734, '35, '45, '48 to '52, '56 to '60.  
 Eleazer Ward, 1738 to 1741.  
 Jonathan Pratt, Jr., 1740, '41, '51, '56.  
 Elijah Moore, 1742, '43, '46, '47, '49, '52, '56.  
 Daniel McIntire, 1742.  
 John Mayo, 1743, '48, '50.  
 John Eddy, 1744.  
 Moses Gleason, 1744, '54.  
 Jeremiah Shumway, 1745 to 1747, '51.  
 Samuel Town, 1746.  
 Edward Davis, 1747, '53, '59, '60, '63 to '75, '79, '80.  
 Josiah Kingsbury, 1748, '50, '55.  
 Samuel Davis, Jr., 1750, '52, '55, '57.  
 Richard Moore, Jr., 1750.  
 Duncan Campbell, 1751, '53, '54, '58, '59, '61.  
 Joseph Phillips, 1752, '57, '62.  
 Richard Dresser, 1752.  
 John Edwards, 1753.  
 William Davis, 1754.  
 Thomas Davis, 1755.  
 Samuel Manning, 1756.  
 William Eddy, 1757, '68, '78.  
 Capt. John Larned, 1757, '62.  
 Alexander Campbell,<sup>1</sup> 1758 to 1761, '68, '79.  
 Ebenezer Learned, 1758 to 1764, '66, '67, '72 to '75, '77, '79, '80, '83 to '86, '89 to '94.
- Josiah Wolcott, 1758, '65, '66, '71 to '76, '83.  
 Thomas Davis, 1761 to 1764.  
 Jeremiah Learned, 1761, '65, '71.  
 Ephraim Ballard, 1762 to 1764, '66, '67, '69.  
 John Wiley, 1763.  
 Hezekiah Stone, 1764, '66, '67, '69, '70.  
 Samuel Harris, 1765, '70, '74 to '76.  
 Elisha Davis, 1765, '87 to '94.  
 William Larned, 1767.  
 William Watson, 1768 to 1770, '72, '74.  
 John Town, 1768 to 1770, '79.  
 William Campbell, 1771, '73, '75, '76.  
 Joseph Phillips, 1772.  
 Daniel Griffith, 1776.  
 Daniel Hovey, 1776.  
 Ebenezer Humphrey, 1777, '85 to 1802.  
 Reuben Lamb, 1777, '79, '81, '82.  
 Ezra Bowman, 1777, '79, '81.  
 Israel Phillips, 1777.  
 William Hancock, 1778.  
 Amos Shumway, 1778, '80.  
 John Ballard, 1778.  
 Abijah Harris, 1778.  
 Sylvanus Town, 1779, '81, '91 to 1802, '04 to '07.  
 Jeremiah Kingsbury, 1780.  
 Joshua Merriam, 1780.  
 Amasa Kingsbury, 1781, '82.  
 John Dana, 1781 to 1788.  
 Daniel Fisk, 1782 to 1784.  
 Levi Davis, 1782.  
 Samuel Davis, Jr., 1783, '84.  
 John Mayo, 1784, '95 to '98, 1804 to 1806.  
 Elias Pratt, 1785 to 1794.  
 Ephraim Russell, 1785 to 1790, '95 to '98.  
 Elijah Davis, 1795 to 1798.  
 Sylvanus Learned, 1799 to 1803.

<sup>1</sup> Styled "Lieut." in 1758, and "Doctor" in 1759.

- Jonathan Davis, 1799.  
 John Pratt, 1799, 1800.  
 Jeremiah Davis, 1800 to 1802.  
 Learned Davis, 1801, '02.  
 Nathan Hall, 1803 to 1807, '09 to  
     '11, '13, '17.  
 Jeremiah Kingsbury, 1803 to  
     1807, '09 to '16, '18.  
 Jonas Eddy, 1803 to 1805, '11.  
 Peter Spaulding, 1803.  
 Nehemiah Davis, 1806 to 1808,  
     '12.  
 Samuel Blanchard, 1807.  
 Elias Pratt, Jr., 1808, '09, '17.  
 Asa Harris, 1808, '12, '14, '15.  
 David Stone, Jr., 1808.  
 Josiah Kingsbury, 1808.  
 Abijah Davis, 1809 to 1815, '17,  
     '19, '20, '22, '23.  
 Joshua Turner, 1809, '10.  
 John Hudson, 1810, '15.  
 Peter Butler, 1811 to 1814, '16,  
     '18.  
 Sylvanus Pratt, 1813.  
 Rufus Moore, 1814 to 1816, '18,  
     '21.  
 Ebenezer Merriam, 1816.  
 John Merriam, 1816, '18, '19.  
 Samuel Coburn, 1817.  
 Alpheus Eddy, 1817.  
 Stephen Barton, 1818, '24, '25.  
 William Moore, 1819, '20, '24.  
 Isaac Stone, 1819, '20.  
 Solomon Harwood, 1819, '20.  
 Charles Davis, 1820.  
 Richard Olney, 1821, '28, '29.  
 Benjamin Vassall, Jr., 1821, '31  
     to '35.  
 Stephen Davis, 1821.  
 Andrew Sigourney, 1821 to 1823,  
     '25, '27.  
 John Mayo, Jr., 1822, '24.  
 Joseph Elliot, 1822.  
 John Wetherell, 1822, '23.  
 Abisha Learned, 1823.  
 Peter Shumway, 1823.  
 Joseph Lamb, 1824.  
 Sylvester McIntire, 1824.  
 Jonathan Rice, 1825, '27.  
 Rufus Harris, 1825.  
 Ezra Davis, 1825.  
 Learned Davis, 1826, '28.  
 Joab Maynard, 1826, '27.  
 Thomas Warner, 1826.  
 Jonathan Davis, Jr., 1826, '28,  
     '29.  
 Ebenezer Rich, 1826, '27, '30 to  
     '36, '44.  
 Benjamin F. Town, 1827 to 1831.  
 Alexander DeWitt, 1828 to 1830.  
 Nathaniel Davis, 1829.  
 William Robinson, Jr., 1830.  
 Samuel Davis, 1830.  
 Jonas Larned, 1831, '32.  
 Seth Daniels, 1831, '32.  
 Alexander C. Thurston, 1832 to  
     1838.  
 Amos Johnson, 1833 to 1835.  
 Justin Root, 1833, '34.  
 Samuel Mayo, 1835, '36.  
 Sylvanus Harris, 1836 to 1838.  
 Joseph Stafford, 1836.  
 Stephen Barton, 1837, '38.  
 Francis Sibley, 1837 to 1840.  
 Rufus Larned, 1837 to 1839, '44.  
 Jasper Brown, 1839 to 1841, '45,  
     '46, '50.  
 Nathaniel Brown, 1839 to 1841.  
 Rufus Eddy, 1839 to 1842.  
 Joseph Hudson, 1840, '42, '43.  
 Israel Sibley, 1841.  
 Cornelius Putnam, 1841.  
 Emory Sanford, 1842, '44.  
 Peter C. Bacon, 1842, '43.  
 Thomas Rich, 1842, '43.  
 David Barton, 1843, '44, '53, '54.  
 Timothy Aldrich, 1843.  
 Erastus Ormsbee, 1844, '45, '48,  
     '51.  
 Liberty Lamb, 1845, '46.  
 Rufus Moflitt, 1845.  
 Jonas Bacon, 1845, '46.

- John Fitts, 1846.  
 Walter L. Rosebrook, 1846.  
 Martin Boomer, 1847.  
 Ira Merriam, 1847, '48, '54, '58,  
   '60, '64.  
 Hiram Moffitt, 1847.  
 Thomas Clark, 1847.  
 Zenas M. Larned, 1847.  
 Samuel Aldrich, 1848, '49.  
 David Wait, 1849, '50.  
 Albert Huntington, 1849.  
 Marshall Pratt, 1850, '51.  
 Thomas Appleby, 1851, '52.  
 Samuel Davis, 1852, '53.  
 Joseph Pelton, 1852 to 1854.  
 Lament B. Corbin, 1855 to 1868,  
   '70, '71.  
 George W. Hartwell, 1855, '56.  
 John B. Pratt, 1855, '56.  
 Samuel W. Smith, 1857.  
 Theophilus W. Wilmarth, 1857,  
   '61 to '63.  
 Loren C. Parks, 1858.  
 Emory E. Harwood, 1859 to 1864.  
 Archibald Campbell, 1865 to 1867.  
 William E. Pease, 1865 to 1868,  
   '76, '77.  
 Edwin Bartlett, 1868, '78, '82, '83,  
   '84, '85, '88.
- Town Clerks.
- John Town, 1713.  
 Benoni Twichell, 1714.  
 Richard Moore, 1715 to 1720, '22,  
   '25 to '28, '30, '31, '33, '34.  
 John Comins, 1721, '23, '24.  
 Jonathan Ballard, 1729.  
 Isaac Larned, 1732, '36 to '38.  
 Israel Town, 1735.  
 Eleazer Ward, 1739 to 1746.  
 John Willson, 1747 to 1775.  
 Samuel Harris, 1776 to 1798.  
 Jonathan Harris, 1799 to 1811.  
 Archibald Campbell, 1812 to  
   1818.<sup>1</sup>  
 Samuel Smith, 1819 to 1823.  
 Benjamin F. Town, 1824 to 1825.
- Reuben Rich, 1869, '73, '82.  
 Charles A. Sigourney, 1869.  
 Charles A. Angell, 1870, '71, '73.  
 Asa B. Taft, 1869 to 1871.  
 George Hodges, 1872, '74, '75,  
   '79 to '81.  
 Samuel R. Barton, 1872, '74, '75,  
   '89.  
 Samuel C. Paine, 1873.  
 John D. Hudson, 1873, '76, '77.  
 Isaac B. Hartwell, 1873.  
 James B. Campbell, 1874 to 1876.  
 Ausman H. Davis, 1877.  
 Lucian M. Chaffee, 1878.  
 William H. Thurston, 1878.  
 Ebenezer D. Rich, 1879 to 1881.  
 Willis M. Wellington, 1879.  
 John Lamb, 1880, '81.  
 Allen L. Joslin, 1882, '83.  
 Alfred W. Long, 1883, '84, '85,  
   88.  
 Fred. G. Hyde, 1884.  
 Joseph L. Woodbury, 1885, '86,  
   '87, '88.  
 John E. Kimball, 1886, '87.  
 David Merriam, 1886, '87, '90.  
 Walter D. Tyler, 1889, '90.  
 Charles O. Wallace, 1889.  
 William H. H. Thurston, 1890.

<sup>1</sup> Campbell died Oct., 1818. David Batcheller was clerk until Smith was chosen.

## Treasurers.

Richard Moore, 1721, '29.	Jonathan Davis, 1818, '27 to '29.
Samuel Davis, 1732, '34, '37 to '41.	John Mayo, Jr., 1819, '20.
Jonathan Ballard, 1742, '43.	Abijah Davis, 1821.
Jonathan Town, 1745.	Peter Butler, 1822 to 1824, '38.
Israel Town, 1746 to 1749.	William Sigourney, 1825, '26.
William Davis, 1750 to 1752, '57, '58.	Stearns DeWitt, 1830, '31.
Duncan Campbell, 1753, '54.	Hollis DeWitt, 1833 to 1835.
Thomas Davis, 1755, '56.	Jonas Larned, 1836.
Josiah Wolcott, 1759 to 1771.	Alexander C. Thurston, 1837.
William Campbell, 1772 to 1776.	Ebenezer Rich, 1839 to 1841.
Samuel Harris, 1777 to 1780, '87 to '94.	Alexander DeWitt, 1842, '43.
Levi Davis, 1781, '82.	Jasper Brown, 1844 to 1846.
John Dana, 1783, '84.	Alvan G. Underwood, 1847 to 1855.
James Butler, 1785, '86, '95 to '1805, '07, '13.	Charles A. Angell, 1856 to 1860, '65 to '68, '70 to '73, '78 to '80.
Joshua Turner, 1806.	Emory Sanford, 1861 to 1864.
Marvin Moore, 1808 to 1811.	Wilson Olney, 1869.
Nathan Hall, 1814 to 1817.	James B. Campbell, 1874 to 1876.
	George W. Sigourney, 1881.
	Allen L. Joslin, 1882 to 1890.

## Moderators, Annual Meeting.

John Town, 1714, '17 to '19, '21, '22, '31.	Sylvanus Town, 1805 to 1807.
Isaac Learned, 1720, '29.	Jonathan Davis, 1808, '18, '27, '28.
Benoni Twichell, 1723, '24.	James Butler, 1809, '13.
Richard Moore, 1725, '30, '33.	Marvin Moore, 1810 to 1812.
Ebenezer Learned, 1726 to 1728, '34, '40, '44 to '48, '53, '56, '57, '60, '62, '65.	Abijah Davis, 1814 to 1817, '19, '20, '23.
Samuel Davis, 1732, '35 to '38, '41 to '43, '49 to '52, '55.	Rufus Moore, 1821, '22.
Eleazer Ward, 1739.	Charles G. Prentiss, 1824.
Benjamin Davis, 1754, '58.	Peter Butler, 1825.
Samuel Manning, 1759.	Stephen Barton, 1826, '31, '34 to '39.
Duncan Campbell, 1761.	Ira Barton, 1829.
Thomas Davis, 1763.	Alexander DeWitt, 1830, '32, '33, '42.
Edward Davis, 1764, '66, '68, '69, '72 to '75, '79, '80.	Jasper Brown, 1840, '41, '43 to '46, '50.
Josiah Wolcott, 1767, '70, '76, '81 to '84, '86, '88 to '95.	Martin Boomer, 1847, '48.
Ebenezer Learned, 1777, '78, '85, '87.	Stephen Davis, 1849, '51.
Ebenezer Humphrey, 1796 to 1800.	Samuel C. Paine, 1852 to 1854, '58, '69, '73, '76, '78, '79, '83.
Sylvanus Learned, 1801 to 1804.	Jonathan P. Dana, 1855 to 1857.

George Hodges, 1859 to 1863, '72, '74, '75, '77, '80, '81.	Ezra C. Whittlesey, 1882.
Lament B. Corbin, 1864 to 1868, '70, '71.	Charles I. Rawson, 1884.
	Edwin Bartlett, 1885.
	John E. Kimball, 1886 to 1890.

## Assessors.

The first Board of Assessors chosen was in 1778, the Selectmen having previously filled that office.

Samuel Harris, 1778, '80, '82, '83, '85.	Timothy Lamson, 1808.
Ebenezer Learned, 1778, '79.	Elijah Pratt, 1809.
Elisha Davis, 1778.	Jonas Eddy, 1810.
Edward Davis, 1779.	Abisha Learned, 1812, '14, '15, '18, '21, '25, '47.
Alexander Campbell, 1779.	Ebenezer Pratt, 1813, '17.
John Dana, 1780, '90.	Thomas Davis, 1815.
John Pratt, 1780, '81, '95 to '98, 1809, '10.	Jeremiah Pratt, 1816.
Levi Davis, 1781.	Samuel Smith, 1817, '19, '20, '22, '25, '29 to '31, '40, '42, '47.
Ephraim Russell, 1781, '82, '92 to '94, '99, 1800, '05.	Richard Moore, 1818.
Collins Moore, 1782.	Isaac Stone, 1819, '20, '22, '23.
Elias Pratt, 1783, '84, '99 to 1802, '06, '11, '12.	Jeremiah Kingsbury, 1821.
Sylvanus Town, 1783 to 1786.	Learned Davis, 1822 to 1824, '27, '31 to '35, '37, '40, '42, '49.
Marvin Moore, 1784.	Samuel Harris, 1822.
Amos Shumway, Jr., 1785 to 1789, '91 to '94, '98, '99, 1801, '03, '04, '05.	Charles G. Prentiss, 1824 to 1828.
Amasa Kingsbury, 1786.	Jeremiah Learned, 1824, '26 to '29.
Lemuel Crane, 1787, '88.	Joab Maynard, 1828 to 1830.
Allen Hancock, 1787 to 1791, '95 to '97.	Jonathan Rice, 1830.
Sylvanus Learned, 1789, '90, '92 to '97.	Richard Stone, 1831.
Abijah Davis, 1791, 1800.	Hollis DeWitt, 1832 to 1834.
Jonathan Davis, 1798, <sup>1</sup> 1802 <sup>2</sup> to 1804, '08, <sup>3</sup> '11 to '14, '18, '21.	Thomas W. Chapman, 1832.
Nehemiah Davis, 1801 to 1804, '16.	Cyrus Lamb, 1833, '37, '38, '40, '44.
Jonathan Harris, 1805 to 1807, '10, '11, '13.	Stephen Barton, Jr., 1834, '37.
William T. Fisk, 1808, '09, '14, '15, '17.	Emory Sanford, 1835, '36, '41, '46, '51, '52, '54.
John Mayo, Jr., 1806, '07, '16, '19, '20, '26.	Sylvester McIntire, 1835.
	Wilson Olney, 1836, '48, '54.
	Jonathan Davis, Jr., 1836, '43, '47.
	Samuel Davis, 1838, '39.
	Josiah S. Prentice, 1838, '39, '45, '46.
	Rufus Moffitt, 1839.
	Daniel Davis, 1841.

<sup>1</sup> Styled "Major."<sup>2</sup> Styled "Colonel."<sup>3</sup> Styled "General."

- Andrew Sigourney, 1841.  
 Moses Stone, 1842, '43, '48, '59.  
 Jonas Larned, 1843.  
 Francis Sibley, 1844.  
 Jasper Brown, 1844, '51, '53.  
 Israel Sibley, 1845.  
 David Wait, 1845.  
 Vester Vassall, 1846.  
 Seth Daniels, 1848.  
 Erastus Ormsbee, 1849, '50, '55.  
 Ira Merriam, 1849, '50, '61 to '63.  
 Stearns DeW. Harris, 1850.  
 Theophilus W. Wilmarth, 1852,  
     '56, '58 to '60, '64, '67.  
 Charles A. Sigourney, 1851.  
 Albert H. Daniels, 1852.  
 Increase S. Hawes, 1853 to 1855.  
 George Hodges, Jr., 1853, '72.  
 Elias B. Crawford, 1855.  
 Samuel W. Smith, 1856, '61, '62.  
 William H. Thurston, 1856.  
 Archibald C. Harris, 1857.  
 Reuel S. Davis, 1857.  
 Franklin G. Daniels, 1857, '58.  
 Thomas D. Shumway, 1858, '59.  
 Edward W. Bardwell, 1860.  
 John B. Pratt, 1860 to 1865, '67  
     to '70.  
 James B. Campbell, 1863.  
 Benjamin W. Childs, Jr., 1864.  
 James M. Sanford, 1865, '66, '71,  
     '81, '82.  
 Jotham Fitts, 1865, '66, '68, '69,  
     '71, '72, '74, '75.
- Hosea B. Grover, 1866, '80.  
 George W. Olney, 1867.  
 Charles A. Angell, 1868.  
 Charles A. Rallion, 1869, '70.  
 John D. Hudson, 1870, '71, '81.  
 Russell A. Davis, 1872.  
 Selectmen Assessors, 1873.  
 James Taylor, 1874.  
 Dennis S. B. Gates, 1874, '75.  
 George H. Baker, 1875.  
 Jonathan P. Dana, 1876, '77.  
 Moses H. Buffum, 1876, '78, '79,  
     '81.  
 Dana L. Ballard, 1876.  
 Willis M. Wellington, 1877 to  
     1879, '82, '83, '89.  
 Abel M. Chaffee, 1877.  
 A. Burrill Yeomans, 1878, '79.  
 Charles I. Rawson, 1880.  
 Denny S. Putnam, 1880.  
 Amasa M. Stowe, 1882.  
 Richard L. Dodge, 1883, '84.  
 Edward T. Hallowell, 1883, '84,  
     '85, '90.  
 Alvin R. Bowditch, 1884.  
 John D. Hudson, 1885.  
 Moses H. Buffum, 1885.  
 Edward S. Pease, 1886.  
 Albert W. Cargel, 1886, '88, '89.  
 John W. Robinson, 1886, '87.  
 William E. Pease, 1887, '88.  
 James Conlin, 1887, '88, '90.  
 Alfred M. Chaffee, 1889, '90.

#### School Committee.

The first School Committee chosen in Oxford was in 1809, prior to which date the selectmen and the ministers of the town had the oversight of the schools. The Committees chosen by the town were called "Committees of Inspection," to distinguish them from "Prudential" committees, which were chosen by each district to hire teachers and manage financial affairs.

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| Amos Shumway, Jr., 1809.                   | Jonathan Davis, 1810 to 1815.                                       |
| Jeremiah Kingsbury, 1809, '10,<br>'12.     | William T. Fisk, 1811, '16, '17.<br>Abijah Davis, 1811.             |
| Peter Butler, 1809, '10, '12, '13,<br>'20. | Abisha Learned, 1813 to 1816,<br>'18, '20, '22, '25, '26, '28, '29. |

- Delano Pierce, 1814, '15, '18, '19, '22, '26, '27, '29 to '32.  
 Bela Tiffany, 1816, '19.  
 Stephen Davis, 1817, '18, '22, '26, '28 to '32.  
 Richard Moore, 1817.  
 Jonathan Davis, Jr., 1819, '28, '30, '31.  
 Samuel Harris, 1820, '21.  
 Andrew W. Porter, 1821.  
 Learned Davis, 1821.  
 Stephen Learned, 1823, '24.  
 Wilson Olney, 1823, '32.  
 Charles G. Prentiss, 1823, '24, '26 to '28.  
 Ira Barton, 1824 to 1826, '29, '33.  
 Richard Stone, 1827, '28, '30 to '32, '34.  
 John Mellish, 1827, '30.  
 Moses Stone, 1827.  
 Ebenezer Newhall, 1828 to 1832.  
 John Slater, 1828, '29.  
 Lyman Maynard, 1829 to 1832.  
 Alexander DeWitt, 1832.  
 Loren Robbins, 1833 to 1835.  
 Seth Chandler, 1833, '34.  
 Stephen Barton, Jr., 1833 to 1835.  
 Samuel C. Paine, 1833, '34, '43.  
 Orlando Chester, 1835.  
 Addison Knight, 1835, '36.  
 David Holman, 1835 to 1839, '43.  
 Josiah S. Prentice, 1835, '36, '39.  
 Horatio Bardwell, 1837, '38, '40 to '51, '55 to '57, '61.  
 Benjamin Paine, 1837.  
 Jonathan P. Dana, 1837, '38, '48, '52 to '57, '61 to '69, '71 to '78.  
 Peter C. Bacon, 1839.  
 Luman Boyden, 1840.  
 A. Smith Lyon, 1840 to 1842, '44 to '46.  
 William B. Stone, 1841.  
 Freeman Nutting, 1842.  
 Jeremiah D. Moore, 1844.  
 Alfred Barnes, 1845, '46.  
 Amos Walton, 1847.  
 R. M. Byram, 1847.
- Albert Huntington, 1848.  
 Isaac N. Hobart, 1849 to 1851.  
 J. S. J. Gridley, 1849.  
 Albert A. Cook, 1850, '51.  
 Jonathan Nichols, 1852, '53.  
 Reuel S. Davis, 1852.  
 Albert Tyler, 1853, '54, '82 to '84, '87.  
 Joseph Hodges, Jr., 1854.  
 Lewis M. Learned, 1855, '56, '58 to '60.  
 Albert Lackey, 1857 to 1860, '67 to '69.  
 John B. Pratt, 1858.  
 Nelson Bartholomew, 1859 to 1861.  
 Nathaniel Eddy, 1859, '61 to '64, '67, '68.  
 James C. Mills, 1860 to 1862, '68 to '70.  
 William Newton, 1862 to 1864.  
 Joseph Smith, 1863 to 1865.  
 Samuel J. Austin, 1865 to 1867.  
 William H. Harding, 1865.  
 Edwin Bartlett, 1866 to 1868.  
 Daniel E. Chapin, 1867.  
 Walter L. Rosebrook, 1867.  
 Theophilus W. Wilmarth, 1867.  
 Lyman A. Wetherell, 1867, '68.  
 Cyrus Kidder, 1867, '68.  
 George Hodges, 1867 to 1869.  
 Isaac B. Hartwell, 1867 to 1869, '74 to '76.  
 E. Harris Howland, 1869 to 1871.  
 Daniel Wait, 1870.  
 Martha E. Stone, 1870.  
 James W. Lathrop, 1871 to 1873.  
 William W. Wilson, 1871.  
 Fred. A. Olney, 1872.  
 William Newton, 1872.  
 Thomas E. Babb, 1873 to 1876.  
 Samuel C. Willis, Jr., 1873, '79.  
 Oliver Ayer, 1876 to 1879.  
 George H. Dodge, 1877, '80 to '82, '90.  
 William F. Lhoyd, 1878 to 1883.  
 Byron Stone, 1880, '81.  
 H. H. Beaman, 1881.

James O. Copp, 1882, '83.  
Thomas J. Maxwell, 1883.  
Sarah A. E. Joslin, 1883.

William B. Cushman, 1884, '88.  
John E. Kimball, 1885.  
Albert W. Cargel, 1886, '89.

### Constables.

The Constable was formerly one of the most important of the town officials. He was sworn to carefully intend the preservation of the peace, to execute all warrants sent by lawful authority, to faithfully attend to all directions and orders of the court, to collect and levy all such fines, distresses, rates, assessments and sums of money as he should have warrants for, to serve all writs, executions and distresses faithfully, making due return thereof, "without any sinister respects of favor or displeasure."

Thomas Hunkins, 1713.  
Benjamin Nealand, 1714.  
Benoni Twichell, 1715.  
Abraham Skinner, 1716.  
Isaac Larned, 1717.  
Israel Town, 1718.  
Jonathan Town, 1719.  
Daniel Chamberlain, 1720.  
Thomas Gleason, 1721.  
Abial Lamb, 1722.  
Ebenezer Humphrey, 1723.  
Joseph Wiley, 1724.  
Samuel Baker, 1725.  
Richard Gleason, 1726.  
Jacob Comins, 1727.  
Joseph Rocket, 1728.  
Oliver Shumway, 1729.  
Elijah Moore, 1730.  
Samuel Eddy, 1731.  
John Eddy, 1732.  
Jonathan Pratt, Jr., 1733.<sup>1</sup>  
Samuel Town, n., 1734.  
Collins Moore, s.  
Moses Gleason, n., 1735.  
Philip Amidown, s.  
Caleb Barton, n., 1736.  
Jacob Willson, s.  
Caleb Barton, n., 1737.  
Josiah Kingsbury, s.  
Daniel Hovey, n., 1738.  
John Mayo, s.

Jeremiah Shumway, n., 1739.  
William Davis, s.  
Jonas Pratt, n., 1740.  
Samuel Davis, Jr., s.  
Abial Lamb, Jr., n., 1741.  
Richard Moore, Jr., s.  
Obadiah McIntire, n., 1742.  
John Willson, s.  
William Hudson, n., 1743.  
Isaac Larned, s.  
John Town, n., 1745.  
Timothy Harris, s.  
John Wiley, n., 1746.  
Edward Davis, s.  
Josiah Learned, n., 1747.  
Theodore Kingsbury, s.  
Ebenezer Eddy, n., 1748.  
Thomas Davis, s.  
Samuel Ward, n., 1749.  
John Nichols, s.  
Joseph Pratt, n., 1750.  
James Hovey, s.  
Jedediah Barton, n., 1751.  
John Larned, s.  
Nathaniel Blood, w.<sup>2</sup>  
Phinehas Ward, n., 1752.  
Daniel Davis, s.  
Ebenezer McIntire, w.  
Ebenezer Eddy, n., 1753.  
Elisha Davis, s.  
John Dresser, w.

<sup>1</sup> After this date a constable was chosen for each part of the town, north and south.

<sup>2</sup> This year, and until 1755, when Charlton was

set off, a constable for the west part of the town was chosen.

- Jacob Fellows, n., 1754.  
 Jonas Coller, s.  
 Samuel Streeter, w.  
 Jonathan Cutler, n., 1755.  
 Ephraim Ballard, s.  
 Alexander Nichols, n., 1756.  
 Ephraim Ballard, s.  
 Alexander Nichols, n., 1757.  
 Isaac Larned, s.  
 John Town, Jr., n., 1758.  
 William Campbell, s.  
 Ebenezer Davis, n., 1759.  
 Ebenezer Coburn, s.  
 Joseph Hudson, n., 1760.  
 Amos Shumway, s.  
 Moses Town, n., 1761.  
 Thomas Town, s.  
 Joshua Merriam, n., 1762.  
 John Davis, s.  
 Ebenezer Eddy, n., 1763.  
 Jeremiah Kingsbury, s.  
 Joseph Phillips, Jr., n., 1764.  
 John Dalrymple, s.  
 Samuel Eddy, n., 1765.  
 Jeremiah Shumway, s.  
 Daniel Hovey, n., 1766.  
 John Willson, Jr., s.  
 Isaac Putnam, n., 1767.  
 John Dana, s.  
 Asa Conant, n., 1768.  
 Daniel Gleason, s.  
 Israel Phillips, n., 1769.  
 John Dana, s.  
 Daniel Phillips, n., 1770.  
 Abijah Harris, s.  
 Jonathan Pratt, Jr., n., 1771.  
 Ebenezer Humphrey, s.  
 Elias Pratt, n., 1772.  
 Ephraim Ballard, s.  
 Jesse Stone, n., 1773.  
 Benjamin Hudson, s.  
 John Ballard, n., 1774.  
 John Mayo, s.  
 Samuel Learned, n., 1775.  
 Samuel Davis, Jr., s.  
 Andrew Patch, n., 1776.
- Joseph Hurd, s.  
 Andrew Patch, n., 1777.  
 Joseph Kingsbury, s.  
 Joshua Turner, n., 1778.  
 Joseph Hurd, s.  
 Sylvanus Town, n., 1779.  
 Levi Davis, s.  
 Andrew Patch, n., 1781.  
 Ebenezer Davis, Jr., s.  
 William Hudson, n., 1782.  
 Richard Coburn, s.  
 Reuben Lamb, n., 1783.  
 Ephraim Russell, s.  
 Anthony Sigourney, n., 1784.  
 Josiah Wolcott, s.  
 John Pratt was chosen, Wolcott  
     having been excused.  
 David Stone, n., 1785.  
 Jacob Larned, s.  
 Joshua Turner, n., 1787.  
 Jeremiah Kingsbury, s.  
 Sylvanus Town, n., 1788 to 1790.  
 Samuel Campbell, s.  
 Gideon Hovey, n., 1791.  
 Sylvanus Town, s.  
 Sylvanus Town, 1792.  
 Jonathan Davis, 1794.  
 Jonas Eddy, n., 1795.  
 Jonathan Harris, s.  
 John Merriam, n., 1796.  
 John Larned, Jr., s.  
 Sylvanus Town, n., 1797.  
 Jonathan Harris, s.  
 Jonathan Harris, 1798, 1801.  
 John Merriam, n., 1799.  
 John Mayo, s.  
 John Mayo, 1800, 1801.  
 Jonathan Harris, 1802.  
 William Lamson, collector, 1802.  
 Archibald Campbell, collector,  
     1803.  
 Archibald Campbell, constable and  
     collector, 1804.  
 William Moore, constable and col-  
     lector, 1805, 1806.  
 Timothy Lamson, constable, 1807.

Amos Shumway, Jr., collector.	Washburn Lombard, 1848.
John Pratt, Jr., constable and collector, 1808, 1809.	Josiah S. Prentice, 1849 to 1851.
Rufus Larned, 1810.	Samuel Aldrich, 1853, '54.
Archibald Campbell, 1811.	Dennis S. B. Gates, 1855.
John Mayo, collector.	Otis Learned, 1856.
Charles Town, constable and collector, 1812 to 1816.	Orrin W. Chaffee, 1857, '58, '60 to '66, '82 to '86.
Samuel Kingsbury, Jr., 1817 to 1819.	Lovell H. Cleveland, 1859.
Jonas Larned, 1820, '23 to '32, '36.	Charles A. Angell, collector, 1867, '68, '70 to '73, '78, '79.
Alexander C. Thurston, 1821, '22, '33 to '35, '37, '38, '41, '42.	James M. Sanford, collector, 1869.
Alexander C. Thurston, constable, 1839.	James B. Campbell, collector, 1874 to 1876.
Samuel Aldrich, collector, 1839.	Benjamin F. White, collector, 1880.
Nahum Sibley, 1840.	Alvan R. Bowdish, collector, 1881.
Samuel Smith, 1843 to 1845, '52.	Erastus W. Whiting, collector, 1887, '88, '89.
Timothy Aldrich, 1846.	George S. Eddy, collector, 1890.
Sumner Putnam, 1847.	

## CHAPTER XII.

### OUT-LYING LANDS.

#### GRAND PROPRIETORS' LOTS. GRANTS IN SOUTH GORE AND VICINITY. NORTH GORE LANDS.

**"Grand Proprietors' Lots."** The territory of the original grant lying west of Oxford village, embracing 30,000 acres, and now constituting parts of Dudley, Charlton and Southbridge, was, as before stated, equally divided between the five original grantees, and styled "The Grand Proprietors' Lots." Of the southernmost 6,000 acres, Dudley's, the larger portion was in Dec., 1731, set off to form the town of Dudley, the western portion being now a part of Southbridge. In his will Mr. Dudley gave to his daughters, viz.: Rebecca, wife of Samuel Sewall, Jr.; Anne, wife of Adam Winthrop; Katherine, wife of Hon. William Dummer, and Mary, wife of — Wainwright, each 1,000 acres of land out of his 6,000 acres at Oxford, and to his nephew, Daniel Allen, and niece, Ann Hilton, who married Ebenezer Pierpont, each 500 acres of the same. His son Paul being residuary legatee inherited the remaining 1,000 acres. Through these children and their heirs the lands were sold to settlers.<sup>1</sup>

The second 6,000-acre lot, Blackwell's, was sold by his heirs, Frances, his widow, and John Blackwell, merchant, both of Bethnal Green, Stepney, England, 25 April, 1720, to Peter Papillon of Boston, mariner.<sup>2</sup> Papillon had four daughters, Elizabeth, who married first John Wolcott, and second, John Higginson, both of Salem; Katherine, who married 4 July, 1734, George Gibbs, and died before 4 July, 1749; Martha, who married first, Richard Williams of Boston

<sup>1</sup> On 23 March, 1736, Samuel Sewall and wife Rebecca petitioned the General Court for leave to sell a part of a lot of 500 acres in Dudley for the purpose of improving the remainder. From this petition we learn that in Dec., 1725, the Court had given permission to the Dudley heirs to sell one-half of their estate "in order to bring forward the settlement of the Township of Dudley." This action was necessary because said property was devised to the heirs of Dudley's children. [House Journal, III., 246.]

A deed executed 20 Oct., 1729, was signed by William Dudley as attorney for Paul Dudley, Samuel Sewall, Jr., and Rebecca, his wife, William Dummer of Newbury, and Katherine, his wife, Mary Wainwright, widow, Josiah Willard, guardian of children of Daniel Allen, deceased, and Ebenezer Pierpont and Ann, his wife, "devisees of the will of Joseph Dudley."

<sup>2</sup> On 18 June, 1723, £100 was ordered by the State authorities to be paid to Peter Papillon, captain of the ship "Flying horse," to be distributed to seamen who enlisted under him to pursue the pirate [Low] off the coast 9 June, 1722. [Gen. Court Rec.] He returned from his cruise 28 June, not having found the foe but brought in a brigantine which had been in his possession. In 1729 Papillon was styled "merchant." Savage supposed him to have been son of Peter, a Huguenot, who came as early as 1679.

In order to correct an error in Ammidown's His. Col., II., 580, it is proper to state that, according to the records, the only land owned by him in this region was this 6,000-acre tract, with the 2,000 acres called the "little lot," originally a part of Cox's 6,000 acres, all conveyed by Blackwell's heirs.

[rem. ab. 1741 to Oxford, where he d.], and second, John Ballard of Boston; and Mary, who married William Thomas of Plymouth, in 1739 styled mariner, and later physician.

After the decease of Papillon these lands, excepting several small lots previously sold by him, were divided among these four daughters. John Wolcott was administrator of his estate, and Isaac Larned, Rev. John Campbell and Col. Ebenezer Learned were chosen to make a division. John Wolcott received the southeast 500-acre lot [with other tracts further west], which 500 acres he and Higginson, the second husband of Elizabeth, sold chiefly to John Larned and Josiah Kingsbury. Richard Williams' portion embraced, besides a tract west in Charlton, the 500-acre lot at the east end, adjoining Wolcott's on the north, being the lot formerly occupied by Gibbs, on which he had built a house, then going to ruin. Here Williams is supposed to have built a new house in which he resided until his decease. Nearly the whole of this tract was sold by Williams' executor to Ebenezer Coburn.

In 1732 Moses Marcy of Woodstock bought of Papillon the water-power and land contiguous, at what is now Southbridge centre, which he improved. The balance of the Papillon tract was sold in lots to suit purchasers by his heirs before mentioned.

The third 6,000 acres, Stoughton's, who was unmarried, was in 1704 divided among four heirs, as follows: To William Taylor one-fourth; to John Nelson and his wife Elizabeth one-fourth; to Rev. John Danforth and Elizabeth, his wife, one-fourth; and to Thomas Cooper and his wife Mehitable one-fourth.<sup>1</sup> On 5 Dec., 1717, John Nelson and wife Elizabeth sold one-third of 6,000 acres to Samuel Brown of Salem, and from a deed dated 29 March, 1768, Blaney to Brown, we learn that Brown purchased also on 28 June, 1718, of William Cooper another third part of the estate, making 4,000 acres which he owned. In 1734 land of Samuel Brown was sold for taxes. We find no records of conveyances from him. At the time of the Revolution William Brown owned a large portion of this tract, and being a loyalist it was confiscated to the State. Lemuel Kallock of Wrentham was appointed by the General Court to learn the extent of Brown's interests and to give deeds of division of lands. Joseph Blaney of Salem, whose wife, Abigail, may have been daughter of Samuel Brown, was also a large owner. Nathaniel Dowse of Salem in 1752 became owner of several hundred acres which descended from the Danforth share. In 1771 the heirs of William Taylor and Mather Byles and wife Rebecca sold more than 1,000 acres to Samuel Danforth of Cambridge, Elizabeth Williams of Roxbury, Elijah Dunbar of Stoughton, and Hannah, wife of Rev. John Searl, of Stoneham.

<sup>1</sup>The persons representing the Stoughton interest who signed in 1713 the deed to Oxford village settlers were William Taylor, Peter Sar-

gent and wife Mehitable [Cooper having died and Mehitable m. Sargent?], John Danforth and wife, and John Nelson and wife.

On 23 May, 1782, the then owners of the 6,000 acres made a division as follows: A line running east and west was drawn through the tract, Lemuel Kallock (representing the State), and Joseph Blaney received the part lying north of said line, and Samuel Danforth of Boston, physician, Elizabeth Danforth of Boston, Elijah Dunbar of Stoughton and Joseph Dowse of Salem that lying south thereof.<sup>1</sup>

In 1784 John Fessenden, Caleb Amidown and Jonathan Warner, a committee to sell confiscated estates in Worcester County, represented to the Supreme Court that there were in Oxford and Charlton 3,000 acres of unimproved lands, of which "two-thirds belonged to William Brown of Salem, conspirator, now the property of the Commonwealth, and one-third to Joseph Blaney, all common and undivided," and asked for a division, which was granted. Dec. 4, 1784, a division was agreed upon, Blaney being then of Windham, Me. In 1785 a large part of his share was sold on execution. Thus the Brown lands, which had lain long unimproved, were brought into market. On 12 April, 1785, eight 100-acre lots, excepting 60 acres previously disposed of, were sold by the committee to Ebenezer Davis for £835. Jacob Davis was purchaser of several lots, and many deeds appear on the records of parts of "Brown Lands" sold by the State's committee. That part of the 6,000 acres lying south of the dividing line was distributed by Danforth and Dunbar to purchasers for settlement.

The fourth division, Cox's, was deeded 28 June, 1701, by Daniel Cox, physician, of London, to his son Daniel. The tract was early subdivided, the northern third having been conveyed to Thomas Freak of Hammington, Wiltshire, Eng., and the southern to John Blackwell, Cox retaining the central third. Freak deeded, 20 Feb., 1709, his 2,000 acres in trust for Mary the daughter of his son John, then a merchant of Boston. She married, 1 May, 1694, Josiah Woleott of Salem, and 16 Dec., 1730, being then a widow, deeded the 2,000 acres to Edward Kitchen and Freke, his wife, of Salem, who sold in lots to settlers.

The southern third part was sold by Blackwell's heirs, with his large 6,000-acre lot, to Peter Papillon, and divided with that among

<sup>1</sup> Mr. D. T. V. Huntoon gives the following as the manner in which Dunbar came into possession of these lands: "Gov. Stoughton was unmarried. His sister Hannah married James Minot, they had a daughter Elizabeth, who married Rev. John Danforth of Dorchester; their daughter Hannah married Rev. Samuel Dunbar, and Elijah was their son. [A descendant, John Danforth Dunbar, was in 1795, and for several subsequent years, a lawyer at Charlton. In March, 1801, he was of Plymouth.]

A memorandum of several visits to Oxford and Charlton in 1779, 1782 and 1783 by Mr. Dunbar to look after his land interests, is in possession of his descendants. Other persons interested as owners were with him. Under date 10 Oct., 1782, he says: "dined at Lord's [hotel at Oxford Centre], go to Capt. Hancock's [Timothy Aldrich

place, II. 58] . . . 11th set off from Manchaug corner ["Waters"—Ebenezer was surveyor, and Hancock and Levi Davis chainmen] went as far as the new village line: lodge at Hancock's.—12th, set off from a stump shown by Capt. John Larned to be ye place where ye lettered oak tree formerly stood, and run N. 2° W., touching Augutteback pond [lower pond at Howarth's] . . . find a heap of stones supposed to be the old corner of sd line. 15th, Waters, Kallock and self went and made ye S. E. corner of ye new village line [on the west side the river, now the west line of Howarth's estate]. 30th, Amidown and self walk to ye pine tree at Worcester—General Learned with us,—find by ye corner of ye line between Sutton and Oxford that it varies 2' from Gore's survey."

his heirs into four equal portions of 500 acres each. The easterly 500 acres, which extended into Oxford to the village line, was drawn by Richard Williams, and embraced the mill privilege known as John Rich's, in Charlton. In 1747 Williams sold this water-power to Jonathan, Jr., and Ephraim Ballard, who there built a saw-mill. In 1754 Ephraim sold to Jonathan, who continued to operate the mill, built a potash factory, and added to his estate, and on 11 April, 1774, sold to Ebenezer Davis and David Rich, both of Charlton, 180 acres, part in Oxford and part in Charlton. In 1777 Davis sold to Rich, who added a grist-mill and early in the present century a wool carding mill. He died there, leaving as his successor his son, John H., who lived to old age, operating the mills, and died there 9 Oct., 1883.

The remainder of the southern one-third was allotted to John Wolcott, Molly Papillon, later Mrs. William Thomas, and Katharine [Mrs. George Gibbs] 500 acres each.

The central third remained the property of Daniel Cox, Jr., who came to America and died 1737 at Trenton, N. J. His heirs, after many years, made Ezra Taylor of Southboro (later of Pownalsboro, Me.), their attorney. Numerous settlers had gone upon the premises and taken possession, and in a majority of cases, perhaps without controversy, sales were made to the occupants. Several suits, however, were brought for ejectment, and among them one became of much importance as a test case. This suit was brought by Taylor at the November term of 1771, in the Court of Common Pleas at Worcester, in the name of William Cox of Bristol, Pa., and others, against John Edwards of Charlton. Trial, June term, 1773, verdict for Cox *et al.* Edwards appealed to the higher court. The Revolutionary struggle coming on the case was not heard till 1780, when under the new State Constitution it came up before the Supreme Judicial Court and was prosecuted with great vigor. According to the report [printed in an appendix to Vol. 14, Mass., 491] the law of the case was argued several times by Paine [probably Robert Treat] for the demandants, and Sprague and Lincoln for the tenant, and after long consideration by the court judgment was finally entered, Oct. term, 1782, for the demandants. Two points were made for the tenant by his counsel: [1] The deed from Cox, Sen., to Cox, Jr., was not executed according to statute requirements. But the court held, nevertheless, that the execution of the deed in London had been sufficiently proved by the testimony of a resident of Philadelphia who witnessed its signature. [2] There had been no "livery of Seizin." On this point the court held, that in accordance with the common opinion of most colonial lawyers, the feudal ceremony of grantor going with grantee personally upon the premises conveyed and there giving him in hand the twig of a tree or a piece of turf from the soil as a symbolical delivery of the land was not necessary in Massachusetts. This is thought to be the first reported decision of an American court upon this subject. Of course after this decision Cox's title was not gen-

erally disputed, and Taylor was able to collect from other parties the sums due for lands. Deeds from Taylor to Charlton settlers are numerous.<sup>1</sup>

The fifth 6,000 acres, Thompson's, descended to his four daughters, who received each 1,000 acres of the west portion, and his only son Joseph, who received 2,500 acres, the east part, there being an overplus of 500 acres. Joseph was of Nonsuch Park, Parish of Ewell, Surrey, Eng., and his heirs living on 7 March, 1754, were Thomas Whately, Sen., and his wife Mary, who were also of Nonsuch Park, Thomas Whately, Jr., Stamp Brooksbank and wife Elizabeth. These at that date deeded to Ebenezer Learned and Edward Davis the said tract of 2,500 acres.<sup>2</sup> Davis owned the west part and settled his sons upon it. Learned received the portion bounding east on the Maanexit at North Oxford, embracing the present Texas Village. From a record, CII., 591, we learn that Thomas Whately died possessed "partly by inheritance from his ancestor Robert Thompson and partly by purchase" of two-thirds of the original 6,000 acres, he having bought the interest of the four daughters, therefore Joseph, son of said Thomas Whately, being "of said Nonsuch Park, Clerk, and Professor in Gresham College, and the only surviving heir of said Thomas," on 16 Oct., 1786, deeded to Samuel Danforth of Boston, physician, the said two-thirds or 4,000 acres of the westerly portion of the original tract. Deeds from Danforth to settlers are numerous.

**South Gore and Vicinity. Hobart Grant.** Prior to the year 1628 a corporation was formed in London of "Adventurers for a Plantation intended att Mattachusetts Bay in Newe England in America." An account of George Harwood, Treasurer, appears on page 1, vol. 2, of the Probate Records of Suffolk County, the heading of which is as follows:—

"IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

"LONDON, May, 1628.

"Sundrie men owe unto the general stock of the Adventurers for a plantation intended att Mattachusetts Bay in newe England in America, the some of ten thousand one hundredth and sixtie pounds, and is for soemuch undertaken by the particular persons mentioned hereafter by these several subscriptions to be by them adventured in this joint and geaeral stock . . . for the plantation, whereunto the Almighty grant prosperous and happy succese that the same may redound to his glorie the . . . of the Gospell of Jesus Christ, and the particular good of the . . . adventurers that now are or hereafter shall be interested therein. The persons nowe to be made debt'rs to the gen'l stock [are] as followeth, vitzt." [Nearly 100 names are appended.]

Into the capital stock of this company Richard Westland of Boston, England, paid £50. Subscribers were entitled to lands in proportion to their payments. From a petition of Rev. Samuel Whiting of

<sup>1</sup> We are indebted to the courtesy of Maj. Courts in Worcester, for the facts in this case. William T. Harlow, First Assistant Clerk of

<sup>2</sup> Worcester Records, XXXV., 243.

Lynn, presented to the authorities, 28 May, 1679, we learn that Westland nearly 50 years before had made a deed of gift of his rights to the said Whiting, he being a brother-in-law. In this memorial he asks that five or six hundred acres of land might be set off to him, on which it was voted: "Granted to Mr. Whiting, Sen., and his heires six hundred acres of Land."<sup>1</sup> After Mr. Whiting's decease, upon application of Mrs. Elizabeth Hobart; his daughter, and sole heir, in 1717, the grant of 600 acres was set off to her at the north end of Chaubunagungamaug Pond.<sup>2</sup>

On 7 May, 1718, Elizabeth Hobart of Hartford, widow of Jeremiah Hobart, clergyman, late of Haddam, for £60, deeded this estate to Josiah Dwight, first minister of Woodstock, who on 28 May, 1726, sold the same for £550 to Josiah Kingsbury of Needham.<sup>3</sup> In 1732 Josiah Kingsbury sold the north part of this tract to his son Theodore and in 1737 the south part to his son Josiah, who both occupied as settlers.

The original grant to Mrs. Hobart included the "Falls," the spot where, before 1728, on the stream issuing from Chaubunagungamaug, the first saw-mill was built. George Robinson in 1719 bought the land adjoining on the west and had taken possession of the water-power and built a mill. In 1728 Josiah Kingsbury, in a petition to the General Court represents the facts and asks for a grant of 23 acres of poor land near the mouth of Sucker Brook as a compensation. The matter was referred to John Chandler, who reported "that there is cut off from the Original [Hobart] Survey . . . about three acres, on the same stands a Saw Mill the conveniency for which was a great inducement to carry the bounds of the farm so far westward." He then reviews and describes the land petitioned for and gives his opinion that it was hardly an equivalent to the "Fall or mill place."

**The Roxbury School Grant.** On 16 Oct., 1660, the General Court passed the following: "The Court Judgeth it meete to graunte the town of Roxbury five hundred acres of land towards the maintenance of a free school." On 24 Nov., 1715, a petition was presented to the Court signed by several citizens of Roxbury stating that a grant of 500 acres for the free school had been made in 1660, but had never been laid out, asking that action might be taken in the case; on which it was voted that leave be given to have a plan made and presented. On 14 Nov., 1718, a plot was returned, and said grant confirmed. According to this plot, now in the State archives, the mouth of Sucker Brook was the first bound, the line ran thence northeasterly, thence at a right angle southeasterly, thence at a right angle southwesterly to the pond, at what was later Mr. Campbell's line, about one-third of a mile south of Brown's cove or pond, so called, thence northerly following the shore of the pond, including all the long arm stretching into it, to the first bound at Sucker Brook.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. Court Rec., X., 171, 202.

<sup>2</sup> Mass. Rec., V., 232.

<sup>3</sup> Suffolk Records.

On 12 June, 1770, John Baker and Joseph Mayo of Roxbury, committee to sell the school lands, deeded to Hezekiah Bellows 279 acres of the southern portion of the tract, and 43 acres "on the neck." On 9 Feb., 1779, Bellows deeded to James Cudworth 324 acres, with a house and half a saw-mill. In June of the next year Cudworth, then living on the premises, sold the whole bought of Bellows to John Wight. On 12 June, 1781, Wight deeded back to Cudworth, who on 22 June, 1781, deeded the same, excepting half a saw-mill, reserved to Jacob Barrett, to Dr. James Gleason and Asa Robinson.

On 25 Feb., 1774, said Baker and Mayo, committee, deeded to Rev. Joseph Bowman of Oxford  $247\frac{1}{4}$  acres, the remainder of the original grant, being the northern portion, reserving a road for Bellows, then living on the south part. In 1774 Mr. Bowman deeded 100 acres of the northwest part to Oliver Barrett of Killingly, Conn., and on 9 July, 1777, 117 acres, part of the same, to Nathan Smith of Sutton. In 1780 Smith sold 15 acres on which was a saw-mill to Jacob Barrett. 1781 Bowman sold 55 acres to Hezekiah Bellows. On 13 June, 1782, Nathan Smith and Elizabeth, his wife, of South Gore, deeded to John Boyce of Mendon, housewright, 105 acres and buildings, being the northeast part of the Roxbury School Farm. In 1786 Boyce sold to Benoni Benson and Abraham Staples, both of Mendon, who in 1792 sold to Philip Brown, who occupied it and kept a public house. Marvin, his son, was later owner and occupant.

**Thompson Grant.** In May, 1683, on account of services rendered to the Provincee, a grant of 500 acres of land was made to Major Robert Thompson of London, which was confirmed to him Feb., 1727. It was bounded on the west by the Hobart or Kingsbury land, on the north by Oxford Village, and on the east by Dr. Douglas' land. On 26 Nov., 1803, Thomas Corbett and Elizabeth, his wife, she being heir and devisee of Robert Thompson of Elsham, County of Lincoln, England, deeded for \$750 the "Thompson farm" to James Butler of Oxford. Mr. Butler brought a suit for ejectment against Benjamin Davis and obtained possession. A large portion of this land is known as Douglas Woods. Reuben Dudley is present owner of a portion, which has been improved.

**Campbell Grant.** Rev. John Campbell, representing that he required aid in the work of the ministry at Oxford, and asking in 1736 for a grant of land, was voted his request. A plan in the State archives is endorsed:—

"This Plan . . . describes the boundary of 310 acres of land with a pond, lying south of Oxford on the Southeast side of Roxbury School farm, east from Dudley town on the east side of Chaubunagungamaug Pond, bounded east and south with a line of marked trees on the Provincee land, surveyed and laid out in pursuance of the grant of the General Court of this Provincee in their fall session of 1736 to the Rev. Mr. John Campbell of Oxford. By Isaac Larned surveyor, and Samuel Davis and John Larned chainmen. Surveyed 18 Mar. 1737 and ratified Jan. 1738."

The north line of this grant was about one-third of a mile southerly of what is known as Brown's Pond, and it extended south more than a mile on the lake shore, and east 118 rods from the lake at the southern extremity and 210 rods at the northern. On 20 March, 1765, Edward Wigglesworth, to whom it was sold by Mr. Campbell's executors, deeded it, estimating it at 400 acres, including a pond, to Levi Wight and Dr. James Gleason, both of Thompson Parish. Dr. Green of Leicester later held a mortgage upon it, and in 1777 his heirs quitclaimed it as follows: To Levi Wight 120 acres, to Dr. James Gleason 180 acres, and to Aaron Wakefield and Amos Wakefield each one-half of 100 acres. William Wakefield is named as one of the interested parties.

**Leonard Grant.** On 24 Jan., 1736, Elkanah Leonard of Middleboro petitioned for a grant of land as compensation for his services in prosecuting persons from Rhode Island who committed acts of violence on the gore of land in controversy between the two governments, which was granted. A survey was made by Isaac Larned, and a plot of 100 acres confirmed to him, lying northeast of Chaubunagungamaug and northwest of the Roxbury School Farm, 1 Jan., 1739. Leonard, 5 Jan., 1739, sold to John Jones of Hopkinton, who in 1748 conveyed the same to Roger Amidown, who in 1765 sold to Abijah Kingsbury. In his deed the bounds are given as follows:—

"100 acres, beginning at the northeast corner of the Roxbury school farm, thence southwesterly by said farm to the mouth of Sucker Brook; thence northerly by Josiah Kingsbury's land 120 rods; thence easterly 200 rods; thence southerly to the first bound."

On 3 June, 1768, Kingsbury deeded to Ichabod Chamberlain of Dudley, who, 2 Sept., 1783, deeded to Joseph Rawson of Dudley. He occupied the place for a few years and removed to the farm known as the Dexter Rawson place, which is now owned and occupied by his descendants.

**Ward Grant.** Eleazer Ward of Newtown, later of Oxford, about 1734 represented to the General Court that he had served many years in the Indian wars, and was in the expedition against Port Royal and was wounded, causing him much expense, that he was old and disabled by his hardships, had three sons, and no land to settle on, and asked for a grant: on which, 10 Dec., 1734, in the House of Representatives it was ordered that 150 acres be granted to him on conditions that he or his heirs or assigns settle the same within three years, build and finish a house at least 18 feet square and 7 feet stud, and break up or bring to five acres of English grass and well enclose the same. In April, 1735, a tract was laid out and confirmed to him, a plan of which is in the State archives endorsed as follows:—

"This plan contains 150 acres of Province Land which lyeth S. of Oxford, west from New Sherburn: bounded south on province land, west on a 500

acre farm called y<sup>e</sup> ‘minde farm,’ laid out for N. Ingham and his company.” Isaac Larned was the surveyor.<sup>1</sup>

On 18 July, 1741, he deeded to his son Samuel one-half his homestead in Oxford, and “two pieces of remote land, being a part of the grant of Gen. Court to me,” and in 1747, 90 acres near the south-east corner of Oxford, bounded, beginning at Manchaug Corner, etc. The easterly line of his original grant ran S. 15° E. 300 rods from Manchaug Corner.

The southernmost part of the Gore was occupied some years previous to 1744 by Joseph Chamberlain, his son Ebenezer, and his son-in-law Josiah Balch. In 1744 the State sold to them 320 acres, bounded on New Sherborn [now Douglas] on the east and the Connecticut line on the south. [See Chamberlain.] These several grants did not cover the whole area of the Gore lands. About 1,400 acres remained in lots of various size and form, and in 1769 passed into the possession of the “twenty proprietors of Douglas.” According to McIntire’s survey the Gore embraced 4,590 acres.<sup>2</sup>

**North Gore Lands.** In Oct., 1648, a petition, as follows, was presented to the General Court:—

“To the honored the Governor, Magistrates and Deputies of the General Court in Boston now assembled:

“The Petition of Herbert Pelham late of Cambridge in Mattachusett now for the present in England resident.

“Sheweth: That whereas there is to the said Herbert due from this Colonie of Mattachusett eight hundred acres of land for the consideration of and in reference unto a hundred pound about 17 years agoe, he the said Herbert with his father [Thomas Waldgrave] put into the common stock, it is therefore the desire of the said Herbert that you will be pleased to graunt to him the said number of akers, and what more you shall for his forbearance think convenient, in such place as not prejudicing any plantation he the said Herbert shall by his agents find out and allot upon, and that this Pr sent Court will further be pleased to answer so timeously your petitioner that upon notice given he may with all convenient speed effect his desire and make return thereof unto the Court, that whether Pr. sent or absent he may remaine ever mindful to be yours in what office of love he the said Herbert shall be able to Pleasure this Colonie.

“Presented the 19th day of the 8 m. 1648, in the name of Herbert Pelham, Esq., in his absence, by Henry Dunster at the motion of the said Herbert by his letters dated Ferrers, Apr. 4, 1648.”<sup>3</sup>

1648, Oct. 27. In answer to this petition, it was ordered that Mr. Pelham “should have his 400 akers of land,” and also the heirs of

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Ward had land granted him in Township No. 2, east of Connecticut River and adjoining the same, for services at Port Royal. He sold in 1737 to George Harrington, Sen., of Watertown.

This “mine farm” was probably named from the fact that iron ore was found there and it is supposed that “N. Ingham and his company,” who were of Boston, had obtained a grant as a speculation, but abandoned the enterprise.

<sup>2</sup> A thorough study of the early land grants and conveyances in the South Gore has been made by Benjamin A. Wakefield (a resident and

a descendant of one of the early settlers), to whom we are indebted for aid in preparing the foregoing.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Pelham was a man of high standing among the people of the “Mattachusett Colonie,” second to John Winthrop on the list of assistants, from 1645 to 1649, and the first treasurer of Harvard College. The subscription “to the common stock,” refers to that made in London for the aid and encouragement of the new colony then being organized for the settlement at Boston.

Thomas Waldgrave another “400 akers” in such place as “not prejudicing any plantation he the sd. Herbert shall, by his agents find out and allot upon.”

On 30 June, 1703, Penelope Winslow of Marshfield represented to the court that she was the daughter of Mr. Pelham, and that the said grant had never been laid out, and asked consideration. No action appears to have been at that time taken in the matter. Later Isaac and Elizabeth Winslow, only children and heirs of Dame Penelope Winslow, petitioned that the grants to Pelham and Waldgrave might be set off to them, upon which there appears to have been some action, as on 20 Nov., 1718, Isaac Winslow and Elizabeth Burton represented that they had selected and caused to be surveyed “according to the law in this case,” 400 acres, being one-half of the 800 acres due them. This plot, which was not in the vicinity of Oxford, was confirmed to them. Their rights in the second 400 acres they sold to Daniel Livermore of Weston, one of the proprietors and settlers at Leicester, who chose his 400 acres in the “Country Gore.” A plan is in the State archives, on the back of which is endorsed:—

“May 28, 1719. Pursuant to a grante of the Grate and General Court of eight hundred accers of Land I have Lay'd out to Daniell Livermore four hundred accers of land being one half of the above said eight hundred Acere Grante which was formerly granted to Mr. Havard Pellom, Esq., and Leatly Granted to Mr. Edward Pellom and Coll. Isaack Winslow, Esq., and his sister said land lying between Oxford and Leisvester bounded with Oxford line Every where Els with Country Land as is Signified in this plat. Surveyed pr David Haynes.”

The selection and laying out of land in the Gore seems to have awakened the interest of certain members of the General Court in the locality, and on 11 June, 1719, a committee (of which William Dudley was chairman) was appointed to take a plot of these lands, which reported a plan embracing 10,751 acres. In the House of Representatives, 11 Nov., 1719, it was—

“Ordered that the said ten thousand seven hundred and fifty-one acres be sold to the highest bidder, the Produce to be returned to the Public Treasury for the use of the Province . . . No one person to purchase above the quantity of 300 acres saving that 400 Acres may be laid out in the said tract in such convenient Place and Form as shall be approved by the said Committee, to ffullill that half of the grant of eight hundred Acres made to Herbert Pelham, Esq., which fell to Isaac Winslow and his sister.”<sup>1</sup>

On 16 June, 1721, William Dudley, Esq., informed the House that he had sold the 10,000 acres, etc., but could not give a title as it was not laid out to any *County*. Upon which it was resolved that the said 10,000 acres be annexed to and accounted a part of Suffolk County from this time.

<sup>1</sup> From the language of this order it is evident that the grant as laid out by the surveyor, Mr. Haynes, to Mr. Livermore had not at this date been confirmed to him; and the reason of this may have been that the form of the plat as presented was such as to interfere somewhat with a judicious disposition of the adjoining lands. Here his proprietorship in 400 acres in such *place*

and *form* as the committee shall approve is affirmed. The place of the grant was in the main the same, but the form, as appears from Livermore's deed, when he sold two years later, was materially changed. We find no other confirmation of Mr. Livermore's title than is contained in the above order.

It may well be supposed that a public sale of 10,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Oxford, Leicester and Worcester, must have awakened unusual interest, especially among the numerous land speculators of the day. The record of the sale does not appear, but we gather the names of most of the purchasers from the deeds, which were all dated 20 July, 1721, and recorded in the registry of Suffolk County at Boston.

John Meinzies a large owner at Leicester, Jonas Clark, William Dummer, Samuel Dummer, William Stoddard, James Alford and Edward Winslow, all of Boston; Edward Bridges, Daniel Weld, John Hely and Daniel Williams, all of Roxbury; Jonathan Stone and Uriah Angier, both of Watertown; Thomas Lyon of Dorchester, William Ward and Thomas How, both of Marlboro'; Nathaniel Hammond of Newtown and Rev. John Campbell of Oxford, bought each 300 acres. Benjamin Thompson of Roxbury bought a 500-acre lot, bounding north on Brookfield [now in Sturbridge]. Ebenezer Learned of Oxford bought a 300-acre lot and also one-half a 600-acre "gussett or gore," which was the acute angle of the plot extending east to Worcester corner, he having the east division and Mrs. Ann Stone, widow of John Stone of Framingham and the mother of Uriah Stone, the west portion, bounding north on Leicester, east on Ebenezer Learned, south on Oxford line and west partly on Daniel Livermore and partly on John Corey.<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Ann Stone died 25 March, 1733, at Framingham, and her son Daniel "administered on land in the Gore." [Barry.] This 300 acres came into the possession of James Stone, a son of Ann, who in 1735 sold 200 acres, that portion lying east of the river, to Gibbs. After passing through the hands of several owners it came in 1772 again into the possession of the Stone family, Uriah being the purchaser. The western portion was sold in 1745 by James Stone to his brother Uriah of Framingham, who removed and spent his remaining years here, leaving the property to his heirs.

The western and broader portion of the original Gore, to the amount of 3,000 or more acres, is now a part of Sturbridge. The large central portion was embodied in Charlton at its incorporation, and now constitutes an important part of the agricultural lands of that town, having as its main village that known as Charlton Depot. The acute angle was incorporated in the town of Ward at its founding in 1778. A tract remained between Leicester and Oxford of 738 acres (according to McIntire's survey in 1831), which in 1838 was made a part of Oxford. A plan of this by William Baldwin, dated Dec. 7, 1837, is in Plans, Mass. Archives, B. 30, p. 5, which gives the north line as 356 rods, the east, 223 rods, the south, 450 rods and the west, 335 rods.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A part of the Corey lot was later owned by Thomas Parker of Malden.

<sup>2</sup> Sylvester McIntire's survey for a town map, according to the copy in Annidown's His. Col.,

gives north line 351 rods, east line 226 rods, and west line 333 rods. For later history of these lands see Homesteads.

T H E  
OLDER HOMESTEADS OF OXFORD.  
OWNERS AND CONVEYANCES.

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This department is in some instances disconnected and imperfect, for the reasons, first, that descriptions in deeds were obscure, and, second, that many conveyances were never recorded.

The first name given is that of the present owner or occupant. The map referred to is that published about 1853 by Richard Clark from surveys by G. M. Hopkins, Jr.

**ABBREVIATIONS.**—*a.*, acre; *b.*, bounded; *dau.*, daughter; *d.*, died; *rem.*, removed; *m.*, married; *est.*, estate; *w.*, wife; *mort.*, mortgage.

**1. ERASTUS W. WHITING.** “*I. T. Cook*” on map. At the east are the homesteads included in Dudley’s “Manchaug Farm.” [See “Changes in Town Lines.”] That portion of it lying south of the Sutton road was in 1779 owned jointly by Paul and William Dudley. On 7 April, 1779, Paul sold the east half, being 200 acres, to Samuel Waters of Sutton; 16 Sept., 1782, Samuel Waters to James Melendy for £12, 2 a. b. N. on Sutton road; 1 Dec., 1785, James Melendy for £35, the same with a house, to Gideon Sibley, who lived there until he built a house on the hill near the centre of his farm, H. 11; Melendy rem. to Charlton; 7 March, 1799, Gideon Sibley to Jonathan Davis; 9 April, 1808, Jonathan Davis to Meribah (widow of Ebenezer, Sen.) and Ebenezer Robbins; 15 March, 1841, Ebenezer Robbins to Simeon, son of David Larned; Robbins rem. to H. 2; 2 Dec., 1844, Simeon Larned to Ira Cook; 28 Oct., 1882, the heirs of Cook to Eleanor R., w. of Erastus Whiting.

**2. SUMNER SIBLEY.** “*W. L. Rosebrook*” on map. 30 Jan., 1813, Amos Rich of Sutton to Elisha Blanding, 1 a. at west end of his farm, N. of Douglas turnpike; 16 Nov., 1820, Elisha Blanding, the same with a house, to Joseph H. Putnam, his son-in-law. Blanding continued to live here; 31 March, 1835, Joseph H. Putnam to Olney Bolster; 19 March, 1841, Olney Bolster to Ebenezer Robbins, who d. here; 1850, administrator of Robbins’ est. to Walter L. Rosebrook; 1864, Walter L. Rosebrook to Sumner Sibley.

**3. DAVID KINGSBURY.** “*R. Davis*” on map. April, 1779, Samuel Waters to Daniel Harwood, 123 a. with a passway to Mendon road; April, 1779, Daniel Harwood to Samuel Rich and Samuel Davidson, 40 a. of the same “with a small house,” Davidson occupied, cabinet-maker; 3 Jan., 1807, Samuel Davidson of Douglas to Calvin Putnam, his son-in-law; 6 Feb., 1813, Calvin Putnam to Jesse Kenney, 31 a.

and buildings ; 8 June, 1833, E. J. Mills, deputy sheriff, right of redemption to Thomas Rich ; 9 April, 1834, Thomas Rich to Abigail Sibley (James Davis m. Abigail Sibley) ; 3 Feb., 1841, James and Abigail Davis to Sumner Kenney ; 3 Feb., 1841, Sumner Kenney to Reuben Davis, carpenter, who d. here, the family remaining until 15 March, 1876, when they conveyed to Palmer Harback, who d. here, 1884 ; 24 Sept., 1887, Frances A. Harback to David Kingsbury of Webster.

**4. WILLIS W. ROSEBROOK.** "*W. L. Rosebrook*" on map. This may have been a part of Paul Dudley's portion. 27 Dec., 1825, Jonathan Davis to Alpheus Davis, land ; Alpheus built the house ; 20 April, 1833, Samuel Smith, deputy sheriff, on execution, 38 a. and buildings, to Walter L. Rosebrook, who d. here ; his son is owner.

**5. RICHARD L. DODGE.** "*D. Putnam*" on map. On 13 Aug., 1779, William Dudley sold 100 a., the southern half of his share of Manchang farm, to Ezra Bowman ; 28 Aug., 1779, Ezra Bowman 70 a. to Jonathan and Bartholomew Woodbury, brothers, of Sutton, who occupied and built a small house ; 22 May, 1790, Jonathan Woodbury to Samuel Rich ; 2 May, 1799, Samuel Rich to Elijah, his son, 84 a. ; 6 Feb., 1830, heirs of Elijah Rich to Thomas Rich, 97 a. and buildings ; house built about 1809 ; 8 April, 1842, Thomas Rich, mort. to Samuel Rich ; 13 April, 1844, Samuel Rich, possession ; 14 Nov., 1844, Samuel Rich to Thomas Rich of Northbridge ; 5 Sept., 1846, Thomas Rich (w. Prudence, dau. of Jesse Kenney) to Dexter Putnam, 116 a. ; Rich rem. West ; 8 Sept., 1863, Dexter Putnam to George Hodges ; 5 April, 1868, George Hodges to Henry J. Whiting ; 8 Dec., 1875, Henry J. Whiting to Julia A. Taylor, w. of James of Sutton, who d. here ; 11 Jan., 1876, Julia A. Taylor to Leonard Dodge of Sutton, father of Richard L.

**6. [Unoccupied.]** "*Mrs. Sibley*" on map. 18 Nov., 1779, Ezra Bowman, who bought of Dudley, to Samuel Waters, 30 a. ; 15 Dec., 1779, Samuel Waters to Samuel Rich, Jr. ; 17 May, 1790, Samuel Rich to Seth White, 13 a. at southwest corner of "Dudley farm" ; 1 June, 1790, Jonathan Davis to Seth White, 50 a. in Douglas with a house ; 28 April, 1791, Seth White of Uxbridge to Jonas Ward of Sutton, 65 a. and house ; 1 March, 1793, David Ward, son of Jonas, and Sarah, his mother, to Jonathan Davis, 65 a. ; 2 April, 1808, Jonathan Davis to Catherine Briggs ; 24 March, 1813, Abram Briggs and Catherine, his w., to Rufus and George Briggs ; 14 May, 1814, Rufus and George Briggs to Lot Simpson of Sutton ; 13 March, 1817, Lot Simpson to Charles W. Harback, Sutton, 30 a. ; 1 Dec., 1817, Charles W. Harback to Lyman Rowland of Sutton, cordwainer ; 3 Jan., 1820, Lyman Rowland to Nathaniel Paine, Jonathan Waters, Samuel Waters, Josiah Hall, Joel Fay, Amasa Wood, Asa Wood,

and Joseph Griggs, "Tanning Company," of Millbury; 3 April, 1821, the "Tanning Company" to Isaac Bolster; 1845, Lucena and Lucinda Bolster, daughters of Isaac, to Almon Sibley, who d. here 1849, his widow remained several years and rem. The house was uninhabitable years ago and is now deserted.<sup>1</sup>

**7.** [House removed.] No deed has been found of the sale of the northern half of William Dudley's share. 5 April, 1790, Jonathan Woodbury to Paul Sibley, 33 a. between Elijah Rich's and Mendon road; 3 Feb., 1792, Paul Sibley to Elisha Blanding, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  a. S. side Mendon road, with "an old house, one Bonzey lived in sometime"; 1797, Elisha Blanding to Jonathan Davis, "with an old house." This house formerly stood in the fork of the Sutton and Douglas roads.

**8. JOSEPH W. PUTNAM.** "*C. Putnam*" on map. House built about 1830 for a toll-house on turnpike and occupied by Cornelius Putnam. 5 March, 1834, Jonathan Davis, Jr., to Nathan Waters, 18 a.; 1 April, 1844, Nathan Waters to Cornelius Putnam, who d. here, 1863, his son, Joseph W., succeeding.

**9. SANFORD A. INMAN.** "*S. Inman*" on map. 16 March, 1839, Larned Davis, land to Orrin Bolster, who built the house; 4 Aug., 1844, Orrin Bolster to Emory Davis, 43 a.; 1 Sept., 1845, Emory Davis to Sanford A. Inman.

**10. CHARLES S. WHEELER.** "*J. I. Putnam*" on map. In 1785 and 1786 the heirs of William Dudley sold that part of the Manchaug farm lying north of the Sutton road as follows: 4 Oct., 1785, William Dudley, son of William, to Gideon Sibley, one undivided fifth of 666 a.; 8 April, 1786, Mary Cotton of Boston, widow, to John Howard, the same quantity undivided; 28 April, 1786, Mary Lovell and Ann Lovell, both of Boston, and John Lovell of Taunton, to Joshua Woodbury and Ebenezer Rich, both of Sutton, and Samuel Davis, Jr., of Oxford, the same; 2 June, 1786, Samuel Scarborough and Elizabeth, his w., of Roxbury, to Ebenezer Waters and Gideon Sibley, the same. On 29 April, 1786, a division among the owners was made, John Burbridge and Rebeckah, his w., of Cornwallis, N. S., in her right (perhaps an heir of Dudley who retained her rights), received 132 a. at the north end; Joshua Woodbury, 62 a. adjoining Burbridge; Samuel Davis, Jr., 59 a. adjoining Burbridge; Ebenezer Waters, 71 a. in two lots; Ebenezer Rich, 20 a. The only two homesteads on the 666 a. were Howard's at the southeast, and Gideon Sibley's on the southwest. Howard received 132 a.; 14 March, 1815, John Howard, Abraham Howard and Stephen Howard to Jonathan

<sup>1</sup>This is a part of a little neighborhood near the Douglas line called "Bannock City," where in 1743 Joseph Davis of Woodstock settled, and his descendants have since continued. Joseph

Jenney, one of these, is now, 1890, the only remaining inhabitant. See William Davis, Briggs and Stiles, Genealogical Department.

Davis, Jr., 140 a., 133 N. and 7 S. of the road; 7 May, 1835, Jonathan Davis, Jr., to Stephen Hutchinson, who d. here 1851; 1853, the executors of Hutchinson to Paris Tourtellotte; 4 May, 1854, Paris Tourtellotte to John E. Putnam; 21 Feb., 1855, John E. Putnam to Salem J. Shaw of Wales; 15 Feb., 1858, Salem J. Shaw to Horace DeWitt, who d. here; 15 Feb., 1860, James Phelps, father-in-law of DeWitt, to William Crossman of Brighton; 1874, Milton Crossman, executor of estate of William, to Salem J. Shaw; 7 May, 1885, Salem J. Shaw to Charles S. Wheeler.

**11.** [House removed.] *Gideon Sibley homestead.* Sibley, on his share in the division named under H. 10 (186 a. at the southwest corner of the tract), built a house on the hill one-fourth of a mile from the Sutton road, near the centre thereof, spent a long life and d. there. He also built a house near his own for his son Peter, who after a few years rem. to Orange. Tenants occupied for a time after his decease, the buildings went to decay and were all rem. about 1865.

**12.** MARION E. LILLEY. "*K. A. Davis*" on map. 18 Aug., 1749, Samuel Davis to his son Edward, who d. here, 150 or 160 a.; 26 Dec., 1786, executors of Edward Davis to Jonathan, son of Edward, 260 a.; 14 Oct., 1822, Jonathan Davis to his son Stephen, who d. here, 350 a.; Russell A. and Edward Davis, sons of Stephen, were owners, the former occupied the place till April, 1872, when he, having bought his brother's share, sold to Henry J. Whiting; later in 1872 Whiting sold to Marion E. Lilley, his sister.

**13.** Late SILAS RICE. "*Wd. Young*" on map. Part of H. 12; 6 Nov., 1826, Stephen Davis to Aaron Elliott, who built the house and mort. to Stephen Davis; 14 March, 1836, assignees of Stephen Davis to David Young, who d. here. His dau., Mary E., m. Silas Rice, and was owner until her decease; Nov., 1887, it went into possession of Samuel H. Earl on a mortgage.

**14.** HENRY J. WHITING. "*W. Robinson*" on map. 1 April, 1756, Samuel Davis, 150 a., to his son Elisha, who d. here, 1796; his son Nehemiah succeeded, and d. here, 1821; 3 Nov., 1825, Richard Olney, guardian of his children, deeded to Jonathan Davis two-thirds of 141 a.; Jonathan Davis, same date, sold to Israel Sibley and Daniel Davis. The latter became sole owner and sold to Learned Davis, who 31 March, 1838, deeded to Jeremiah Brown 62 a. and buildings; 7 March, 1851, Jeremiah Brown to Sylvanus Robinson; John W. Robinson as heir of Sylvanus came into possession, and 13 Sept., 1887, conveyed to Caroline A., w. of Henry J. Whiting.

**15.** Estate of ABEL M. CHAFFEE. "*E. Rich*" on map. 1743, Samuel Davis to his son Thomas, who d. here, 1778, 155 a.; 18

Nov., 1782, heirs of Thomas Davis to Jeremiah Davis, who d. here, 1822; 30 March, 1824, executors of Jeremiah Davis to Ebenezer Rich and Ezra Davis; 11 Dec., 1826, Ezra Davis to Ebenezer Rich, one-half; 18 March, 1857, Ebenezer Rich to his son George L., one-half; George soon d.; 15 April, 1858, Ruth G., widow of George L., to Ebenezer D. Rich, one-half; 22 Aug., 1868, heirs of Ebenezer Rich to Ebenezer D. Rich, one-half; 6 March, 1884, Ebenezer D. Rich to Abel M. Chaffee.

**16.** [House removed.] "*R. A. Davis*" on map. This was a house built by David Lilley soon after he bought the Lovett farm as a dwelling for workmen in the scythe shop near by, and was occupied by several persons who afterward operated the shops. [See Bug Swamp Mills.] It was owned for many years by Col. Stephen Davis, who bought of Lilley's heirs. [See H. 17.] Samuel Slater and sons are present owners.

**17.** HERBERT E. and WALTER A. LOVETT. "*P. and C. Lovett*" on map. 6 April, 1738, Samuel Davis to his son Samuel, 189 a., of which the Lovett farm is the east part. Samuel Davis, Jr., had three sons, Samuel, Learned and Elijah; 21 Aug., 1784, the two latter quitclaimed to Samuel, 3d, this east part, 117 a. and buildings; 11 March, 1801, Samuel, 3d, to David Lilley, and he, same date, to David, his son, in consideration of support of self and w.; 20 Oct., 1825, Polly Lilley, widow, and Gibbs Lilley to Stephen Davis, their rights in 200 a. in Sutton and Oxford; 8 Dec., 1827, Stephen Davis to Phinehas Lovett and Charles Lovett, 110 a. Phinehas d. here, 1858, Charles was later sole owner and d. here in 1888, devising the farm to his nephews, Herbert E. and Walter A. Lovett.

**18.** WILLIAM A. ELLIS. "*L. Harwood*" on map. Known as "Sacarappa." July, 1792, Elijah and Learned Davis to Joshua Stockwell, nailmaker, 2 a. 10 r. N. of brook, house, blacksmith shop; Stockwell had built these previously; same date, Elisha Davis to same, one-half a. adjoining on the south, with a right of way to the same; 27 April, 1802, Joshua Stockwell to Rufus Moore; 13 March, 1815, Rufus Moore to John Kenney, Jr., the upper part; 15 April, 1816, Rufus Moore to Learned Davis; 1 April, 1818, set off on execution to Ebenezer Rich; 12 Dec., 1828, Ebenezer Rich to Reuben Waters; 18 Feb., 1833, Reuben Waters to Jonas L. Sibley, mort.; 1 March, 1833, Sibley assigned to Wor. Mut. Fire Ins. Co.; 17 March, 1845, Wor. Mut. Fire Ins. Co. to William Sigourney; 1 Oct., 1851, William Sigourney to William Dickinson, mort.; 1 Jan., 1866, William Dickinson to Ebenezer D. Rich; 5 April, 1884, Ebenezer D. Rich to Abel M. Chaffee.

**19.** FRANCIS SIBLEY ESTATE. "*F. F. Sibley*" on map. 21 Aug., 1784, the three sons of Samuel Davis, Jr., made a division of his

farm among themselves. Samuel, 3d, who had the Lovett place quitclaimed to Elijah and Learned, his brothers, the west part; 8 Dec., 1793, Elijah quitclaimed the Sibley farm to Learned, who built the house now standing; 28 Dec., 1813, Learned Davis to Francis Sibley and Ebenezer Rich, sons-in-law; 7 March, 1819, Ebenezer Rich to Francis Sibley, his share; Sibley d. here, 1848; his daughter now, 1890, occupies.

**20. KENDALL MARCY.** "*C. A. Sigourney*" on map. 21 Aug., 1784, this with H. 19 was quitclaimed to Elijah and Learned Davis by Samuel, their brother. The original Samuel Davis, Jr., house stood on site of present house. Elijah, his son, spent his days and d. here; 6 March, 1840, Ezra Davis and others, heirs of Elijah, deeded to Charles A. Sigourney, who built the present house; 7 Feb., 1870, Charles A. Sigourney to Liberty Bigelow; 1878, Liberty Bigelow to Kendall Marcy.

**21. "Barton Hill."** House removed. This place lies a quarter of a mile east of the house of Lucian Chaffee, at the west foot of Barton Hill and is supposed to have been a part of Phinehas Dana's farm; no road passes it. For many years John Barton, son-in-law of Dana, lived here. The house was removed many years ago; the remains, cellar, garden plot, etc., may be seen; a beautiful locality. In 1760 John Barton, w. Abigail, Phinehas Dana of Dedham, John Ayres, w. Hannah of Newton, and Abner Town, w. Susanna, deeded to John Dana their rights. In 1816 heirs of John Dana to Ebenezer Dana; 17 March, 1818, Ebenezer Dana to Francis Sibley, who later sold to Israel Sibley, his brother, to whose estate it now belongs. This was the scene of the Indian affair referred to on page 43.

**22. LUCIAN M. CHAFFEE.** "*J. Walker*" on map. 14 Dec., 1730, Samuel Davis to Phinehas Dana, 90 a. east of Great Meadow, part of Bernon land; Dana d. here, and his son John succeeded as owner; 29 June, 1816, heirs of John Dana to Ebenezer Dana, son of John; 20 March, 1833, Ebenezer Dana to Jonathan Sibley, David Nichols and Delano Peirce; 1 April, 1833, these to Joseph Brown, Jr. (who owned the Gleason place adjoining), 16 a. and house; Brown sold to James Walker, who sold to Jonathan P. Dana; 2 Oct., 1855, Jonathan P. Dana to Amos P. Newton; 12 Aug., 1861, Amos P. Newton to Mary J., w. of Abel M. Chaffee; 13 Feb., 1867, Mary J. Chaffee to John Taylor; 6 July, 1869, John Taylor to Lucian M. Chaffee of Willimantic, Conn. The original Dana house stood in the fields east of the present one. John Dana built the present house, his son Jeremiah being the first child born there.

**23. VERNON CHAFFEE.** "*J. Brown*" on map. 1740, Samuel Davis to Benjamin Davis, 85 a. in east part of Oxford; 7 Dec., 1741,

Benjamin Davis to James Hovey, 40 a. of same, a  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -rod road through; 1752, a part of this land, and one-half a house, and a shop went by Hovey's will to his nephew, Daniel Gleason, who bought later several pieces of land near; 15 March, 1791, Daniel Gleason to his son Josiah, 97 a.; Josiah d. here, 1817; Lydia, dau. of Josiah, m. Joseph Brown, Jr., who came into possession of the farm; 1 Nov., 1865, Joseph Brown and Lydia, his w., to Collins Allen, 48 a.; 6 March, 1866, Collins Allen to Elvira, w. of Vernon Chaffee. The first house on this farm stood in the field east of the present one. Brown lived in it some years and later built the present house. The original Benjamin Davis house is believed to have stood over a cellar now visible a short distance southwest of Vernon Chaffee's house.

**24.** Late JOHN REYNOLDS. "*A. Pratt*" on map. This farm was the west part of Benjamin Davis' land, H. 23, bought in 1740. 17 May, 1751, Benjamin Davis to Joseph Pratt of Dedham, known as "Meadow Joe," 66 a.; 6 April, 1795, Joseph Pratt to Baxter, his son, one-half of 120 a.; 5 Dec., 1826, Betsey Pratt, administratrix of estate of Baxter, her husband, to Stearns Witt, 117 a.; same date, Stearns Witt and others to Levi Chilson and Amos Pratt of Bellingham; 9 April, 1831, Chilson to Pratt. The house formerly stood one-fourth of a mile north of its present location; removed by Amos Pratt. 12 Sept., 1854, Amos Pratt of Charlton to Sylvanus Robinson, who divided and sold in lots; 8 Oct., 1857, Sylvanus Robinson to William Daniels, 5 a. and house; 9 May, 1862, William Daniels to William H. Thurston; 27 July, 1870, William H. Thurston to Sally, w. of John Reynolds.

**25.** MARY BROWN ESTATE. "*J. Davis*" on map. 30 March, 1757, Thomas Davis to Duncan Campbell; 17 Oct., 1758, Duncan Campbell to Thomas Stearns; 11 Jan., 1759, Thomas Stearns to Joseph Phillips; 25 March, 1761, Joseph Phillips to William Davis, three-fourths of an a., dwelling, blacksmith's shop, coal house; Davis d. here, 1775, his widow surviving until 1796; 29 Dec., 1803, Jeremiah Davis to Elijah Davis, Jr., who rem. the old house and built the present one; 24 April, 1815, Elijah Davis, Jr., to Jonathan Davis; . . . Jonathan Davis to Jonathan Davis, Jr.; 26 Aug., 1864, Jonathan Davis, Jr., to Mary, w. of John Brown; Brown and w. both d. here.

**26.** JOHN E. KIMBALL. "*L. Davis*" on map. The home lot of Joshua Whitney. 17 May, 1719, Joshua Whitney of Mendon to Hannah Cooper, widow; 30 March, 1726, Hannah to Zerubbabel Cooper, her son; 2 March, 1732, Hannah and Zerubbabel Cooper to Jacob Willson of Malden; 23 April, 1736, Jacob Willson to John Willson, who d. here, 1778; 18 Aug., 1780, John, son of John Willson,

to Ezra Conant of Warwick, physician, who d. here, 1789; his widow m. Joseph Healy of Dudley and continued on the place; she sold her rights, 4 Oct., 1806, to Charles Davis; Larned Conant, son of Ezra, sold his interest to Abijah Davis; Ruth, sister of Larned, m. Elias Pratt, Jr.; 8 May, 1808, Abijah Davis and Elias Pratt, Jr., sold to Charles Davis; 28 Oct., 1841, Charles Davis to Learned Davis; 3 April, 1857, Learned Davis to Alexander DeWitt. [On 24 April, 1857, DeWitt deeded to Mary, w. of Learned Davis, the small house recently built near the old one, with land. This, Mrs. D. gave in her will to her dau., Sally S., who, 5 Jan., 1867, deeded it to Ivers A., her brother, who d. here.] 20 April, 1864, Alexander DeWitt to Sylvanus Robinson; 1 Feb., 1878, Sylvanus Robinson to Alfred W. Long; 10 April, 1886, Alfred W. Long to John E. Kimball.

**27.** [House removed.] On a knoll on the north side of Sutton road near Mill Brook, was the house of David Town. He bought in 1742 of the heirs of Daniel Hovey the whole corner, now Sigourney's, to the main street, and immediately sold 25 acres, the west part, to Daniel Davis. He is supposed to have built the house. In 1768 he sold it, with 60 a. lying north of it, to William Davis. We trace it no further in the records. The house stood until after 1800 and was soon after that date removed. Jeremiah Amidown lived there many years, occupied in 1782 and left about 1798, removing to the south end of the Plain.

**28.** DAVID McCABE. "*D. Whait*" on map. A part of Elisha Davis' farm, H. 14. 8 Feb., 1792, he deeded 184 a. to his son Thomas, who built the present house; 1824, Thomas Davis to William and Sylvanus Robinson, 150 a. and buildings; 4 May, 1830, William Robinson to Sylvanus, one-half; 1838, Sylvanus Robinson to Larkin D. Newton, brother-in-law, 172 a.; 4 Feb., 1839, Larkin D. Newton to Jesse Curtis of Sterling; 27 March, 1839, Jesse Curtis to David Wait of West Boylston; 1 March, 1855, David Wait to Erie and George Walker of Webster; 15 Oct., 1862, Erie Walker to Collins Allen of North Kingston, R. I.; 25 Nov., 1873, Collins Allen to Margaret Campbell of Worcester; 7 March, 1874, Margaret Campbell to Ann Healy of Cleveland, O., who occupied until 1887. The place came through a mort. to Edward P. Goulding of Worcester, who, 2 May, 1888, deeded to David McCabe, present owner.

**29.** ELLEN M. McDONNELL. "*N. Davis' heirs*" on map. The homestead of Samuel Davis, bought of Bernon; Davis built the house and d. here, 1760. John, his son, cared for his parents in old age and received, 22 Jan., 1756, the farm, 80 a. and house; he also d. here, 1800. Jesse, his son, received the southwest part of the farm, and the widow the balance as dower; 7 April, 1815, her heirs deeded 62 a. 116 rods to Nathaniel Davis, being what was set off to her; 5 April,

1817, Jesse to Nathaniel Davis, 54 a., southwest part of the farm, excepting  $7\frac{1}{2}$  a. sold to Elihu Harwood. Nathaniel spent his life and d. here; Lucy, his dau., came into possession. 15 May, 1889, Lucy Davis to William H. Davis, her nephew; 21 April, 1890, William H. Davis to Charles I. Rawson; 13 May, 1890, Charles I. Rawson to Ellen M. McDonnell.

**30.** FRANKLIN HOWARD. "*Maj. W. Moore*" on map. A part of H. 29. John, son of Samuel Davis, built the house about 1800 for his son Jesse. In 1806 it went into the ownership of Nathaniel and John Davis, brothers of Jesse; later, Nathaniel sold to John, Jr., and 14 March, 1809, John, Jr., deeded 65 a. to William Moore, who d. here, 1857. His son, Salem T., and dau., Eliza, occupied till the death of the latter, 1874; 5 Aug., 1874, the heirs of William Moore to Simeon Howard of Providence, who d. 1878; 5 March, 1879, administrator of Howard's estate to Franklin Howard.

**31.** [House removed.] "*D. Lilly*" on map. At the extreme southeast; 24 April, 1783, Elisha Davis to Jonathan Fitts of Sutton, 50 a.; 27 May, 1788, Jonathan Fitts to Benjamin Fitts, b. south by Oxford line; Benjamin built the house, his son Andrew was successor and d. here, 1849; April, 1854, heirs of Andrew Fitts to David and J. Leavens Lilley; house burnt 1855, not rebuilt.

**32.** [House removed.] Not on map. A hundred rods north of H. 31 was the Joseph Rockwood homestead; no road passed it. It had been occupied previously, but by whom is not known. 1 May, 1802, the administrators of estate of Dea. John Davis deeded to Joseph Rockwood 2 a. and buildings; 9 Oct., 1820, Joseph Rockwood to Thomas Davis; 8 April, 1824, Thomas Davis to Ezra Davis, son-in-law of Rockwood, who later sold to Samuel Mayo, who removed the house, 1839.

**33.** WILLIAM L. PLAISTED. "*S. Mayo*" on map. Original Mayo homestead bought of Bernon, house on north side of road built about 1730; long roof running down to one story in the rear; occupied by the successive owners until 1841, when Samuel Mayo built present house and the old one was left to decay. 14 April, 1740, Thomas Mayo of Roxbury to John, his son, 82 a. and buildings; John d. here, 1752; his son John succeeded and d. here, 1834; Samuel, son of John, Jr., next owned and occupied till 1859, when he rem. to the Plain; 19 June, 1855, Samuel Mayo to Cyrus Truesdell, 150 a., reserving the house south of the road; 17 Nov., 1859, the same to the same, remainder of the farm; 6 Sept., 1859, Cyrus Truesdell to Horace Shepardson; 23 Feb., 1860, Horace Shepardson to John Dinsmore of Auburn, who occupied till 1 Dec., 1868, when he deeded to Sylvanus Robinson; June, 1870, Sylvanus Robinson to Fred. P.

Hutchins ; 15 Dec., 1873, Fred. P. Hutchins to Lucius Merrifield ; 16 Dec., 1873, Lucius Merrifield to David F. Parmenter and Isaac S. Merriam ; 13 July, 1874, they to John J. Willey ; Sept., 1874, John J. Willey to Cordelia, wife of Charles S. Knight ; 3 Oct., 1874, Cordelia and Charles S. Knight to William L. Plaisted.

**34.** GEORGE R. LARNED. "*E. Eddy*" on map. The home lot of Daniel Pearson, original settler. He left before Jan., 1717, and 26 Nov., 1718, then of Mansfield, deeded to Thomas Hunkins, 160 a. ; 1763, Thomas Town, grandson of Hunkins and executor of his will, to Josiah Wolcott, 60 a. and house ; 28 Feb., 1776, Josiah Wolcott to Thomas Town ; 2 March, 1776, Thomas Town to Ezra Bowman ; May, 1776, Ezra Bowman to Andrew Walker of Oxford, housewright, 8 a. and buildings ; 25 April, 1785, Andrew Walker to Nathaniel Carroll of Killingly, Conn., 22 a. and buildings ; 18 Feb., 1789, Nathaniel Carroll of Thompson, Conn., to Henry Stone of same ; 18 Feb., 1790, Henry Stone to Joseph Davis of Oxford ; 1795, Joseph Davis to Elihu Harwood ; 1 May, 1843, Elihu Harwood to his son Elihu, Jr. ; 3 April, 1846, Elihu Harwood, Jr., to John A. Brown ; 2 April, 1849, John A. Brown to Eliphalet Eddy, who occupied till 5 Aug., 1868, and rem. to Saratoga ; at that date he sold to Austin J. Rich ; 20 Feb., 1869, Austin J. Rich to John Dinsmore ; 23 April, 1870, John Dinsmore to Benjamin W. Childs ; 15 Oct., 1870, Benjamin W. Childs to George R. Larned.

**35.** [House removed.] Not on map. On the Humphrey farm, H. 36, on the brow of the hill north of the road to the fort, stood the home of Arthur Humphrey, who received land by inheritance, and built the house. 15 July, 1776, he deeded 60 a. and buildings to Alexander Campbell ; 16 July, 1777, Alexander Campbell to John Allen ; 19 March, 1779, John Allen to Stephen Streeter ; 9 April, 1782, Stephen Streeter to David Streeter ; 2 April, 1790, Jacob Streeter to Peter Bonsa (Hessian soldier) ; 16 Dec., 1793, Peter Bonsa to Andrew Sigourney : . . . July, 1823, owned by Charles P. Nichols ; Jeremiah Moffitt received it of Nichols for debt ; 13 May, 1824, Jeremiah Moffitt to Ebenezer Humphrey ; building removed before 1820 ; a modern house now stands near its site.

**36.** EBENEZER HUMPHREY. "*R. Humphrey*" on map. The home lot of Ebenezer Humphrey, who d. here, 1761 ; his son, Ebenezer, succeeded and d. 1836 ; his son, Rufus, succeeded and d. 1851 ; his son, Ebenezer, is present owner, 1890.

**37.** "OLD MILL." HARRIS HOMESTEAD. House removed, stood west of and near the present mill ; the home lot of Jonathan Tillotson. 11 June, 1719, Jonathan Tillotson to Ebenezer McKee of Killingly,

Conn.; 5 Aug., 1719, Ebenezer McKee to John Comins of same; 8 March, 1726, John Comins to Josiah Cummings; same year, Josiah Cummings to Capt. Ebenezer Learned and Benoni Twichell; . . . 7 Dec., 1729, Nathaniel Patten of Oxford, cooper, to Joseph Reed, who d. here; 30 May, 1733, Ebenezer Humphrey and w. Sarah, formerly w. of Reed, to Timothy Harris of Watertown; Samuel, son of Timothy, next owned, and later, Jonathan, son of Samuel, until 11 Sept., 1805, when Jonathan deeded to Peleg Foster; 14 July, 1814, Peleg Foster to Russell Clark; 21 Aug., 1819, Russell Clark to Stearns Witt; same date, Stearns Witt to Jeremiah Mollitt; 1829, heirs of Mollitt to Rufus Robinson. The house was used by tenants who were employed in the mill and was removed about 1847.

**38. ROSE MESSIER.** "*D. Day*" on map. On Bondet Hill, the home lot of Joseph Chamberlain, Sen. 11 Oct., 1722, Joseph, Benjamin and Simon Chamberlain to Joseph Dana, 40 a. "around the Great House," formerly their father's; 22 Feb., 1725, Joseph Dana to Samuel Rich and Ebenezer Humphrey; . . . 14 May, 1735, Jonathan Ballard to James Coller of Oxford; 25 June, 1744, James Coller to Joseph Pratt; 1748, Joseph Pratt to Jonas Coller, son of James; 5 March, 1783, Jonas Coller to Jonathan Day of Needham; before 3 July, 1784, Jonathan Day sold a half to John Mayo; 5 April, 1800, John Mayo to his son John, who settled here, took down the old house and built the present one, lived many years and d. here; 28 March, 1835, John Mayo to Rebecca, his sister, 70 a. and a part of the house; she m. David Day: they both d. here; 1 April, 1876, Sumner Pratt of Worcester, trustee for Rebecca Day, to Mary C. Clifford; 3 Oct., 1877, Mary C. Clifford to Martha and Ulva A. Aldrich; 1 Nov., 1886, Martha and Ulva A. Aldrich to Joseph Messier; 21 Aug., 1887, Joseph Messier to Rose Messier, present owner of the Mayo place.

On 3 July, 1784, Jonathan Day sold to his brother David, one-half, known as the Jewett farm; David occupied and d. here, 1792; 19 April, 1808, Daniel, Jonathan and Fisher, sons of David Day, to Abijah Davis, one-half; 3 Nov., 1819, Abijah Davis to Roger Jewett, 53 a.; 19 Jan., 1858, John, son of Roger Jewett, to Rebecca L. Field; 1863, Rebecca L. Field to Emelaide Upham of Worcester; 1865, Emelaide Upham to Samuel Mawney; 1865, Samuel Mawney to Collins Allen; 13 June, 1865, Collins Allen to Rice Barton, who d. here; 18 Sept., 1876, Edwin, son of Rice Barton, to William Severance; 5 Jan., 1878, William Severance to Abel M. Chaffee, one-third, he buying the other two-thirds of Barton's heirs; 4 March, 1878, Abel M. Chaffee to Sarah J., w. of Rodney M. Dadmun, present owner of the Jewett place.

**39. FRANKLIN H. CLARK.** "*S. Fitts*" on map. The home lot of Joseph Chamberlain, Jr., who sold, 24 April, 1717, to Philip Ami-

down, cooper; 15 Dec., 1743, Philip Amidown to his son Ephraim, three-fourths with a new house; 2 Nov., 1793, heirs of Ephraim Amidown to Elisha Davis; 1795, Elisha Davis to Joseph Davis; 10 Jan., 1807, Joseph Davis to Abijah Davis; 1810, Abijah Davis to Silas Fitts, who lived to old age and d. here; 6 May, 1868, executor of estate of Silas Fitts to Sylvanus Robinson; 1 Aug., 1868, Sylvanus Robinson to Mary J., w. of Abel M. Chaffee, who took down the old house and built the present one; 6 April, 1884, Mary J. and Abel M. Chaffee to George A. Kimball; 16 June, 1885, George A. Kimball to Horace Shepardson; 20 June, 1885, Horace Shepardson to Franklin H. Clark.

**40. LUCINDA MORSE.** "*C. Davis*" on map. A part of H. 39.

1750, Jacob, son of Philip Amidown, to Benjamin Hudson, 50 a., no buildings named; 1773, Benjamin Hudson to Zacheus Ballard of Leicester, with buildings; 1788, Zacheus Ballard to Elisha Davis; 1788, Elisha Davis to Dea. David Harwood of Sutton, 110 a.; 1788, David Harwood to his son Solomon, who d. here; 10 March, 1827, administrator of Harwood's estate to Craft Davis, Jr.; 6 Dec., 1868, Craft Davis, to his dau., Lucinda Morse.

**41. JOSEPH AND JAMES SHARPLES.** "*M. Sigourney*" on map. A part of H. 40. 1802, David Harwood to his son David, a small farm from the northeast of the home farm; David built a house, lived and d. here, his only child, David, unm., also d. here; 11 Feb., 1854, Davie B. Kingsbury, executor of David, Jr., to Charles A. and George W. Sigourney; 14 Aug., 1857, they to Michael, John and Catharine Clark of Webster; 13 Oct., 1863, they to Timothy Smith; 16 Oct., 1863, Timothy Smith to Ray G. Huling; 15 Oct., 1874, Ray G. Huling to Joseph and James Sharples of Webster.

**42. DANIEL McCABE.** "*J. Hurd*" on map. This was the first home lot of Thomas Hunkins, who exchanged with Daniel Pearson, who went to Conn. In Jan., 1717, Jeremiah Morse settled on this lot, having been voted into the proprietary on Pearson's rights; 26 Jan., 1727, Jeremiah Morse of Walpole, eldest son of Jeremiah, to Richard Kidder of Billerica; 18 July, 1732, Richard Kidder of Dudley to Thomas Read of Oxford; 22 Jan., 1733, Thomas Read to Peter Hurd of Cambridge; Hurd settled here; his son Joseph was successor and d. here; 1804, Joseph to John Hurd, his son, one-half; Dea. John spent his whole life here, d. 1866; 2 April, 1867, William Hurd, son and executor of John, to Hannah M., wife of Hiram Hurd; 5 April, 1870, Hannah M. Hurd to Daniel McCabe.

**43. Late LEWIS T. EMERSON.** "*D. Lilley*" on map. 28 Dec., 1818, Rufus Harris to Stephen Webster; the house was a shop which Webster moved here from the lower end of the Plain and fitted up for

a dwelling; 6 April, 1825, Stephen Webster to Silas Fitts; 30 Sept., 1826, Silas Fitts to Ebenezer Fitts, blacksmith; 2 April, 1839, Ebenezer Fitts to Elijah Pratt, Jr., whose father lived here; 1845, Silas Fitts, who held a mort., assigned to Israel Sibley; 11 April, 1846, Israel Sibley to Clementina Lilley and David, her son; she d. here; David built a new house near and occupied it; 1 Jan., 1875, J. Leavens Lilley, brother of David, to Lewis T. Emerson.

**44.** Going to the extreme south of old Oxford, George Robinson of Needham bought, 1719, of William Dudley of Roxbury, 500 a., including a part of the water power at East Village, Webster; 10 June, 1748, George Robinson to his son Samuel, 250 a.; Samuel had sons Asa and Samuel, who inherited this estate; 6 April, 1798, Asa Robinson to Philip Brown and John Healy, 6 a., grist-mill, saw-mill, near the mouth of a brook running from the pond; 16 Nov., 1799, Philip Brown to John Healy, same land with grist-mill, saw-mill, forge, coal house and blacksmith's shop; 22 March, 1805, John Healy to James Wallis of Douglas; 13 Jan., 1810, James Wallis to Elijah Pratt and Timothy Lamson, both of Oxford; 16 Jan., 1811, Lamson to Pratt, one-half; 6 Jan., 1812, Elijah Pratt to Bela Tiffany; 8 Jan., 1812, Asa Robinson to Bela Tiffany, 200 a. adjoining; 4 March, 1812, Josiah Kingsbury to Bela Tiffany, an adjoining estate of 56 acres, with house, barn, clothing mill; 11 Dec., 1812, Bela Tiffany to Samuel Slater, five-sixths of three latter estates; 7 Nov., 1816, Bela Tiffany to Slater, his whole interest.

**45. KINGSBURY ESTATE.** [See Hobart Grant.] 7 May, 1718, Elizabeth Hobart to Josiah Dwight, 600 a.; 28 May, 1726, Josiah Dwight to Josiah Kingsbury of Needham; 10 Jan., 1732, Josiah Kingsbury to his son Theodore, 250 a., the northern portion; 24 Nov., 1737, Josiah Kingsbury to his son Josiah, 350 a., "taking in the brook which runneth out of the pond"; 11 May, 1761, Theodore to his son Joseph, 65 a.; 1 Nov., 1785, Theodore to his son Elijah, 60 a. on Sucker Brook, near that of Joseph; 23 Jan., 1786, Theodore to his son Jacob, 100 a. on west side Sucker Brook.<sup>1</sup>

In 1765, Josiah Kingsbury to his son Jeremiah, one-half his farm; 1794, Jeremiah Kingsbury to his son Josiah, clothier, 12 a.; this Josiah sold, 1812, to Bela Tiffany, as before noted; Jeremiah d. at the homestead, the present Webster almshouse, and 4 Feb., 1825, his son, Col. Jeremiah, who built the present house about 1815, sold to George B. and John Slater and rem. to Dudley; 10 Feb., 1849, Horatio N. Slater and others to Town of Webster.

On 15 Feb., 1794, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Sen., deeded to his son

<sup>1</sup> Descendants of Theodore have owned and occupied a part of his estate up to the present time, the family of Jacob, his son, living at the

mill on Sucker Brook, and that of Joseph on the old road north from the Webster almshouse.

John 81 a. at the west part of his estate. The one-story house now standing in the field northeast of the Webster cemetery was his homestead.

**46.** Isaac Larned bought, 27 May, 1718, of William Dudley 250 a. "near the south bounds of Oxford Village," the southwest corner thereof being at the entrance of the stream from the Great Pond into the river. 30 Dec., 1735, he deeds to his son Isaac 120 a. "in the south part of Oxford." This embraced the farm occupied by Isaac, John, John and Moses Larned, successively, to the present time.<sup>1</sup>

**47.** REUBEN DUDLEY. The estate around Nipmuck Pond, a portion of the Thompson Grant, was bought, 26 Nov., 1803, of his heirs by James Butler. On 25 April, 1809, Archibald Campbell, w. Celia, dau. of Butler, deeded 175 a., the northwest portion of the grant, to Ephraim Tucker of Pomfret, whose son Calvin occupied it in 1812, and in 1814 bought of his father. He sold it in lots, and 19 June, 1816, deeded 71 a., the home portion, to Paraclete Morris, who d. here about 1852; on 24 March, 1853, the executor of Morris' will to Zaccheus Ballard; 20 Oct., 1855, Zaccheus Ballard to Burt L. Gannett, who after several years sold to Reuben Dudley.

**48.** LEMUEL CUDWORTH. This was the north end of the Kingsbury estate, H. 45. 2 March, 1794, Ebenezer Gould, whose title is not on record, to Abijah Harris, land and dwelling; Gould continued to live here and d. about 1815; Asa, son of Abijah Harris, removed the old house and built the present one, and occupied it till his decease; 18 March, 1822, Hollis Witt and w. (dau. of Harris), to Solomon Davis, 34 a. and house; 3 Sept., 1823, Solomon Davis to Benjamin, son of Hezekiah Larned; 6 Jan., 1824, Benjamin Larned to Alanson and Evander Taft from Uxbridge; Oct., 1827, Alanson to Evander, his half; 1 Aug., 1832, Evander Taft to Alfred Kingsbury; 20 June, 1840, Alfred Kingsbury to Lemuel Cudworth.

**49.** JOHN CUDWORTH. At a public vendue, 3 April, 1723, at Boston, Dr. William Douglas for himself and associates bought a tract of land adjoining the Sherborn Grant, Douglas.<sup>2</sup> 26 June, 1741, Douglas and Andrew Tyler, goldsmith, one of the associates, made a division by which 180 a. fell to Douglas;<sup>3</sup> 7 Sept., 1754, after Douglas' death a division of his lands was made, and this 180 a. was set off to his nephew, Cornelius;<sup>4</sup> in 1761, Cornelius Douglas to Josiah Wolcott, 180 a.; 13 March, 1775, Josiah Wolcott to Joshua Barnard of Sutton, 180 a., joining Oxford south line and the "Kings-

<sup>1</sup> 23 May, 1753, Josiah Larned, John Larned, Jeremiah Shumway and Experience, his w., and William Davis and Elizabeth, his w., all of Oxford, Samuel Shumway and Sarah, his w., of Sturbridge, Samuel Robinson, miller, and Hannah, his w., of Dudley, Joseph Larned of Lebanon, Conn., heirs of Isaac Larned, Sen., deeded to Isaac Larned their rights in the estate of their father.

<sup>2</sup> Worcester Records, V., 458.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., XVI., 182.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., XLIX., 337.

bury farm"; 19 Oct., 1780, Joshua Barnard to Asa Larned, 100 a.; 4 April, 1801, Abijah Harris quitclaimed to Asa Larned, 79 a. 60 r., with buildings; 4 April, 1801, Asa Larned to Lemuel Cudworth. John, his grandson, is present owner.

**50.** [House removed.] On the east side of the old road to Webster, one-third of a mile southeast from Oxford almshouse, was a farm of about 20 acres, a part of the Dr. Douglas land, H. 49; 24 March, 1780, Joshua Barnard to John Bounds, who built a small house, lived and d. here; 21 Oct., 1822, Abijah Davis, executor of Bounds, to Craft Davis, 19 a. and buildings. The house was in ruins long ago and the land belongs to other farms.

**51.** WILLIAM H. TANNER. [Estate in Webster.] 15 Jan., 1807, Abijah Davis and Ezekiel Davis to Joseph, son of Benjamin Davis, a small farm next south of Ezekiel Davis', b. north on Oxford south line; 26 March, 1812, Joseph Davis to Ebenezer Foster of Dudley; 27 March, 1812, Ebenezer Foster to Ebenezer Foster, Jr., one-half; 13 March, 1815, Ebenezer Foster, Jr., to Calvin Tucker, one-half; 12 Nov., 1824, Calvin Tucker to Solomon Davis; 6 March, 1830, Solomon Davis to Charles Yeomans; 1 April, 1846, Charles Yeomans to Reuben Davis; 1 April, 1856, Reuben Davis to Fred Q. Robinson; 24 Sept., 1856, Fred Q. Robinson to William H. Tanner.

**52.** JOSEPH DAVIS [son of Ezekiel; estate in Webster]. 6 March, 1812, Andrew Sigourney to Joseph Davis, who spent his life and d. here.

**53.** BENJAMIN C. BARTLETT. "*F. Nash*" on map. A part of H. 54. 5 March, 1791, Abijah Harris to Ezekiel Davis, 38 a. and a house; Davis d. here; his son-in-law, Francis Nash, succeeded him, and also d. here, 1879: Bartlett m. Nash's daughter.

**54.** OXFORD ALMSHOUSE. "*Almshouse*" on map. 20 April, 1731, Simon Chamberlain to Collins Moore, weaver, 40 a., b. south on village line, north on Isaac Larned, east on Bondet Meadow; 20 April, 1731, Benjamin Chamberlain to same, 50 a. near the foregoing; 21 April, 1737, Richard Moore, "for love," etc., to his son Collins, 100 a., b. south on Oxford line, east on Philip Amidown, north on Bondet Meadow;<sup>1</sup> 5 Sept., 1749, Nathan Moore, son of Collins, to Abial Lamb, Jr., 218 a.; Lamb became embarrassed, having been surety for a friend,—[tradition]?; 1774, William B. Townsend of Boston, on execution *vs.* Lamb, to Abijah Harris, 55 a. and buildings; Asa, son of Abijah, inherited the estate; 1 March, 1832, Day Harris, son of

<sup>1</sup> 29 Oct., 1754, Jonathan Ballard, w. Alice, John Nichols, w. Jerusha, Ebenezer Lock, w. Phebe, of Rindge, N. H., Benjamin Wilson, w. Bathsheba, of Townsend, and Richard Moore of Erv-

ingshire, deeded to Nathan, their brother, of Vassalboro, Me., their interests in the mother's thirds.

Asa, eight-ninths to town of Oxford; same date, Hollis DeWitt, husband of Harris' dau. Sarah, one-ninth of same to same.

**55.** BURT L. GANNETT. "*R. Larned*" on map. We find no record of this place before 18 March, 1774, when Jeremiah and Peter Shumway deeded to John Allen, farm and buildings; 21 April, 1777, John Allen to Ebenezer Davis, Jr.; 17 Feb., 1798, trustee of heirs of Ebenezer Davis to David Prince; 1824, David Prince to Rufus Larned, who took down the old house and built the present one; 19 Oct., 1865, Rufus Larned to Solomon Davis; 10 July, 1871, trustee of Francis N. Davis, son of Solomon, to Burt L. Gannett.

**56.** [Stone house west of river in Webster.] Collins, son of Elijah Moore, first settled here. 5 Jan., 1776, administrator of estate of William Watson, 55 a. and house, to Collins Moore, who had previously lived here and had from Watson a bond for a deed; 17 June, 1779, William Dudley to same, 225 a. in Dudley adjoining on west; Collins and Samuel, sons of Collins, settled on the latter tract in Dudley, near Peter Pond. Before 1810 Moore sold to Abijah Davis the homestead and part of the Dudley land and built another house south toward the North Webster village; 2 April, 1810, Abijah Davis to Moses Phipps of Holliston, 140 a.; 21 March, 1811, Moses Phipps to Calvin, his son, one-half; Moses d. here, his heirs sold to Ezra Wallis of Douglas; 11 Feb., 1823, Ezra Wallis to Olney Esten; 23 March, 1836, Olney Esten to Barnabas Chandler; 2 April, 1840, Barnabas Chandler to John A. Brown; 9 March, 1842, John A. Brown to Asahel C. Bennett; 6 April, 1844, Asahel C. Bennett to Lemuel Cudworth, Jr.; 17 Feb., 1845, Lemuel Cudworth, Jr., to Charles Cozzens; same date, Cozzens to Japheth Cortis, Thompson, Conn.; 2 April, 1847, Charles and Nelson P. Cozzens to George Hewes.

**57.** ABEL DAVIS. "*S. Aldrich*" on map. 7 April, 1803, Joseph Dudley of Roxbury to Elijah Pratt, 535 a., entailed land; 29 April, 1803, Elijah Pratt to Jonathan Mayo, 185 a.; Mayo settled here and built the present house; 4 May, 1810, Jonathan Mayo to James Burlingame of Burrillville, 85 a. and buildings; 12 Feb., 1811, James Burlingame to Calvin Aldrich, who occupied till his death, 1844. The farm was owned later by Edward and Samuel Aldrich, sons of Calvin, Samuel occupying; 27 April, 1859, Samuel Aldrich to Edward Aldrich; 8 Sept., 1859, Edward Aldrich to Asahel Hayward, who d. here; 7 May, 1870, Maria J. Hayward to Abel Davis.

**58.** Late TIMOTHY ALDRICH. "*T. Aldrich*" on map. House removed 1887; a part of H. 57.<sup>1</sup> 13 Jan., 1810, Elijah Pratt to James Wallis of Dudley; house named in the records in 1729 and

<sup>1</sup>The murderers of Lilla Hoyle secreted her body in an out-building on this estate.

was occupied by John Nichols and the Hancock family as tenants of Dudley; 14 May, 1814, James Wallis to Nahum Prentiss; 1816, Nahum Prentiss to Samuel Slater and Bela Tiffany; 1 April, 1833, Samuel Slater to Timothy Aldrich, 176 a.; Aldrich rem. 1847 to the Plain, the old house went to decay.

**59. JOHN O'DWYER.** "*J. Mahony*" on map. A part of H. 58. 2 March, 1857, Timothy Aldrich to Lament Davis, 10 a.; 9 Oct., 1851, Lament Davis to Emerson Eddy; 9 Oct., 1851, Emerson Eddy to George Hodges; 19 Dec., 1853, George Hodges to James Mahony; 17 Jan., 1855, James Mahony to Dennis Toomey; 7 Sept., 1855, Dennis Toomey to Ambrose C. Veevers; 6 Dec., 1858, Ambrose C. Veevers to John O'Dwyer, who built the present house.

**60. SAMUEL LARNED.** "*A. Davis*" on map. Part of H. 57. 18 May, 1809, Elijah Pratt to William Hurd, 50 a.; Hurd d. here; 1 Oct., 1842, administrator of William Hurd to Cyrus Truesdell, 5 a. and buildings; 1852, Cyrus Truesdell to Abel Davis, Jr.; 27 Jan., 1862, Abel Davis to Samuel Larned, 52 a.

**61. HENRY J. HAGGERTY.** "*D. Davis*" on map. 7 March, 1805, Joseph Dudley of Roxbury to Jacob Shumway, Jr., 122 a. with buildings for Dudley's tenants, north side of Dudley road, reserving pond and a right to pass to it; land covered with heavy pine timber; Shumway d. here, 1819; his sons Jacob and Rufus succeeded; 1821, Jacob deeded to Rufus; 14 April, 1824, Rufus Shumway, Millbury, to Sylvester Phipps, 91 a. and buildings; 3 Dec., 1825, Sylvester Phipps to Thomas Aldrich; 23 March, 1827, Thomas Aldrich to Reuben Harwood, 26 a. and buildings; 8 March, 1834, Reuben Harwood to Evander Taft; 10 March, 1838, Evander Taft to Timothy Aldrich; 17 March, 1838, Timothy Aldrich to Stephen Davis; 29 Nov., 1839, Stephen Davis to son Eri B., one-half; 15 April, 1845, Eri B. Davis to Dexter Davis, his brother, the whole and buildings; 8 Nov., 1857, Dexter Davis to George O. Derby of Dudley; George O. Derby to Elvira, w. of Dexter Davis; 28 Nov., 1857, Elvira Davis to John Collins; 20 July, 1866, John Collins to Henry J. Haggerty.

**62. DELIA BENWAY.** "*Mrs. E. Blackstock*" on map. In 1794 Edward Davis deeded to Peter Spaulding, 10 a. in the fork of Webster and Thompson roads; Spaulding built the present house; 9 May, 1801, Peter Spaulding to Rufus and Jonas Larned, 36 a. and buildings; 17 March, 1847, Jonas Larned to Sumner Putnam; 21 Oct., 1851, Sumner Putnam to Zacheus A. Ballard; 8 March, 1852, Zacheus A. Ballard to Cyrus Truesdell; 1 March, 1853, Cyrus Truesdell to Eliza Blackstock; 3 Sept., 1855, Eliza Blackstock to Barnabas Davis; 15 April, 1885, Ruth M. Copeland, dau. of Davis, to Mary S. Carpenter; June, 1889, executor of Mary S. Carpenter to

Samuel H. Earl ; July, 1889, Samuel H. Earl to Delia, w. of Fred Benway.

**63.** Late ADDISON M. STEVENS. "*T. D. Shumway*" on map. A part of H. 64. 3 Feb., 1807, Peter Shumway to his son Noah,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  a. with buildings ; 11 Aug., 1842, Noah Shumway to Eliza Blackstock, mother of the w. of his son, Thomas D. ; 23 Aug., 1856, Eliza Blackstock to Thomas D. Shumway ; 1 April, 1872, Thomas D. Shumway to Mary A., w. of Samuel Fairbanks ; 1 March, 1880, Mary A. Fairbanks to Roxy, w. of John A. Stone ; 16 Nov., 1880, Roxy Stone to Addison M. Stevens ; house burned 1882, and the present one rem. to the spot.

**64.** FRED. L. SNOW. "*E. Aldrich*" on map. Home lot of Isaac Larned. 10 Oct., 1752, Isaac Larned to Isaac Larned, Jr. ; 14 July, 1755, Isaac Larned, Jr., to Jeremiah Shumway in exchange for H. 185 ; 1773, Jeremiah Shumway to his son Peter, who with his son Peter, Jr., owned until 6 Feb., 1854, when he deeded to Edward Aldrich ; 13 Nov., 1858, Edward Aldrich to J. Leavens Lilley ; 1 Dec., 1870, J. L. Lilley to Dana L. Ballard ; Ballard mort. to Lilley, who transferred to Sylvanus Robinson ; 1880, Robinson owned, and soon conveyed to Fred. L. Snow. Peter Shumway built the present house in 1841.

**65.** EDWIN C. WHITING. "*S. Larned*" on map. At the west part of the town. A part of John Larned's purchase. [See H. 72] ; 8 March, 1769, Capt. John Larned to his son Elijah, 75 a., b. south on Dudley line, west on Pierpont's heirs ; 10 April, 1800, Elijah Larned to his son Salem, 100 a. and buildings ; Elijah and Salem both d. here ; Salem built a new house, his son Elias occupied the old one [E. Larned on map], since removed ; 18 April, 1859, Salem Larned to Alvah Kelsey of Webster ; 1866, Alvah Kelsey to Edwin C. Whiting.

**66.** FRED. O. CORTIS. "*R. Emerson*" on map. A part of H. 65. 18 March, 1816, Salem Larned to Billings Hayward, three-fourths of an a. ; Hayward built the present house ; 1816, Hayward mort. to Jeremiah Moffitt, who, 22 March, 1824, deeded to Rufus Hayward and Josiah Moffitt ; 4 Feb., 1825, Josiah Moffitt to Reuel Moffitt, who soon bought Rufus Hayward's share ; 11 Feb., 1837, Reuel Moffitt to Harvey Upham, 47 a. ; 1 Feb., 1846, Harvey Upham to Preston Cummings ; 20 June, 1850, Preston Cummings to Maverick Jennison ; 14 Oct., 1851, Maverick Jennison to Reuben Emerson ; 1 Oct., 1856, Reuben Emerson to Charles Lamb ; 28 Feb., 1866, Charles Lamb to Ozias Cortis, who d. here ; his son Japheth succeeded, and d. here ; his nephew, Fred. O., is present owner.

**67.** CORNELIUS C. SHARPLES. "*E. Stevens*" on map. A part of H. 68. 20 April, 1813, Asahel Hayward to John P. Nichols, 13 a. ;

Nichols built the house; 15 Feb., 1816, John P. Nichols to Billings Hayward; 17 May, 1817, Billings Hayward to John Brown; 4 Sept., 1818, John Brown to his father, Charles Brown of Dudley; 10 Nov., 1818, Charles Brown to Jeremiah Moffitt; 16 Jan., 1819, Jeremiah Moffitt to Reuel Moffitt; 5 March, 1820, Reuel Moffitt to Joseph Martin; 1 Sept., 1822, Joseph Martin to Reuel Moffitt; 11 Nov., 1824, Reuel Moffitt to Lot Marsh, who d. here; 1845, administrator of estate of Lot Marsh to Denny S. Putnam; 1851, Denny S. Putnam to Ebenezer Stevens; 19 Nov., 1855, Ebenezer Stevens to Pliny B. Upham, who d. here; 21 Oct., 1886, Catharine, widow of Upham, to Albert G. McIntire; 9 May, 1887, Albert G. McIntire to Cornelius C. Sharples.

**68. LYMAN WETHERELL.** "*L. Wetherell*" on map. In his will Gov. Dudley gave Ann Hilton, his niece, 500 a. in Oxford. She m. Ebenezer Pierpont of Roxbury, thus the name "Pierpont" was given to lands on borders of Oxford and Charlton. 13 June, 1782, Benjamin and Ebenezer Pierpont, Jr., executors of Ebenezer, deeded 500 a. to Joseph Gibbs of Charlton; 14 May, 1783, Joseph Gibbs to Jacob Davis; 19 June, 1784, Jacob Davis to Ephraim Segars, 50 a. at easterly part of same; Segars settled here; 2 June, 1791, Ephraim Segars to Jacob Smith of Deering, N. H.; 3 Sept., 1793, Jacob Smith to Jacob Larned; 12 Nov., 1794, Jacob Larned to Nathaniel Brown, Jr., of Douglas; 19 March, 1799, Nathaniel Brown, Jr., to Asahel Hayward, who bought other lands contiguous; 21 Oct., 1815, Larned Hayward, son of Asahel, to Lyman Wetherell, 93 rods of land and the house, it having been set off to him from his father's estate, with 10 a. near; Wetherell built the present house in 1834 and d. here. His son Lyman is present owner.

**69. AMOS S. PRATT.** "*R. White*" on map. A part of the Gibbs lot.<sup>1</sup> 30 Dec., 1783, collector of Charlton taxes sold 60 a. wild land to Isaac Moffitt [estate set to Oxford, 1789]; 2 Oct., 1798, Isaac Moffitt to his son Jeremiah; 1 April, 1811, Jeremiah Moffitt to Elihu Moffitt, 65 a.; 1 Jan., 1819, Elihu Moffitt to Russell White of Douglas, 53 a. and buildings; White d. here; 19 March, 1858, his administrator to Jeremiah Brown; 1 April, 1861, Jeremiah Brown to Amos S. Pratt.

**70. Late JESSE BIGELOW.** "*J. Bigelow*" on map. [House unoccupied.] A part of H. 72. 11 April, 1788, John Larned to

<sup>1</sup>George Gibbs m. Katharine, dau. of Peter Papillon. On 31 July, 1782, Ebenezer Learned, Samuel Davis and Ebenezer Foskett, all of Oxford, appraised the estate of Katharine Gibbs,

formerly of Boston, but last of London, shown by John Campbell, attorney of John Ballard, administrator, and returned 1,760 acres at 8 shillings.

Isaac Moffitt, son-in-law, 60 a.;<sup>1</sup> 1 Feb., 1798, Isaac Moffitt to his son Elihu; 13 March, 1806, Elihu Moffitt to widow Sally McIntire (Zenas Holbrook m. Sally McIntire); 1 Nov., 1809, Zenas Holbrook to Asahel Hayward; 13 Aug., 1813, Asahel Hayward to Sally Holbrook, his sister; 9 Oct., 1815, Zenas Holbrook, Brimfield, 50 a. to Jesse Bigelow of Sutton, who occupied many years; 19 March, 1864, Jesse Bigelow to Jonathan P. Dana, present owner.

**71. ORLIN ALLARD.** "*C. Truesdell*" on map. A part of John Larned's purchase [see H. 72]. 29 April, 1786, John Larned to his son John, 70 a., south of Amasa Kingsbury's; John, Jr., built a house, occupied many years and d. here; 18 Dec., 1838, John Larned to Zenas M., his son; 10 March, 1852, Zenas M. Larned to Zaccheus A. Ballard; 5 Sept., 1852, Zaccheus A. Ballard to Cyrus Truesdell; 30 May, 1855, Cyrus Truesdell to David Wait; 13 April, 1866, David Wait to Sarah, w. of Orlin Allard.

**72.** [House removed.] Not on map. Original John Larned homestead. 12 July, 1738, John Wolcott of Salem to John Larned, 120 a., b. south on Dudley's farm, east on village line. The house stood on a rise of land near the river on the west side, near the line of the Webster railroad, southeast from Allard's. It was burned in 1786 and rebuilt by Jacob, son of John, who lived here and cared for his parents. 30 Aug., 1753, John Higginson of Salem to John Larned, 120 a. adjoining the above on the west, embracing land later his son Elijah's and Isaac Moffitt's; 26 April, 1786, John Larned to Jacob, his son, 130 a., eastern part; 29 Oct., 1806, Jacob Larned to Jesse Ormsbee of Thompson, Conn.; Larned rem. to Barnard, Vt.; 28 Nov., 1807, Jesse Ormsbee to Peleg Corbin, who mort. to Ebenezer Davis and later rem. to Woodstock, Conn.; 6 Sept., 1814, Ebenezer Davis to Abijah Davis, and he to Calvin Aldrich; the place was occupied by tenants. Before 1827 Timothy Aldrich owned it, and divided it and sold in lots; 6 Jan., 1835, he sold house and land to Charles Negus and Samuel C. Butler, both of Webster, who removed the house to Webster, where it now stands.

**73. GEORGE HINCHLIFF.** "*S. Larned*" on map. In 1803 Joseph Dudley of Roxbury sold 50 a. to Jacob Larned; William Larned, son of John, Jr., built a house on this land; 24 June, 1823, William Larned to John Larned, 4 a. and buildings; 5 Feb., 1831, William

<sup>1</sup> For several years before building a house here Moffitt lived in what was known as "Hut rock," about 25 rods east of the house. This rock rises about 12 or 15 feet from the ground, and is 60 or 70 feet in length and 25 in breadth. At its southern end there seems to have been by some convulsion of nature a portion of it broken off and removed 20 feet or more so that there remains an opening with nearly perpendicular

walls, and of sufficient size to form a comfortable habitation. The northern wall is about 10 feet high at the centre and slopes gradually each way. The southern wall is lower. Timbers were placed across for a roof, and walls of wood built front and back. In the northeast corner were a fireplace and chimney. Several of his children were born here.

Larned to Simon, his brother, 50 a. adjoining the house lot: same date, John Larned to his son Simon, 1 a. and house; Simon settled and d. here; in 1881, Louisa, his widow, deeded to George Hinchliff.

**74.** JOSEPH L. AND GEORGE L. WOODBURY. “*Col. DeWitt*” on map. 30 Aug., 1753, John Higginson of Salem, second husband of Elizabeth Papillon, to Josiah Kingsbury, 250 a., b. east on village line, west by Gibbs’ lot, north by Williams’ or Coburn’s lot; 19 April, 1764, Josiah Kingsbury to his son Amasa, 140 a. at east end of the foregoing; Betsey, dau. of Amasa, was heir; 11 May, 1826, she deeded to Richard Olney, 170 a.; 7 Dec., 1832, Richard Olney to Edward Aldrich, 100 a. and buildings; 18 Sept., 1834, Edward Aldrich to Timothy Aldrich; 29 Sept., 1834, Timothy Aldrich to Alexander DeWitt; 29 May, 1835, Alexander DeWitt to Harvey Conant; 21 Feb., 1839, Harvey Conant to Sumner Moffitt, who d. here; 11 Sept., 1877, Delia A. Moffitt to Joseph L. Woodbury; 17 Sept., 1877, Joseph L. Woodbury to George L. Woodbury, one-half.<sup>1</sup>

**75.** [House removed.] “*L. Shumway’s Barn*” on map. Long known as the “Coburn place.” Martha Papillon inherited this property. She m. Richard Williams, who settled and d. here. 27 Feb., 1752, John Campbell, executor of Williams’ will, to Ebenezer Coburn of Woodstock, 177 a.; 23 Feb., 1775, Ebenezer Coburn to Richard Coburn, 71 a., south part; 20 May, 1777, Ebenezer Coburn to Ebenezer Coburn, Jr., 306 a. with buildings, north part; 29 March, 1813, Richard Coburn to his son Sylvanus, 96 a. and buildings; 12 April, 1817, Sylvanus Coburn to his brother Samuel Coburn; 1819, Samuel Coburn to Stearns Witt; later it was owned by Richard Olney, who deeded it, 1 April, 1833, to Oxford Woolen M’f’g Co.; 1 Jan., 1846, Oxford Woolen M’f’g Co. to George Hodges; 10 April, 1848, George Hodges to Clovis M. Gates; 12 May, 1848, Clovis M. Gates to Loriston Shumway; 2 Nov., 1882, Loriston Shumway to Joseph L. Woodbury.

**76.** [House removed.] The northern part of H. 75. 16 Feb., 1782, Ebenezer Coburn to John Barton, Jr., 50 a. and buildings; 7 Feb., 1787, John Barton, Jr., to William Eddy; 25 May, 1787, William Eddy to John Angell, Jr.; 20 March, 1789, John Angell, Jr., of Smithfield, to Daniel and John Sweet; 22 Jan., 1798, John Sweet of Oxford and Daniel Sweet of Scituate to David Wakefield of Dudley, 60 a. and buildings; Wakefield lived here several years, and later the place was occupied by tenants, Oliver Smith, Lemuel Moffitt and Edward Wetherell having lived here. The house was large, with a long sloping roof descending to one story in the rear, and stood about one-fourth of a mile north of the Coburn house. It went

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The old house stood north of the present ones and was taken down by Woodbury.

to decay and was removed as early as 1825. This is supposed to have been the homestead of Richard Williams.

**77. BUFFUMVILLE ESTATE.** John Nichols, father and son, were large land owners in the west part of Oxford and the borders of Charlton. The first purchase was from Oxford assessors of land sold for taxes, Dec., 1751, 80 a., taxed to heirs of John Danforth of Dorchester. The next was more than 100 a. in the northeast corner of the Richard Williams 500 a. lot, as follows: 28 Feb., 1752, Ebenezer Coburn to William Lamb, a lot of 60 a. and another of 40 a. Through the first lot ran the [little] river, with a "dam in it to supply ditches on both sides of said river," for irrigation of the Coburn farm. The old ditch is now to be seen on the south side of the river. 1 Feb., 1755, William Lamb to John Campbell; 6 March, 1756, John Campbell to John Nichols. This purchase included the Gates place and that next west, which was Lieut. John Nichols' homestead, the house having stood on the north side the old Sturbridge road, through Howarth's village, near the school-house now standing. House removed as early as 1800. In 1756 was purchased 25 a. and in 1768 149 a. of William Thomas, husband of Mary Papillon, b. east on Ebenezer Coburn. In 1793 Samuel Danforth and Elijah Dunbar deeded to John Nichols and his grandsons, Alexander and Jonathan, 183 a., partly in Oxford and partly in Charlton, b. south by Blackwell's line, north by the "Centre line," east on Oxford village line. This included the water privilege and land on which it appears the buyers had previously lived. On 17 April, 1795, John Nichols deeded his third of the latter tract to his son John, who in 1811 deeded to his sons Alexander and Jonathan, who thus became sole owners. 24 June, 1823, Jonathan and Alexander Nichols, Barnabas Rich, w. Lucy, John Stevens, w. Lois, deeded to Stearns Witt, 29 a. and buildings. On 1 April, 1824, Stearns Witt to his brothers, Hollis, Archibald and Alexander C., three undivided fourths. Later Stearns DeWitt<sup>1</sup> and Samuel Dowse became owners. On 20 Sept., 1842, Stearns DeWitt deeded three-fourths (his interest) to Elias B. Crawford. On 24 April, 1845, Dowse having deceased, his widow deeded to Crawford the other fourth. On 1 July, 1847, Crawford deeded to Charles L. Harding, who in Dec., 1852, conveyed to Moses Buffum and Edward Thayer; 1855, Edward Thayer to Moses Buffum, whose heirs are present owners. The mansion on the hill north of the village, known as "Bonnie View," was completed in 1881.

**78. MOSES H. BUFFUM.** This is a farm lying south of and contiguous to the manufacturing property at Buffumville, formerly owned by Hollis DeWitt. On 1 Oct., 1868, Benjamin DeWitt, son of Hollis, to Charles Lamb; 1 July, 1870, Charles Lamb to Moses Buffum.

<sup>1</sup> See foot note, page 90.

**79.** [Unoccupied.] "*J. Gates*" on map. A part of H. 77. John Meriam m. Hannah, dau. of John Nichols. We find no record of his purchase, but he removed here about 1802 from H. 86, on the old Charlton road, took down the old house and built the present one about 1808; 12 March, 1828, John Meriam to Stearns Witt and brothers; Hollis Witt occupied; 8 Feb., 1838, DeWitt Brothers & Co. to Amos Thompson, who occupied; 15 March, 1845, Amos Thompson to Hiram Moffitt, who built a dam and mill; 15 March, 1847, Hiram Moffitt to John Gates, who d. here.

**80.** [House removed.] In the field about 40 rods northwest of the stone arch bridge is a cellar over which stood a house built by Ezra Bowman; 7 April, 1781, Ebenezer Coburn sold him 260 a.; 9 Feb., 1782, Ezra Bowman to Ebenezer Davis, "the deed to hold a house which I myself built on the premises, in which Samuel White's family now lives"; 2 April, 1784, Ebenezer Davis to John Nichols, 70 a. and buildings. The house was cheaply built and soon went to ruin.

**81.** [House removed.] New school-house on the site. Before 5 Sept., 1786, Jacob Davis sold to Silas Eddy land supposed to be this spot, on which Eddy settled.<sup>1</sup> In 1793 Ebenezer Davis quit-claimed 20 a. and house to Eddy; 3 July, 1826, Benjamin, son of Silas Eddy and Ruhamah, widow of Silas, to James Morton and Joseph Abbey, 24 a. and buildings; 16 March, 1831, Reuben Morton to George Gould, 4 a. and buildings; the remainder of the land was sold to Brown [see 82]; 28 March, 1832, George Gould to Oxford Woolen M'fg Co. The house was occupied by mill hands, became untenantable and was removed by Hodges.

**82.** JAMES BURKE. "*A. Kingsbury*" on map. A part of H. 81. 2 Oct., 1832, James Morton of Charlton to Nathaniel Brown, 22 a.; Brown built a house; 1839, Nathaniel Brown to Sylvanus Robinson; 8 March, 1848, Sylvanus Robinson to Alfred Kingsbury, who d. here; 20 Sept., 1882, administrator of estate of Sophia, wid. of Alfred Kingsbury, to James Burke.

**83.** ANDREW HOWARTH. "*George Hodges, Jr.*" on map. The home lot of Abraham Skinner. 28 March, 1722, Abraham Skinner to Thomas Gleason, who d. here; his estate granted by court to Moses, his son, he to pay certain sums to other heirs; 19 March, 1734, Moses Gleason to James Coller of Uxbridge; 15 March, 1735, James Coller to Jonathan Ballard of Billerica, tailor, who settled here; 14 Aug., 1751, Jonathan Ballard to his son Ephraim, one-half; 5 April, 1768, Ephraim Ballard to Elisha Davis; 11 Dec., 1770, Elisha Davis to Ephraim Ballard; 11 Dec., 1770, Ephraim Ballard to Amos Put-

<sup>1</sup>In a deed, 5 Sept., 1786, Jacob to Ebenezer Davis, this tract sold to Eddy was reserved.

nam of Sutton ; 17 March, 1779, Amos Putnam of Oxford to John Nichols, Sen. : 9 Nov., 1790, John Nichols to John Nichols, Jr. ; 1801, John Nichols, Jr., to his son David ; 26 Jan., 1826, David Nichols to Oxford Woolen M'f'g Co. ; 1 Jan., 1846, Oxford Woolen M'f'g Co. to George Hodges, Jr., who d. here, 1881 ; 21 June, 1882, executors of Hodges' estate to Andrew Howarth. The mansion house at this village was built by Hodges in fall of 1861.

**84.** [House removed.] "*R. Cudworth*" on map. A part of H. 83. 6 Oct., 1765, Ephraim Ballard to John Marvin, who is supposed to have built the house ; 1777, John Marvin to Ezekiel Coller ; 1784, Ezekiel Coller to Ebenezer Davis of Charlton ; 10 April, 1792, Ebenezer Davis to William Cary of Spener, later of North Oxford ; 1804, William Cary to Samuel Rider of Charlton ; 1818, Samuel Rider and James Brown to Capt. William Googins, who d. here ; 1 April, 1833, heirs of Googins to Alexander DeWitt ; 20 April, 1833, Alexander DeWitt to Alexander C. Thurston ; 1 April, 1838, Alexander C. Thurston to Harvey Burnett, who occupied, but the place reverted to Thurston ; 20 Jan., 1842, Alexander C. Thurston to Susanna Elliot of Sutton, who d. here ; 1845, administrator of Elliot's estate to Gilbert Crane ; 1 April, 1847, Gilbert Crane to Orinda Cudworth ; 15 Feb., 1871, Orinda Cudworth to Daniel T. Fuller ; 2 April, 1874, Daniel T. Fuller to Horace A. Pope, who occupied till 1 Dec., 1879, when the buildings were all burned.

**85.** JAMES CONLIN. "*D. Rich*" on map. 7 Jan., 1792, Luther Amidown to David Rich ; 12 Jan., 1793, David Rich of Charlton to Jonathan Prince of Dudley and Stephen Prince, Jr., of Sutton, 50 a. wild land in west part of Oxford ; Stephen became in 1800 sole owner, built the house, spent his days and d. here, and his son Freeman was his successor ; 1 Jan., 1853, Freeman Prince to Daniel Rich, 150 a. ; 6 May, 1865, Daniel Rich to James Conlin, 92 a.

**86.** [House removed.] "*S. Hunt*" on map. 26 Jan., 1742, Richard and Martha (Papillon) Williams to Aaron Gleason, 62 a. on old Charlton road, b. west on John H. Rich farm, east on Jacob Town ; 13 March, 1752, Aaron Gleason to Moses Gleason ; 14 March, 1757, Moses Gleason to Joshua Meriam, Jr., of North Gore, who occupied many years ; 30 March, 1790, Joshua Meriam to his son John ; 20 Dec., 1802, John Meriam to Isaac Lamson ; 1 May, 1805, Isaac Lamson to Nathaniel Stockwell ; Joshua Meriam continued to live here with his son, and also with Lamson and Stockwell, and d. here. Stockwell also d. here ; after his decease Jacob Bond occupied. It came to Andrew Sigourney on a mort., and after his decease was set off to his dau. Susan, who m. Stephen Hunt. The house went to decay.

**87.** [House removed.] Next east of H. 86. Jan., 1742, Richard and Martha (Papillon) Williams to Jacob Town, 60 a., b. east on a town road [over Rocky Hill]; Town settled here and most of his children were b. here; 5 Sept., 1749, Jacob Town to Nathan Moore; 16 July, 1751, Nathan Moore to James Sloan; 1752, James Sloan to John Wyman, who occupied 23 years; 9 May, 1775, John Wyman to John Farle; 30 Oct., 1776, John Farle of Willington, Conn., to Jonathan Shattuck, who occupied; 5 May, 1781, Jonathan Shattuck to Josiah White of Spencer; 8 April, 1800, Josiah White to John Meriam, owner of adjoining estate on the west. The house on this estate was on the east side, fronting on the road over Rocky Hill. It was standing about 1800 and was then occupied by William Henderson, whose history has not been ascertained. [His son William m. Chloe, dau. of Daniel Fitts, and resided at West Greenwich, R. I., Shutesbury, and later Buffalo, N. Y., where he d. about 1850.] It was then an old house, and stood in a cleared space of an acre or two, which was surrounded by woods and was removed before 1810.

**88.** Late OTIS B. CHAFFEE. "*M. Brown*" on map. 18 Nov., 1791, Ebenezer Davis of Charlton to Joseph Brown of Dudley, 100 a., a part of Brown's confiscated land; Brown settled, built the present house, spent his life and d. here. His son Jasper owned later; at his decease he devised it to his dau. Sarah, w. of Otis B. Chaffee.<sup>1</sup>

**89.** Late SAMUEL WILLIAMS. "*S. Williams*" on map. 12 April, 1760, Josiah Wolcott to Jedediah Barton, 32 a.; Barton settled here; 3 Dec., 1785, Jedediah Barton to Josiah Wolcott, with buildings; 1788, John Wolcott to James Williams, who d. here; 7 Nov., 1811, heirs of Williams to Robert Williams, son of James. He d. here, 1838; his son Samuel succeeded, owning at his death, 1891.

**89a.** HORACE POPE. "*H. Pope*" on map. A part of H. 183. July 3, 1826, Solomon Walker to his son Elisha, 31 a.; house rem. from near the railroad track east of North Common; 2 Feb., 1843, Elisha Walker to Horace Pope, who enlarged the house and, 1890, owns and occupies.

**90.** Thirty or forty rods south of the road leading west from the old common, and not far from the present house of Horace Pope, stands a small house built about 1800 by Ebenezer, son of James Brown, tailor, where both lived many years. 13 March, 1839, Ebenezer Brown deeded to Susanna, dau. of Gilbert Crane. They, with Lemuel, brother of Gilbert, d. here. Ebenezer Crane, brother

<sup>1</sup>The most picturesque spot in the town is on this farm a short distance west of the house, where the stream comes down through a rocky gorge in a series of cascades, specially beautiful at high water in the spring.

of Susanna, built another house near and occupied it. The old house has long been untenantable.

**91.** FRANCIS COGHLAN. “*Jacob Marble*” on map. On Rocky Hill. 15 March, 1813, Jonathan Davis, executor of will of Jeremiah Learned, to Benjamin and Jeremiah Learned, sons of Jeremiah, 165 a.; Benjamin occupied and d. here, and his son Benjamin was successor; 3 March, 1827, Benjamin Learned to Stephen Barton, 33 a. and house; 1 April, 1830, Stephen Barton to Stephen Barton, Jr., and David Barton, 300 a., including this farm; Stephen, Sen., had bought other lands north and built at “Jordan’s Corner” a new house which he occupied, and having contracted with the town to support the poor, domiciled them on the old place; 23 April, 1832, Stephen and David Barton to Amos Brown of Spencer, the old place; 9 Dec., 1832, Amos Brown to Ebenezer Brown of Charlton, who d. here, 1849; 23 March, 1850, Ella, widow of Ebenezer Brown, to Jacob Marble; 3 April, 1855, Jacob Marble to H. G. Otis and Asa B. Taft; 16 April, 1856, they to Elias B. Crawford; 1 April, 1860, Jane T., w. of Elias B. Crawford, to Francis Coghlan of Rhode Island; the place has been of late occupied by tenants.

**92.** [House removed.] “*Morey Place*” on map. One hundred rods or more west of H. 91 is the site of the William and David Stone homestead. They had previously lived on Prospect Hill on a farm of 45 a. bought 28 March, 1775, of John Harwood of Oxford [24 Dec., 1761, John Town deeded to William Stone, 60 a. and buildings, adjoining William Eddy and Jonathan Pratt, perhaps north of the railroad station at North Oxford; 18 March, 1767, William Stone to Jonathan Pratt, Jr., same]; 2 April, 1777, Jacob Davis of Charlton to William Stone, 42 a. “on Woody Hill”; 14 April, 1777, William Stone to his son David, one-half, and the whole at the death of the father; 1 April, 1784, Ezra Taylor for Cox’s heirs to David Stone, 52 a. near land of grantee; 1806, David Stone to his son David, 94 a.; 8 April, 1826, David Stone to Nathan Hall, 94 a.; 8 Feb., 1828, Nathan Hall to David Hall, his son; 1 Nov., 1835, David Hall to Otis Perry of North Gore, 100 a.; 1 Nov., 1837, Otis Perry to Thomas Smith of Smithfield, R. I.; 18 April, 1844, Thomas Smith to Daniel Mowry; 1 April, 1854, Thomas Mowry of Providence, R. I., brother of Daniel, into whose possession it came, to Horace Pope; 1 May, 1870, Horace Pope to Asa H. Pope, who removed the house; the barns which stood several years later were burned.

**93.** [House removed; not on map.] A short distance west of H. 94. In 1764 Simon Gleason and Joshua Bellows quitclaimed to John M. Jewell, 100 a., part in Oxford and part in Charlton, a part of Cox’s land; Jewell settled here, house in Oxford; 1 May, 1784, he quitclaimed 71 a. to Ezra Taylor, agent of Cox’s heirs; in Dec.,

1786, Jewell was ejected on a suit by said heirs; 9 Oct., 1791, Ezra Taylor to William Lamson, 70 a., "part in Oxford and part in Charlton, called the Jewell lot, b. east by Fitts, south by Samuel Baker, west by land in possession of one Lamb": 23 March, 1804, William Lamson to Stephen Barton, who, on marriage, settled here, remaining till 1816, when he deeded to Jeremiah Learned and removed to Learned's house; 9 Jan., 1818, Jeremiah Learned to Abisha Learned; 3 Nov., 1818, Abisha Learned to Bela Tiffany: 1 April, 1822, Bela Tiffany to Alpheus Eddy; none of these owners after Barton occupied. The house went to decay and was removed before 8 June, 1830, when Eddy sold to John Fitts, owner of the adjacent farm, H. 94.<sup>1</sup>

**94. JOHN O'MARA.** "*Thos. Appleby*" on map. 19 Aug., 1775, Nathan Pratt to Andrew Patch, land called Cox's, b. south on John Rockwood, west on Samuel Baker and John M. Jewell, north on Josiah Wolcott, east on town road [over Rocky Hill], 140 a.; Feb., 1777, Andrew Patch quitclaimed to Abraham Fitts of Sutton, dwelling, reserving one-half the potash house to Jacob Pierce; 6 April, 1784, Ezra Taylor, agent, Daniel and Rebecca Cox, Trenton, N. J., Charles Cox, Ringwood, N. J., and John T. Kemp, w. Grace, of New York City, to Abraham Fitts, 68 a.; 1 Sept., 1784, Abraham Fitts to Bartholomew Hutchinson of Sutton; 9 Feb., 1788, Abraham Fitts of Dummerston, Vt., to Jonathan Fitts of Wardsboro', Vt., 3 a., "house, barn and hovel"; Daniel Fitts occupied before 1796 (at which date Hutchinson deeded him 34 a. and buildings), and d. here, 1837, devising his farm to his son John, who took down the old house and built the present one, 1827; 18 April, 1837, John Fitts to Robert Fitts of Auburn, 150 a. and buildings; 23 Feb., 1839, Robert Fitts to Thomas Appleby of Smithfield, R. I.; 3 April, 1855, Thomas Appleby to John O'Mara and Michael Butler; Butler sold to O'Mara.

**95. ELIJAH H. SIMONDS.** "*M. Jennison*" on map. 19 July, 1786, Josiah Wolcott to his dau. Elizabeth, 135 a., "Kitchen land"; 3 Dec., 1799, Andrew Sigourney and w. Elizabeth (Wolcott) to Judah Waters, 17 a., reserving a road running north and south; 18 Nov., 1804, Judah Waters to Thomas Scott of Ward; 14 Oct., 1805, Thomas Scott to David Rich, b. south by a town road, west by Abijah Lamb, north by Andrew Sigourney, east by Josiah Shumway; 10 April, 1812, David Rich to David Stone, 9 a., east part; 17 Feb., 1818, David Stone to Jeremiah Pratt of Leicester; 11 April, 1818, Jeremiah Pratt to Stephen Barton, 9 a., b. south by "McIntire road,"

The road west into Charlton from Rockdale was called the McIntire road. Daniel McIntire, with sons Daniel and Job, settled very early on this road near the Charlton line, perhaps in the present Charlton. The house was removed before 1800 and it has not since been a homestead. Eighty years ago a group of apple trees

marked the spot, and was known as the "Job Orchard."

12 June, 1734, Edward and Freak Kitchen to Daniel McIntire, 60 a. with buildings; 12 Aug., 1759, Daniel McIntire to his son Job, 52 a. the south part of the 100 a. bought of Kitchen, b. north by land lately sold to Daniel, Jr.

west by a town road, east by Josiah Shumway; Barton built the present house [see 91]. The "Jordan house" formerly stood at this corner and it was long known as "Jordan's Corner." This and the house north of it on the 9 a. lot, occupied by David Rich, were log houses, built perhaps by Sigourney for tenants. Peter Bonsey, Hessian soldier, lived in one for a time. 1 April, 1830, Stephen Barton to Stephen, Jr., and David Barton, 300 a., including this place; 28 March, 1836, S. and D. Barton to Joseph H. Dow of Worcester, 175 a. with new house; 20 Nov., 1837, Joseph H. Dow to Leonard Richardson and Maverick Jennison; 3 Nov., 1842, Leonard Richardson to Martin Boomer; 23 Dec., 1842, Martin Boomer to Maverick Jennison; 3 April, 1855, Maverick Jennison to Archibald C. Harris, who mort. back; Jennison assigned to Sylvanus Robinson, he to Esek Aldrich, he to Eddy Aldrich; 23 June, 1864, Eddy Aldrich to Asa H. Pope; 1 Nov., 1872, Asa H. Pope to Eliphas S. Gage; 1872, Eliphas S. Gage to Hudger D. Lariver; 1873, Hudger D. Lariver to E. Spurr & Co. of Worcester; 13 Oct., 1874, E. Spurr & Co. to Isabella, w. of Elijah H. Simonds.

**96. GEORGE H. NICHOLS.** "*A. B. Taft*" on map. 23 Dec., 1842, Maverick Jennison to Martin Boomer (who built the house, 1843), 88 a.; 21 March, 1848, Martin Boomer to H. G. Otis, Silas S. and Elisha C. Taft; 26 Aug., 1871, Asa B. Taft, who had occupied, to George S. Melvin and Henry J. Harlow of Springfield; 30 March, 1874, they to Robert Craig of Charlton; 5 Sept., 1879, Robert Craig to John A. Marsh; 1 April, 1889, John A. Marsh to George H. Nichols.

**97. GEORGE W. DAVIS.** "*E. Shumway*" on map. 21 Oct., 1788, Josiah Wolcott to his dau. Freke, a part of Kitchen's land, 65 a. and buildings, b. west on Elizabeth's land [H. 95]; Josiah Shumway m. Freke Wolcott, resided and d. here; his heirs are present owners. The old house was burned March, 1835, and the present one soon after built.

**98. CHARLES O. WALLIS.** "*C. Learned*" on map. 21 March, 1780, Thomas Parker, shop-joiner, to Ebenezer Redding, who d. here; 1810, Ebenezer Redding to Andrew Sigourney. Abigail, widow of Benjamin Learned, owned soon after Redding's decease, occupied many years and devised it to her daughter Abigail, who m. Nathaniel Emerson; 28 Sept., 1867, Abigail and Nathaniel Emerson to Charles O. Wallis. A new house was built after Redding died.

**99. Late ALVIN FITTS.** "*Alvin Fittz*" on map. Before Nov., 1789, the heirs of Josiah Wolcott deeded land to Abijah Lamb, who built a house and settled here; 29 April, 1806, Andrew Sigourney to William Lamson, 69 a.; Walter Fitts bought, and 22 Feb., 1812,

deeded to Daniel Fitts, 38 a.; occupied by tenants. At the death of Daniel this place went into the possession of his son John; 2 May, 1838, John Fitts to Alvin and David Fitts; they removed the old house and built the present one; David sold to Alvin, who d. here, 1880. Adjutant Ebenezer Pray once lived at this place.

**100.** [House removed.] **HOMESTEAD OF ABIJAH GALE.** 3 Nov., 1787, Samuel Danforth of Boston to Abijah Gale, two lots, in all 61 a., in north part of Oxford; 10 Feb., 1801, Abijah Gale to Benjamin Fitts, 10 a. with buildings. The old house was removed many years ago. A part of the land which lay west of H. 101, near Charlton line, was owned 32 years ago by John C. Steere; a small modern house stood there which was burned 1856, and the place abandoned.

**101.** **ANSON NICHOLAS.** “*B. Fitts*” on map. 1794, Samuel Danforth of Boston to Thomas Clark, 97 a., b. south on Kitchen, west on Abijah Gale, east on Gen. Learned, etc.; 11 March, 1799, Thomas Clark to Benjamin Fitts, Jr., 45 a., b. north on Jesse Smith and James Trumbull, east on Asa Conant, south on Abijah Lamb; Fitts built the house, spent his days and d. here; his heirs divided the farm, the house and 20 a. went to his son David; 7 April, 1863, David Fitts to Anson Nicholas and Almon Lincoln, son-in-law.

**102.** **LATE LIBERTY LAMB.** “*L. Lamb*” on map. 20 July, 1721, the State to Mrs. Ann Stone, 300 a. in North Gore; on her decease, 1733, this land came to her son James, who in 1745 sold the western portion to his brother Uriah of Framingham, who settled here; Samuel, Uriah's son, succeeded; Liberty Lamb m. Hannah, dau. of Samuel, and 1834 settled on this estate and d. here, 1876. His sons have been owners since.

**103.** **MERIAM ESTATE.** In 1719 Daniel Livermore received 400 a. in the “Country Gore,” laid out to him on a special grant on which he built a house [see North Gore]. 30 May, 1721, Daniel Livermore to Joseph Haven and Henry Mellen, both of Framingham, the same, beginning at a tree on the west side of the river [at Oxford north line], thence N. 13° W. 200 rods, thence W. 13° S. 320 rods, thence S. 13° E. 200 rods to Oxford north line, thence on said line 320 rods to the first bound. On 14 April, 1729, Haven and Mellen deeded the same to Jonathan and Hezekiah Meriam and Ebenezer Meriam, their cousin, who on 13 Aug. following, sold to Joshua, brother of Ebenezer, one-fourth of the same. On 14 Aug. a division was made, Ebenezer and Joshua receiving the western half, and Hezekiah and Jonathan the eastern. On 17 Oct., 1733, Joshua and Ebenezer divided their share, the former receiving the north part, 112 a., and the latter the southern, 88 a.; Ebenezer settling at the David Fitts place. On 3 June, 1779, Joshua deeded his estate [“*S. Merriam*”]

on map] to his son James; Samuel, son of James, inherited the same, spent his whole life and d. here; built the present house a few years before his decease. On 1 April, 1874, Nancy T., his widow, deeded to Charles C. Lamb, who removed part of the house to Rochdale, and 30 April, 1880, sold the farm to Charles H. DeVoe of Worcester, owner, 1888.

Of Ebenezer's 88 a., the northern part, "*D. Fittz*" on map, went to his son Ephraim, who d. there, and 4 July, 1781, Sampson Marvin, w. Ruth, former w. of Ephraim, then of New Salem, deeded to Jotham Meriam, brother of Ephraim; Jotham, son of Jotham, was next owner, and 15 Oct., 1845, deeded to David and Alvin Fitts; 25 Jan., 1854, Alvin to David, his half; Jotham, son of David Fitts, with his mother own and occupy, 1890.

The southern part of the 88 a. went to Ebenezer Meriam, son of Ebenezer, and from him to his son Artemas, who sold to his brother Wright S., who occupied long and d. there. His sons are present owners.

**104.** Late GEORGE W. HARTWELL. "*G. W. Hartwell*" on map. Part of the Meriam purchase [103]. Hezekiah and Jonathan Meriam both settled here. Tradition says the latter, until his sale to Hartwell, occupied a house he had built in the northeast portion, which was soon removed; the cellar is now visible. 30 May, 1734, Jonathan Meriam to Isaac Hartwell, 100 a., his share of the 400 a. purchase; Jonathan returned to Lexington. No record appears of the division between Hezekiah and Jonathan, but the separating line ran north and south, and the present road divided a large part of the way. On 29 Nov., 1734, Hezekiah Meriam deeded to Isaac Hartwell 3 a. and a house, "part of Livermore's farm." On 24 March, 1762, when past middle life, Hezekiah deeded one-half of 70 a. and buildings to his son-in-law, Jacob Pierce, and 28 March, 1765, Meriam and Pierce conveyed the same, called 65 a., to Joseph Edwards, also son-in-law of Meriam, who the following August sold the same to Isaac Hartwell, and it has since been a part of the Hartwell farm. This was the northwestern portion of the eastern moiety of the 400 a. purchase, and south of it lay the Lock farm, of 40 a., H. 105, making with it the complement of Hezekiah's share. There are to be seen two cellars on this tract. One is supposed to mark the site of Hezekiah's house, and the other that of a son-in-law. On 3 Feb., 1784, Isaac Hartwell deeded to Samuel Hartwell one-half of 248 a. and buildings. Later Samuel was owner of the whole. Isaac and Samuel both d. here, and after the decease of the latter his son George W. bought the rights of the other heirs, and owned and occupied until his death here in 1887. His heirs are present proprietors. The eastern part of the mansion is said to have been built by Livermore, and the western, bearing on its gable "1769," was added by Capt. Isaac Hartwell.

**105.** FRANK E. MERRIAM. "*R. Eddy*" on map. This was a part of the 400 a. Merriam purchase and was conveyed by Hezekiah, perhaps to Muzzy. In 1738 Ebenezer Lock bought land in the Gore of Joseph Muzzy of Lexington [no record found]; 4 June, 1738, Ebenezer Lock of Westboro' to Amos Merriam, 40 a. with mansion house; 28 May, 1744, Amos Merriam to Ebenezer Lock of the Country Gore; 19 June, 1760, Ebenezer Lock to his son-in-law, Nehemiah Stone, the whole of the land bought of Joseph Muzzy in 1738, excepting 10 a. sold Isaac Hartwell, b. north on Hezekiah Merriam, west on Ebenezer Merriam, south on Oxford line, east on Hartwell; 2 April, 1777, Nehemiah Stone to Isaac Hartwell, all the land bought of Ebenezer Lock; 1 April, 1790, executors of Isaac Hartwell to Parley Eddy; 3 March, 1831, Parley Eddy to Rufus, his son; 1 Nov., 1883, Albert A., son of Rufus, to Frank E. Merriam.

**106.** [House removed; not on map.] Homestead of Hezekiah Merriam, Jr., adjoining H. 105 on the south, and in Oxford. Merriam d. here; 9 Nov., 1762, Sarah, administratrix of his estate, to Abner Claffin of Oxford, housewright, 40 a. and buildings; 1 March, 1769, Abner Claffin of Rowe to Isaac Barton, who soon d. and his son Isaac succeeded; 1799, Isaac Barton (rem. to New Salem) to Joel Merriam; 3 March, 1812, Joel Merriam to Ebenezer, his brother; Jesse Pratt occupied in "Shays' Rebellion" times. The house was removed more than 50 years ago.

**107.** JOHN MATHEWSON. [Not on map.] On old road south of Hartwell place, originally part of H. 105. 1790, Samuel Hartwell to Daniel Burr of Bridgewater, who built the house, rem. 1801 to Mercer, Me., selling to Hartwell, after whose decease his son Seth occupied and sold, 1834, to John W. Bates of Webster; later it was owned by James Shepard, — Barry, Thomas Appleby and Rufus Eddy, who in 1857 sold to John Mathewson.

**108.** WILLIAM PRATT. "*L. Stone*" on map. The eastern portion of 300 a. bought by Ann Stone of the State [see H. 102]. 21 Oct., 1735, James Stone to Josiah Gibbs of Preston, Conn., 200 a.; Gibbs occupied; 17 March, 1748, Josiah Gibbs to Samuel Curtis of Topsfield; Sept., 1750, Samuel Curtis to Samuel Curtis, Jr., 50 a., northwest portion; 22 April, 1754, Samuel Curtis, Jr., to Uriah Stone, innholder; 15 July, 1752, Samuel Curtis to his son Noah, 150 a., reserving one-half the house and 1 a. and firewood; 4 May, 1753, Noah back to his father; 5 May, 1753, Samuel Curtis to Amos Singletary of Sutton, son-in-law, 73 a., dwelling in part, b. partly on Samuel Curtis, Jr.; 17 March, 1761, Samuel Curtis to his son Elijah, 45 a. and buildings; 21 May, 1764, Amos Singletary to Elijah Curtis, estate bought of Samuel Curtis, 5 May, 1753. [In 1771, "Widow Singletary" was taxed for real estate in north part of Oxford.]

6 May, 1771, Elijah Curtis to Ebenezer Davis of Charlton, 98 a.; 21 May, 1772, Ebenezer Davis to Uriah Stone, who thus became owner of nearly the whole 200 a.; Stone d. 1796, and his son Luther succeeded, occupying till his decease in 1853. The water power was sold, and Lewis, son of Luther Stone, later owned and occupied the farm; 8 April, 1884, Lewis Stone to Charles C. Lamb; 3 Oct., 1884, Charles C. Lamb to Anna, w. of William Pratt.

**109.** Late HENRY LAMB. "*L. Stone*" on map. Jacob Works was first settler here, title not found, probably about 1778. In 1789 Sylvanus Learned sold him land south of his (Works') estate, with mining reservations; 19 March, 1805, Jacob Works to Luther Stone, 50 a. and buildings, reserving right to dig "for a mine," as granted by Edward Davis to Ebenezer Larned and others, near Joshua Clafin's [see Mines], thereby not "damnifying any improvements." Luther Stone owned until after 1850. Loomis, his son, was later owner and sold to John G. Barnard, who, 1 Jan., 1861, deeded to John A. Taft; 1 April, 1869, Taft sold 17 a. and house to Liberty Lamb, who devised to his son Henry, who occupied and d. here, 1888.

**110.** SAMUEL J. ASHWORTH. "*J. Shaw*" on map. 3 May, 1731, Abial Lamb to his son Ebenezer, 60 a. east of the river, north part of Oxford; 14 Oct., 1731, Ebenezer Lamb of Leicester to Samuel Call, who settled here; heelmaker; 10 March, 1748, John Jeffries and Samuel Danforth, Commissioners to settle the affairs of the Land and Manufacturing Bank Co., assessed on Call his proportion, £30, for the redemption of the outstanding bills of said company, got an execution against him and sold 46 a. to Elijah Town; 3 April, 1766, Elijah Town to Micah Livermore; 1 April, 1773, Micah Livermore to Elisha Livermore, who built a new house after his return from the Revolutionary war. Paul, his son, built the present house in 1812. In 1820 Sylvanus Livermore owned a share here and mort. to Lyman Tiffany, who transferred to Dr. Daniel Green; 4 Oct., 1822, Elisha Livermore to his son-in-law, Calvin Stockwell; 20 June, 1830, Livermore and Stockwell mort. to Dr. Daniel Green, who came into possession, and 1 April, 1843, sold to William B. Field; 30 March, 1857, William B. Field to James Shaw of Andover; 30 March, 1871, James Shaw to Daniel W. and Jasper F. Darling; 2 April, 1874, they to Laban Stevens of Charlton; 12 April, 1878, Laban Stevens to Samuel J. Ashworth.

**111.** Late LAFAYETTE BATTEY. "*A. P. Newton*" on map. 1 Feb., 1837, Reuben Adams to his son-in-law, Amos P. Newton, 83 a.; the house was on Prospect Hill, the land extending west across Worcester road, where in 1837 Newton built the present house; 30 April, 1855, Amos P. Newton to Jacob Marble, 54 a. with new house; 1 April, 1860, Jacob Marble to Amos P. Newton; 1 April, 1867,

Amos P. Newton to Adaline, w. of Anthony W. Poucher of Burlington, Vt.; 13 March, 1875, Adaline Poucher of Ontario, N. Y., to Mary A., w. of Lafayette Battey who died here.

**112.** FREDERICK STAFFORD. "*L. Phillips*" on map. Part of H. 126. 2 March, 1790, Aaron Hill to Ebenezer Pray, 55 a. on Prospect Hill, b. east on Cudworth and Israel Phillips, north on highway; 19 May, 1790, administrator of estate of Abraham Hill to same, 44 a.; 29 Jan., 1799, Ebenezer Pray to Simpson Larned; 7 Nov., 1805, Simpson Larned to Calvin Stone of Dummerston, Vt.; 28 June, 1823, Calvin Stone to Andrew Sigourney; 14 April, 1830, Andrew Sigourney to Nahum Sibley, 45 a.; 14 May, 1846, assignees of Sibley to Israel Sibley; 1 April, 1849, Israel Sibley to Leonard Phillips; 2 April, 1856, Leonard Phillips to Rufus G. Alverson; 1 Dec., 1866, Rufus G. Alverson to S. A. Newton and S. A. Newton, Jr.; 1 April, 1867, they to Rhoda, w. of Amos P. Newton; Frederick Stafford (present owner) m. Ellen E., dau. of Amos P. Newton. The house was formerly south of its present position near Gen. Learned's house, and was rem. when "Prospect road" was built.

**113.** FREEMAN SEVERY. "*W. Severy*" on map. House built about 1806 by Warren Cudworth, record of title not found. Lot, two and a half a., adjoined and was a part of H. 114 . . . 20 Feb., 1827, Nathan Hall to Mary Severy of Sutton; 7 Feb., 1843, Mary Severy to Willard Severy. Freeman, his son, is present owner.

**114.** Late MARCUS BOND. "*M. Bond*" on map. A part of H. 121. 10 May, 1770, Reuben Lamb to Dr. Hezekiah Meriam, who settled here, 28 a.; 20 Oct., 1791, Hezekiah Meriam to Stephen Stone, blacksmith; 25 April, 1793, Stephen Stone to Andrew Sigourney, 33 a.; 1 Jan., 1823, Andrew Sigourney to his heirs; 24 March, 1823, these to William and Washington Carey; 1 May, 1826, William Carey to Nathan Hall; 4 April, 1826, Nathan Hall, as guardian of heirs of Daniel Stone (one of the Sigourney heirs), to Jonathan Rice, 2½ a. and buildings, the remainder of land went to H. 113; 13 May, 1829, Jonathan Rice to Hammond Clark, who d. here; 4 May, 1835, executor of will of Hammond Clark to Thomas Clark; 26 March, 1847, Thomas Clark to Marcus Bond, who d. here, 1879. [Among others, George Bacon, stocking weaver, and Thurlo Stimpson, blacksmith, lived at this place while Sigourney owned.]

**115.** NATHANIEL E. TAFT. "*S. Burt*" on map. 20 Oct., 1832, Charles J. Stratford to Williams Cudworth, 88 rods; 8 Dec., 1835, Williams Cudworth to Richard Sanford, with a house; 29 March, 1839, Richard Sanford to Jonathan Cudworth, who d. here; 5 April, 1850, Thomas Clark, mortgagee, to Elizabeth Cudworth; she m.

Sanford Burt; 1859, Elizabeth and Sanford Burt to Otis Wallace, trustee.

**116. H. G. OTIS TAFT.** "*O. Taft*" on map. Part of H. 117. 18 Nov., 1832, Abisha Learned land to Edward Denny, who built the house which was in 1836 sold with the adjacent mill property; 28 June, 1844, William R. Lawrence of Brookline to Lucius O. Ackley; 20 Jan., 1847, Lucius O. Ackley to Albert Brown of Worcester, mort.; 9 Oct., 1852, Albert Brown to H. G. Otis Taft.

**117. ABISHA LEARNED HOMESTEAD.** "*Wd. Learned*" on map. A part of Col. Ebenezer Learned's purchase of Thompson's heirs; inherited by Gen. Ebenezer Learned, who built the house, 1783, and d. here. 17 July, 1786, Ebenezer Learned to his son Sylvanus, 150 a., mill privilege, reserving mining rights; 9 Jan., 1810, Sylvanus Learned 132 a. farm, buildings, water privilege, etc., to his son Abisha, who spent his days and d. here; place occupied by his widow and dau., who both d. here; 6 March, 1872, Betsey, widow of Abisha Learned, and Elizabeth R., dau., deeded to Oscar F. Chase & Co., who on 10 Feb., 1882, deeded to Fred. Thayer, present owner.

**118. NATHANIEL E. TAFT.** "*O. Wallis*" on map. 12 April, 1797, Timothy Sparhawk to George Alverson of Milford, 37 a.; 15 March, 1808, George Alverson to Rufus Alverson, with buildings; 11 April, 1810, George Alverson to George Alverson, Jr., 37 a.; Alverson sold to Mayo Packard, who occupied about 10 years; 24 March, 1832, Mayo Packard to Lemuel Packard of Marshfield; 25 Aug., 1834, Lemuel Packard to Cyrus Packard of Oxford, blacksmith; Packard sold to Otis Wallace, who d. here; 9 March, 1867, Charles O. Wallace, son of Otis, to Franklin F. Ryder; 18 Oct., 1873, Franklin F. Ryder to William Pratt; 27 Oct., 1881, William Pratt to Nathaniel E. Taft.

**119.** [House removed; not on map.] About 100 rods west of H. 118, in the field, with no road to it, was Asa Conant's place. 3 Nov., 1787, Samuel Danforth of Boston to Asa Conant, 38 a., b. south on Kitchen, west on Thomas Clark, east on village line; 16 Jan., 1802, administrator of estate of Conant to Sylvanus Town; 6 March, 1808, Sylvanus Town to Andrew and Silas Fitts, 26 a.; 4 Sept., 1815, these to Benjamin Fitts, 54 a. House went to decay and was removed many years ago; barn now standing.

**120. RUSSELL ARNOLD and RUFUS G. ALVERSON.** "*D. Childs*" on map. In 1821 Timothy Sparhawk gave to his dau. Mary 4 a. lying west of the river, about west of the Baptist Meeting-house. She m. Joseph Childs, who built a house, lived and both d. here. This house was removed in 1847 and the land divided between two

heirs. Daniel, the son, went a short distance south and built the present house, where he d. His widow m. Russell Arnold, present owner. Lucy A., the dau., m. Franklin F. Ryder, who built a new house at the corner of Leicester road, which he sold 29 March, 1867, to Rufus G. Alverson, the present owner.

**121.** JONAS TOLMAN. "*J. Tolman*" on map. Reuben Lamb homestead. 1 March, 1735, John Town to Caleb Lamb; 29 April, 1736, Caleb Lamb to Jacob Cummings; 1742, Jacob Cummings to Samuel Baker of Ashford, Conn.; 3 Oct., 1749, Samuel Baker to John and Joseph Edwards; 30 May, 1760, John and Joseph Edwards to Asa Conant; March, 1766, Asa Conant to Jonathan Phillips, 6 a., house, mill, etc.; 21 June, 1769, Jonathan Phillips to Reuben Lamb, who sold to his son Joseph; 1822, Joseph Lamb to Cyrus Lamb, whose dau. was w. of Jonas Tolman, present owner. There were two dwelling houses on this estate. Timothy Sparhawk lived in one with a gambrel roof which stood near the river on the east. A large elm standing by it was blown over in the gale Sept., 1815, wrecking it. Sparhawk had previously built another house near, in which he and Cyrus Lamb both lived. The present house was built by Tolman. [See Lamb Mill.]

**122.** BATTEY TAVERN. "*J. Batte*" on map. Part of H. 121. 5 June, 1826, Joseph Lamb to Richard Stone; 21 Dec., 1829, Richard Stone to Charles J. Stratford; 29 Jan., 1837, Charles J. Stratford to John A. and Joshua A. Battey; Feb., 1875, Lafayette E. Battey to Eliza McMahon. All buildings burned in 1877.

**123.** BRICK STORE at North Oxford. "*L. & B. Learned*" on map. Built by Asa Cutler & Co. 1 Oct., 1839, deeded by them to Emory Sanford; 1 April, 1854, Emory Sanford to Lewis M. and Benjamin F. Learned; 8 Sept., 1860, Benjamin F. to Lewis M. Learned; 16 Feb., 1864, Lewis M. Learned to Lafayette E. Battey; 10 Oct., 1866, Lafayette E. Battey to Albert Kelley; 2 April, 1872, Albert Kelley to Willis M. Wellington; 1 May, 1877, Willis M. Wellington to H. G. Otis Taft and James O. Copp; 7 May, 1882, H. G. O. Taft and James O. Copp to Clarissa A. Mann; 6 Aug., 1886, Clarissa A., w. of Daniel W. Mann, to Frederick Thayer, present owner.

**124.** Late JOHN STAFFORD. "*J. Stafford*" on map. 3 Nov., 1837, Asa Cutler and George Torrey to Robert Fitts, lot next south of 123; Fitts built the house; 16 April, 1841, Robert Fitts of Leverett to Elbridge G. Warren and others, for a parsonage; 16 March, 1842, Elbridge G. Warren *et al.* to William Copp; 6 June, 1843, administrator of estate of Copp to Elbridge G. Warren *et al.*; 16 Dec., 1844, Committee of Baptist Church to Jesse W. Copp; 22 Sept., 1847, Jesse W. Copp to John Stafford and Fred. A. Copp; 21

July, 1854, Fred. A. Copp to John Stafford, one-half. Stafford built the lower house on the lot.

**125.** NATHANIEL IDE. “*David Stone*” on map. 28 March, 1765, John Wiley to Ebenezer Cutler, 70 a. and buildings; 3 Aug., 1765, Ebenezer Cutler to Josiah Wolcott; 10 April, 1770, Josiah Wolcott to Jacob Pierce, 6 a.; 1773, Daniel Phillips to Thomas Fish, “the house of the late Jacob Pierce,” reserving a two-rod road to Lamb’s mill and granting the well on the opposite side of the road. [The road through North Oxford then passed this house.] 1775, Thomas Fish to Charles Dabney of Providence; 2 May, 1780, Charles Dabney to Sylvanus Town; 15 June, 1790, Sylvanus Town to Richard Moore; 4 April, 1800, executor of Richard Moore to Thomas Clark, reserving widow Margaret’s rights; 19 Feb., 1801, Margaret Moore, known as “Peggy Dick,” to Ebenezer Clark, her thirds; 17 May, 1815, Thomas Clark to Ebenezer Clark; 13 May, 1829, Ebenezer Clark to Jonathan Rice; 25 Feb., 1831, Jonathan Rice to Asa Cutler and Joseph Stafford; Dec., 1836, Cutler and Stafford to David Stone, 1 a. 77 rods; 11 Feb., 1857, David Stone to Nathaniel Ide of Auburn.

**126.** Heirs of SILAS TURNER. “*Silas Turner*” on map. The old road passing H. 125 led on past this estate. 27 Nov., 1750, Ebenezer Learned to his son Ebenezer, 200 a. on Prospect Hill. Gen. Ebenezer Learned built the present house; 17 Dec., 1778, Ebenezer Learned to John Pierce of Middleboro’, 100 a.; 21 Jan., 1780, John Pierce to Abraham Hill of Shutesbury for £10,000, depreciated currency, 100 a.; 25 Oct., 1787, Abraham Hill to his son Aaron Hill; 2 March, 1790, Aaron Hill to Ebenezer Pray; 2 Aug., 1790, Ebenezer Pray to Aaron Hill, and, same date, Hill to William Bell of Boston; 17 Sept., 1802, William Bell to John Stockwell of Ward; 1 May, 1804, John Stockwell of Oxford, cabinet maker, to Jacob Turner, who d. here. His son Silas succeeded and also d. here, and his heirs now occupy.

**127.** [House removed.] “*Simeon Davidson*” on map. On Prospect Hill. 16 April, 1793, Ebenezer Learned to Benjamin Pratt of Ashford, Conn., 42 a. and buildings; 1 March, 1809, Benjamin Pratt to Asa Cheney of Ward, who built a new house; 29 Feb., 1816, Asa Cheney to Ebenezer Follansbee of Millbury, who occupied and mort. to Cheney, who, 1817, assigned to Luther Stone. In 1825 Stone assigned to John Jacobs of Millbury; 21 Aug., 1839, Abigail Cudworth of Millbury to John C., son of Simeon Davidson; Simeon Davidson occupied and d. here; 20 May, 1875, his heirs deeded to Albert Kelley. The house, then unoccupied, was burned soon after Kelley bought.

**128.** [House removed.] “*Hannah Shumway*” on map. Near Auburn line on Worcester road was the house of Samuel Shumway,

where he settled as early as 1830. Reuben Aborn was later owner, and 14 March, 1857, sold to Simeon Davidson, who occupied, 35 a. The house was cheaply built and untenantable many years ago.

**129. CHARLES H. WELLINGTON.** "*Wm. Wellington*" on map. 25 March, 1777, Phinehas Allen to Nathan Pratt; 15 Sept., 1785, Nathan Pratt to James Meriam of North Gore; 6 Aug., 1788, James Meriam to Aaron Parker, 30 a.; 1795, Aaron Parker to his son Phinehas, one-half; 1823, Phinehas Parker to David Lamb, Jr.; 1832, David Lamb, Jr., to Lucretia P., w. of William Wellington. Charles H., son of William, is present owner.

**130. ELIZABETH HILTON.** "*R. Aborn*" on map. The home lot of Ebenezer Learned. 21 Oct., 1754, Ebenezer Learned to his son Jeremiah, one-half; Jeremiah d. here, 1812, and his son Jeremiah succeeded, and also d. here, 1829; 17 March, 1830, administrator of his estate through Hiram Moffitt to Sylvester McIntire; 3 Oct., 1830, Sylvester McIntire to Stephen Barton, one-half, and 26 April, 1833, the remaining half; 1 April, 1846, Stephen Barton to Reuben Aborn, 160 a. In 1853 Aborn built a new house near, and 1 Sept., 1870, sold the old house with 147 rods of land to Edward Hilton.

**131. MICHAEL TOOMEY.** "*D. Hovey*" on map. 23 Jan., 1759, John Town to William Parker; 25 Feb., 1765, William Parker to Jonathan Phillips; 11 March, 1766, Jonathan Phillips to James Freeland, a lot of land at the junction of Worcester and Leicester roads; no buildings named in either deed; 21 July, 1778, James Freeland to Silas Rice of Lancaster, with buildings which Freeland had probably erected; 21 Sept., 1778, Silas Rice to Joseph Read of Lancaster; 30 March, 1779, Joseph Read to Benjamin Hovey; 4 Jan., 1785, Benjamin Hovey to Benjamin Learned; 23 March, 1791, Benjamin Learned to Ebenezer Davis of Charlton; 12 Nov., 1791, Ebenezer Davis to Dr. Jonathan H. Learned, whose father in 1792 took down the old house and built the present one; Dr. Learned occupied till his decease in 1810; 10 Dec., 1812, executor of his estate to Henry G., son of Jonathan H. Learned; 13 March, 1823, Henry G. Learned to Benjamin, son of Benjamin Learned; same date, Benjamin Learned to Stephen Southworth of Douglas; 1825, Stephen Southworth back to Benjamin Learned; 1 March, 1829, executor of estate of Benjamin Learned to David Mann of Mendon; 7 Nov., 1833, David Mann to David Barton and Vester Vassall; 10 May, 1834, David Barton to Vester Vassall, one-half; 27 March, 1835, Vester Vassall to Jeremiah Dana, who occupied; 7 March, 1844, Jeremiah Dana to George Torrey and Benjamin Brayton of Killingly, Conn.; 5 April, 1844, they to Daniel and Hannah Hovey, who occupied; 6 Oct., 1854, Daniel and Hannah Hovey to John S. Cummings; 30 July, 1855, John S. Cummings to James W. Whitman; 4 Oct., 1866, James W. Whitman to Michael Toomey.

**132.** ASA H. POPE. "*Asa Pope*" on map. The home lot of Daniel Elliot, transferred to him by vote, from John Chandler, Jr.; 18 March, 1720, Daniel Elliot to Richard Moore; 21 Oct., 1725, Richard Moore to Benjamin Eddy of Watertown; William, son of Benjamin Eddy, succeeded, and in 1768 built the present house; 23 Aug., 1784, William Eddy to his son Reuben, one-half; 29 Jan., 1811, Reuben Eddy to his son Joel, one-third; 15 April, 1819, Joel Eddy to Jonathan Adams of Providence; 30 Oct., 1823, Jonathan Adams to his dau. Sylvia, w. of West Pope, who occupied till her decease, 1871. Asa H., her son, bought the rights of the other heirs.

**133.** CYRUS KIDDER. "*S. Kidder*" on map. 18 Feb., 1740, Israel Whitney (title not found) to Jedediah Barton; 1 March, 1769, Jedediah Barton to Jacob Pierce; 10 April, 1770, Jacob Pierce to David Allen; 1777, David Allen to Abiel Atwood; 27 Aug., 1800, Abiel Atwood to Simeon Stockwell of Sutton; 9 Nov., 1808, Simeon Stockwell to his brother, John Stockwell; 12 Jan., 1810, John Stockwell, then occupant, to Jonathan Learned; 5 May, 1815, Hannah, widow of Asa Walker, who held a mort., to William T. Fisk; 1815, William T. Fisk to Ebenezer Shumway and Oliver Shumway; 1822, Ebenezer Shumway to Oliver Shumway, who quitclaimed to Hannah Walker, who deeded to David Lamb, Jr.; 1823, David Lamb, Jr., to Peter Kidder, who d. here; Cyrus, his son, succeeded, and built the present house in 1851.

**134.** EVELINE AND ALMA HAWES. The two houses east of the road and a short distance from it, near the Hawes place, were built by Pope and Warner for mill hands, and were sold with the mill to Nahum Sibley [see Mills]. 14 May, 1846, assignee of Sibley to Israel Sibley; 1 April, 1847, Israel Sibley to Ashbel M. Hawes, 5 a., 2 houses, etc. Mr. Hawes' daughters are present owners.

**135.** Late JULIA DALEY. A very old house, which was conveyed with the adjoining mill property many times [see Eliott Mill], now the property of Mrs. John C. Hammond, she having received it from the estate of her father, Jasper Brown.

**136.** EVELINE AND ALMA HAWES. "*A. M. Hawes*" on map. Part of Eliott Mill estate. 3 Nov., 1816, Amos Hudson to Ashbel M. Hawes, 2 a. and buildings. In 1833 Hawes removed the old house and built the present one, now occupied by his daughters.

**137.** [House removed; not on map.] 3 Dec., 1766, Thomas Davis to Ebenezer Shumway,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  a. west of 8-rod road near the "great hill." The north cemetery embraces a part of this lot; Shumway built a house and occupied; 19 March, 1777, Ebenezer Shumway to Andrew Patch; 8 April, 1797, Andrew Patch to Richard

Moore. This house was occupied by tenants, one Jordan being among the last. It was of small value and was removed soon after 1800.

**138.** JOSHUA TURNER HOMESTEAD. "*W. Hancock*" on map. House built on the westerly part of his farm by Joshua Turner while living at H. 175. He occupied and d. here; his only heir, his dau. Mary, succeeded, and 9 Aug., 1852, deeded to William J. Hancock, son-in-law of Alpheus Eddy; 20 Feb., 1873, William J. Hancock to Jasper Brown, whose heirs, 24 Aug., 1887, deeded to his dau., Mrs. John C. Hammond, present owner.

**139.** JOHN A. TAFT. "*J. Fitts*" on map. The home lot of Daniel Elliott, Jr. 17 Oct., 1716, Daniel Elliott, Jr., to Joseph Dana of Killingly, Conn.; 15 May, 1717, Joseph Dana to Jonathan Pratt, who also bought other land on the west side of the 8-rod way; 10 March, 1731, Jonathan Pratt to his son Micah, one-half the home farm; 14 Sept., 1733, Micah Pratt to his brother Jonas, half his father's estate, deeded to him in 1731; Jonas was a blacksmith and settled on the west side the road north of Town's pond; 12 Nov., Jonas Pratt to Thomas Pratt, one-half his land and buildings; 1 April, 1786, Jonas and Thomas Pratt to Sylvanus Town, as follows: beginning at southwest corner by Joshua Turner's land and Charlton road, thence east by said road to the town street, crossing it and continuing by a road to Ambrose Stone's land; thence north by Stone's land to Joshua Turner's land, thence west to the said street and crossing it to Richard Moore's land, etc. This embraced the Elliott 40 a. on east side the Worcester road. Town removed the old house and built a new one about 1800. The Pratt house on west side the road was taken down. 13 May, 1803, Sylvanus Town to Ebenezer Burnap; 12 June, 1815, Ebenezer Burnap to Elias Pratt, Jr.: 30 June, 1817, Elias Pratt, Jr., to Bela Tiffany; 1 April, 1822, Bela Tiffany to Alpheus Eddy, who occupied and carried on butchering; 13 Nov., 1841, Alpheus Eddy to Emory Sanford; 1 Nov., 1843, Emory Sanford to John Fitts, who occupied; 1 April, 1857, John Fitts to Maverick Jennison for Otis S. Pond; Jennison deeded to Cyrus Truesdell, and he to Sylvanus Robinson, none occupied; 8 March, 1864, Sylvanus Robinson to Octavius Harper; 9 Sept., 1864, Octavius Harper to James Quan, whose sister, Mrs. Purell, occupied; 1 Oct., 1870, James Quan to Levi Hardy of Worcester; 30 July, 1873, Levi Hardy to Charles I. Rawson; 10 Oct., 1874, Charles I. Rawson to Nathaniel E. Taft; 7 May, 1875, Nathaniel E. Taft to John A. Taft.

**140.** [House removed; not on map.] Adjoining H. 139 on the west, supposed to have been homestead of Micah Pratt; house on an old road running north from the old Charlton road, which ran on the north side of Town's pond; is now the southern part of Kidder's

farm and lies west of the north cemetery. 8 Aug., 1740, Israel Whitney to Micah Pratt, 30 a., near Cedar Swamp; 1 April, 1771, administrator of estate of Micah Pratt to Abner Shumway; 5 May, 1772, Abner Shumway to Jonas Pratt and Thomas Fish, 32 a.; 5 Jan., 1773, these to Daniel Hovey and Ebenezer Shumway, containing clay pits, now to be seen; Pratt probably made brick here, and the cellar of his house, not far from the pits, may also be seen. The house was removed long ago. 18 May, 1796, Nathaniel Whitmore to James Williams, 21 a., brick-yard and clay pits.

**141.** MARY A. MIRICK. "*J. Merriam*" on map. The home lot of Israel Town. 23 Feb., 1749, Israel Town to his son Moses, one-half; 10 Oct., 1760, to same, the remainder; 25 April, 1763, Moses Town to Josiah Wolcott and William Watson; 3 Jan., 1771, they to Edward Allen of Warwick; 13 Oct., 1773, Edward Allen of Oxford to Andrew Patch; 13 March, 1774, Andrew Patch to Isaac Fisk of Framingham, whose son Daniel occupied, built the present house in 1791, and d. here; 12 Sept., 1815, heirs of Daniel Fisk to William T. Fisk; 1 Sept., 1819, William T. Fisk to Lyman Tiffany; 10 Jan., 1831, Lyman Tiffany to Alexander DeWitt; 16 March, 1831, Alexander DeWitt to Alexander C. Thurston; 2 Dec., 1840, Alexander C. Thurston to Ira Merriam; 29 March, 1887, Ira Merriam to Mary A. Mirick.

**142.** [House removed; not on map.] West side of Town's Pond. 1754, John Shumway (H. 183, whose farm extended north to this place), to Ebenezer Fish, 5 a., reserving a road through it, the old Charlton road; Fish settled here; 7 May, 1764, Ebenezer Fish to Ephraim Ballard, with house, shop, etc.; 6 Nov., 1772, Ephraim Ballard to Stephen Pratt; 7 Nov., 1780, Stephen Pratt of Charlton to his brother, Jonas Pratt, Jr. Before 1794 Thomas Russell bought this place and occupied until about 1805. The house was then poor and soon became untenantable and was removed. The old well still exists. A pleasant spot, the beauty of which is excelled by few in the town.

**143.** [House removed.] North of Town's Pond, near H. 142, and may have been a part of it. Fish probably built the house. 6 Sept., 1773, Ebenezer Fish to William Watson, 1 a., house and shoemaker's shop, b. north on old Charlton road 20 rods; no further record. The cellar is visible; house removed probably before 1800.

**144.** GILBERT WARD. House on east shore of Town's Pond, originally an office and store of Dr. Fisk's and was removed from the east side of the road. Dr. William T. Fisk occupied it as a house and Rev. David Batcheller lived in it a year. 4 May, 1819, William T. Fisk to Ebenezer Guild, who began the hatting business here; 1820,

Ebenezer Guild to Alexander C. Thurston; 1822, Alexander C. Thurston to Silas Eddy, who occupied; 1825, Alexander C. Thurston to Lyman Tiffany; Jan., 1831, Lyman Tiffany to Alexander DeWitt; 1 April, 1832, Alexander DeWitt to William Sigourney; 1 April, 1835, William Sigourney to David Holman, who occupied; 28 Jan., 1842, David Holman to Reuben T. Eddy; 10 April, 1844, Reuben T. Eddy to Emerson Eddy; 17 April, 1847, Emerson Eddy to Lucina Cogswell; 2 Dec., 1848, Lucina Cogswell to Orrin D. Bolster; 12 May, 1853, Orrin D. Bolster to Mary, w. of Martin Blandin; 1862, Mary Blandin to Jasper Brown; 3 April, 1886, heirs of Jasper Brown to Gilbert Ward.

**145.** KEZIAH ADAMS. “*J. Collier*” on map. House stands on the south part of H. 144, was originally part of the Alexander DeWitt house, H. 226, built for a store and removed about 1822 by Silas Eddy, soon after buying H. 144. 6 Aug., 1830, a committee of the town deeded to Albert Sherman; 8 April, 1839, Albert Sherman to Otis Moffitt; 25 Dec., 1841, Otis Moffitt to Jasper Brown; 1842, Jasper Brown to James Collier, who mort. to Samuel Smith, who assigned to John Fitts; 15 April, 1859, John Fitts to Mary A., w. of William F. Collier (son of James), who devised to her sister Emily Jillson; Dec., 1863, Emily Jillson to James B. Campbell; 18 April, 1864, James B. Campbell to Keziah, w. of Fitz Adams.

**146.** TIMOTHY T. BURBANK. “*Miss L. Moffitt*” on map. 1 Oct., 1832, Josiah S. Prentice 60 rods, to Otis Moffitt, who removed the present house from H. 184, occupied and d. here, 1848. His former wife, then Mrs. Simeon Lamb, 9 May, 1864, deeded to Horace W. Butler, who mort. to Jasper Brown, who 1 May, 1865, assigned to Washburn Lumbard, who occupied and d. here; 2 April, 1873, executor of Lumbard to Timothy T. Burbank.

**147.** WILLIAM H. MARBLE. House on Millbury road in borders of Auburn. 21 March, 1737, Daniel Hovey to Joseph Pratt, 25 a. at north end of “Long Hill”; 8 Jan., 1748, Jonathan Kenney to same, 18 a., near same; 14 March, 1778, Joseph Pratt to his son John, one-half; Joseph and John both occupied and d. here; 8 April, 1835, administrator of estate of John Pratt to Leonard Eddy, 78 a.; 10 March, 1837, Leonard Eddy to Ebenezer B. Walker; 6 April, 1838, Ebenezer B. Walker to Clark Adams of Northbridge; 11 Nov., 1845, Clark Adams to Luther Marble, who d. here, and his son William now owns and occupies.

**148.** GEORGE GIBSON. “*P. Foster*” on map. 1744, Joseph Pratt to Jonathan Kenney, 25 a. at north end of “Long Hill” [see H. 147]; 1746, Jonathan Kenney to Ebenezer Gale, who had sold H. 173; 14 March, 1755, Ebenezer Gale to his son Ebenezer of Sutton,

with a house; 16 April, 1770, Ebenezer Gale to Robert Fitts of Sutton; Fitts traded here; 21 March, 1777, Robert Fitts to Benjamin Hovey; 17 April, 1779, Benjamin Hovey to Andrew Patch, whose homestead adjoined on the west; 3 Aug., 1781, Andrew Patch to Benjamin Nichols, living in no town near Manchaug Pond, later of Westminster, both his homestead and this "Hovey Place," 130 a.; Patch rem. to Sutton before 1784 and d. there; 1784, executor of Andrew Patch recovered judgment *vs.* Nichols, and took the land lying east of Millbury road and imprisoned Nichols; 14 Dec., 1784, executor of Andrew Patch to John Pratt, 26 a., taken on execution; Ebenezer, son of John Pratt, settled and d. here; 3 April, 1837, Betsey, widow of Ebenezer Pratt, to Learned Davis; same date, Learned Davis to Aaron Adams; 21 Feb., 1839, Aaron Adams to Eliphalet H. Cummings; 9 Nov., 1841, Eliphalet H. Cummings to Jonathan H. Foster, whose parents occupied; 6 April, 1865, Jonathan H. Foster to Samuel Rice of Millbury; 2 March, 1867, Samuel Rice to Ruth E., w. of George Gibson of Sutton.

**149.** [House removed; not on map.] No road; old cellar to be seen nearly one mile north of North Oxford railroad station; swamp east and west of it. 1 July, 1763, Daniel Streeter of Charlton to Josiah Town; 18 July, 1764, Josiah Town to William Brown, 50 a. and buildings; Brown had previously occupied and perhaps built the house; 13 March, 1773, administrator of estate of Brown to Andrew Patch, 108 a.; 3 Aug., 1781, Andrew Patch to Benjamin Nichols; 9 Aug., 1783, Benjamin Nichols to Moses Hovey and Samuel Blanchard; 20 April, 1784, Moses Hovey to Ebenezer Ormsbee of Sutton, 75 a. of the Patch farm, part in Oxford and part in Ward; 2 Oct., 1788, Ebenezer Ormsbee to Sarah, w. of John Wright, of Reading (Vt.?); 1789, John Wright and w. of Oxford to Abijah Burnap. No house has been standing within the memory of any now living.

**150.** [House removed; not on map.] South of H. 149. 27 Oct., 1758, John Town to his son Abner, who built a house and settled here. A beaver dam at the lower end of the swamp afforded a crossing to this place. 18 Aug., 1783, Abner Town to Phinehas Town, who mort. to John Nichols; May, 1786, John Nichols to Abijah Burnap; 7 Nov., 1807, to Ezra Sparhawk; 1824, Ezra Sparhawk mort. to Abijah Davis. There were two houses on this place, Sparhawk occupied one and Phinehas Parker, who m. his dau., the other. 1831, Abijah Davis to Ebenezer B. Walker, who occupied till he built a new house on the hill at the east part of the estate, H. 151. The old houses were removed.

**151.** CHARLES E. SLOCOMB AND EMILY D. WILSON. "*E. B. Walker*" on map. A part of H. 150. Walker built the house about 1835, lived and d. here. 23 Sept., 1884, Charles N. Walker, son of

Ebenezer B., to Bradford N. Wales; 7 Aug., 1889, Bradford N. Wales to Charles E. Slocomb and Emily D. Wilson.

**152.** [House removed; not on map.] John, (son of Dea. John) Town, homestead, and with H. 150 and 151, comprised his farm; 23 Feb., 1763, John Town to his son Isaac, one-half. The house stood not far from the present railroad track, on the old road running north on lower land west of the house on H. 151. Isaac Town d. here; 18 April, 1786, his heirs deeded to Jonas Eddy. House removed before 1800.

**153.** JAMES W. WHITMAN. "*M. Stone*" on map. 15 May, 1716, Joseph Dana to Jonathan Pratt; 30 Jan., 1723, Jonathan Pratt to his son Jonathan, 60 a.; 19 March, 1772, Jonathan Pratt to his son Elias Pratt; Elias, son of Elias, was next owner, and was succeeded by his son Sylvanus, who in 1816 sold to Luke R. Stone of Douglas, who d. here, 1862, and was succeeded by his son Moses, who in 1877 sold to James W. Whitman. This is one of the oldest houses in town and built, it is believed, by Jonathan Pratt.

**154.** AMORY TRUMBULL. "*E. Trumble*" on map. Old Jonas Eddy house, removed about 1810 from the site of H. 156 when that was built. It was fitted up and occupied for a time by Sylvanus Pratt. In July, 1817, Nehemiah P. Barton and John McKnight bought it and occupied two or three years. 6 July, 1825, Lydia, widow of Elias Pratt, to Sylvanus Thayer, commandant at West Point, this place with the trip hammer shop, 32 a. and water power; Silas Ludden, his brother-in-law, occupied; 27 May, 1834, Sylvanus Thayer of Boston to Amory Trumbull, the same.

**155.** THOMAS MAGNER. Brick house, built 1811 by Sylvanus Pratt, who sold 9 Oct., 1816, to Benjamin Vassall, who d. here; 4 Jan., 1843, Vester Vassall, son of Benjamin, to Moses K. Shepardson; 17 April, 1848, Moses K. Shepardson to Stephen Barton, Jr.; 7 Oct., 1848, Stephen Barton, Jr., to Philander Pond; 2 April, 1855, Philander Pond to Emerson Eddy; 12 March, 1864, Emerson Eddy to Nathaniel Eddy; 1 March, 1869, Nathaniel Eddy to Mary A. Laverty; 11 April, 1870, Mary A. Laverty to Ebenezer B. Walker; 5 June, 1876, administrator of Ebenezer B. Walker to Charles N. Walker; 7 June, 1876, Charles N. Walker to Charles A. Legg; 18 Oct., 1878, Charles A. Legg to Thomas Magner.

**156.** PETER KIDDER. "*J. Eddy*" on map. 14 Feb., 1781, William Eddy to his son Jonas, 50 a., northeast part of his farm, H. 132; Jonas with his sons Alpheus and Jonas, Jr., built the present house about 1810, and d. here; 1 April, 1837, Thaddeus Hall, who m. dau. of Jonas Eddy, to Norwich and Worcester Railroad Co.; 26 a

Nov., 1838, Norwich and Worcester Railroad Co. sold to Benjamin Vassall, who 26 Nov., 1838, sold to Joel Eddy, who d. here; 5 Nov., 1853, Joel Eddy to his son Nathaniel; 5 April, 1870, Nathaniel Eddy to Ebenezer B. Walker; 20 May, 1876, administrator of Ebenezer B. Walker to Peter Kidder.

**157.** [House removed.] Part of H. 132. House near the site of the North Oxford railroad station. 23 March, 1763, William Eddy to Hezekiah, son of John Eddy, land at northwest part of Brush Hill; same date, Hezekiah Eddy to John Ballard, 45 a.; Ballard built the house and d. here, his son John succeeded; 3 Oct., 1826, John Ballard to Jonas E. Stockwell of Sutton; 16 Feb., 1836, Jonas E. Stockwell to Asahel Knowlton of Ward; 1 April, 1837, Asahel Knowlton to Norwich and Worcester Railroad Co. House removed to the Plain and now stands near the passenger station, east.

**158.** TYLER HOLMAN. "*D. Bugbee*" on map. Extreme northeast on Millbury road. 20 Dec., 1757, Joseph Whipple of Grafton to George Gould, Jr., of Danvers, 146 a. "wilderness land"; 11 April, 1777, George Gould of Dedham to Abraham Waters; 1 March, 1784, Ebenezer, son of Abraham Waters, to Arthur Daggett, 93 a. and buildings bought of George Gould; 21 June, 1797, Arthur Daggett to Rodolphus Edson; 19 March, 1812, Rodolphus Edson of Northbridge to Ebenezer Dana; 13 Sept., 1816, Ebenezer Dana to Isaac Stone of Ward, who occupied; 7 Dec., 1836, Isaac Stone to Jonas E. Stockwell; 10 Nov., 1837, Jonas E. Stockwell to Francis Holman; 2 March, 1839, Francis Holman to Benjamin Barnes; 17 Dec., 1840, Benjamin Barnes to Dexter Bugbee, who removed the old house and built the present one; 1 April, 1844, Dexter Bugbee to Daniel Hewett; 1 April, 1857, Daniel Hewett to Mary C. Ball; 7 April, 1858, Mary C. and Edwin S. Ball to Harrison O. Clark; 19 April, 1858, Harrison O. Clark to Tyler Holman.

**159.** DENNY S. PUTNAM. "*D. Putnam*" on map. A part of "wilderness land" named in H. 158. 1777, Abraham Waters to Ezra Mixer; 3 March, 1780, Ezra Mixer to David Mixer, one-half; 20 Jan., 1789, David and Ezra Mixer of Charlton to Arthur Daggett; 21 June, 1797, Arthur Daggett to Amos Harding, who d. here, his son Samuel succeeding; 3 April, 1838, Samuel Harding to Mary Aldrich; 28 April, 1847, Mary Aldrich to Emerson Eddy; 7 Oct., 1850, Emerson Eddy to Denny S. Putnam.

**160.** DAVID W. WELCH. "*A. C. Aldrich*" on map. In 1724 Enoch Kidder of Billerica bought three tracts of land in west part of Sutton; 30 Oct., 1734, he deeded to his son Francis 200 a., b. west on Oxford line, of which this is a part. The three sons of Francis Kidder inherited each a portion; 19 July, 1770, a division was made;

this was deeded to Francis, Jr., by his brothers Jonathan and John; 4 June, 1772, Daniel Hovey, title not found, to Moses Hovey; 12 March, 1784, Moses Hovey to Samuel Blanchard, "the farm on which I now live," 72 a. This was the birthplace of Thomas Blanchard the inventor; farm set to Oxford from Sutton in 1793; 15 Dec., 1823, Samuel Blanchard to Amos C. Aldrich, who occupied many years; 7 May, 1851, Amos C. Aldrich to Henry D. Stone of Worcester; 3 Aug., 1851, Henry D. Stone to David G. Aldrich; 1857, David G. Aldrich to Amos C. Aldrich; 19 Feb., 1861, Amos C. Aldrich to George P. Stevens of Indianapolis, Ind.; Elizabeth, widow of Stevens, had 40 a. and buildings set off to her; 11 May, 1870, Elizabeth Stevens to Denny S. Putnam; same date, Denny S. Putnam to Sibyl, w. of Edward Aldrich; 28 April, 1873, Sibyl Aldrich to Edward W. Hubbard of Worcester; 1876, Edward W. Hubbard to Mary W. and Benjamin D. Hume; 13 May, 1878, they deeded to David W. Welch.

**161. JESSE P. TABER.** "*L. Alger*" on map. In the division among the Kidder brothers [see H. 160] this place came to Jonathan Kidder, who settled and d. here, and his son Peter was next owner; 13 Aug., 1821, Peter Kidder to James Alger; 19 April, 1834, in the division of this estate of Alger, the house (very old) and a half-acre of land went to his dau. Sibyl; 8 March, 1866, Sibyl Alger to Henry A. Alger; 7 Jan., 1871, Henry A. Alger to Joseph Wood [found dead in the road on the Plain]; 22 May, 1880, heirs of Joseph Wood to Mary E., w. of George Blanchard; 30 Oct., 1886, Mary E. Blanchard to John H. Downey of Worcester; 24 March, 1887, John H. Downey to Jesse P. Taber of Worcester.

**162. ELMER L. HALL.** "*H. Day*" on map. 6 July, 1721, Joseph Trumbull of Leicester to Ebenezer Learned, 50 a.: 4 April, 1722, Ebenezer Learned to Daniel Hovey of Ipswich; 4 April, 1722, David Town to same, 12 a. near; 7 April, 1737, Daniel Hovey to Daniel Hovey, Jr.; occupied by the Hovey family over 100 years, by Gideon, Perez G. and Daniel in succession; [1 Nov., 1792, Lydia, dau. of Daniel of Putney, to Gideon, her rights; 1795, Molly to the same]; 17 March, 1828, Daniel Hovey to Luther Marble; 24 Feb., 1844, Luther Marble to Hiel Day, who d. here; 26 March, 1874, Sally, his widow, to Mary, w. of John E. Ball of Millbury; 20 July, 1875, Fannie M. Wilson and Caroline M. Jenks of Worcester (title not found) to Sarah R., w. of Joseph Bodeau; 24 Aug., 1878, Sarah R. Bodeau to Howard Holden; 1 Oct., 1878, Howard Holden to Elmer L. Hall.

**163. BRADFORD G. EDSON.** "*B. Edson*" on map. 14 March, 1720, William Hudson (original settler) to Thomas Bogle, one-half his estate and rights in Oxford village; 11 Dec., 1766, Thomas Bogle of Sudbury, tailor, to John Bogle, 73 a.; 20 Feb., 1768, John Bogle

to Nathaniel Muzzy of Rutland, his brother-in-law; 8 April, 1774, Nathaniel Muzzy to Anthony Sigourney of Boston, sugar boiler; 1778, Anthony Sigourney to Darius Chase of Freetown, mariner; 1780, Darius Chase to Lemuel Crane of Berkley, who settled and d. here; 28 Oct., 1816, Crane mort. to Rodolphus Edson; 26 May, 1818, Ephraim Edson bought right of redemption; 3 Sept., 1833, Ephraim Edson to Bradford G. Edson.

**164.** JOHN MCKENNEY. "*R. Aldrich*" on map. 12 Feb., 1740, Peter Shumway to his son Oliver, 60 a., "being the sixth draught"; Oliver settled here; 30 Nov., 1773, Oliver Shumway to his son Ebenezer, with buildings; 1813, Ebenezer Shumway to William Dana; 4 March, 1815, William Dana to Reuben Walling of Burrillville, R. I.; 26 Feb., 1819, Reuben Walling to Abner Walling; 2 Oct., 1819, Abner Walling to Joel Eddy, who built the present house; 27 Sept., 1834, Joel Eddy to Royal Aldrich of Mendon, who settled and d. here; 5 May, 1859, Mary, his widow, to Ruth G. Rich, whose husband d. and she m. (2) John Colton; 13 Feb., 1865, Ruth G. Colton to Henry A. and Charles W. Stone of Worcester; 2 Feb., 1867, they to Perley Dean; 17 April, 1876, Perley Dean to Frederick Rudolph; 8 May, 1880, Lebbeus T. Converse to A. B. F. Kinney; 18 May, 1880, A. B. F. Kinney to John McKenney.

**165.** ASA B. SHEPARDSON. "*M. K. Shepardson*" on map. 11 Oct., 1739, William Davis of Oxford to Ebenezer Davis of Roxbury, 50 a., 16th draught, b. north by Peter Shumway and John Eddy, east by William Hudson, west by John Eddy and Ebenezer Gale; Ebenezer Davis settled here and d. 1792; 14 May, 1793, Edward Davis of Dudley, (who m. Ebenezer's dau.), executor of his estate, to Abner Allen; 7 May, 1794, Abner Allen to Gilbert Crane; 25 June, 1805, Gilbert Crane to his sons Lemuel and Gilbert, Jr.; 30 April, 1807, Lemuel Crane to Andrew Sigourney; house burned 1812; 18 Feb., 1813, Andrew Sigourney to Sylvanus Pratt, who built a new house; 22 Oct., 1818, Daniel Eddy (title not found) to Leonard Eddy, who d. 1825; 8 Feb., 1826, Joel Eddy, his brother, to Luther Meriam, who occupied; 9 May, 1849, Luther Meriam to Moses K. Shepardson, who d. here, and his son Asa B. succeeded him. The second house was burned, 1874, rebuilt by Shepardson.

**166.** WARD B. CLARK. "*J. M. Fairbanks*" on map. 1723, Ichabod Woodward of Oxford to John Eddy of Watertown, land on "Brush Hill"; Eddy settled and d. here; 5 Jan., 1770, executors of his estate to William Everden of Douglas, who occupied [Everden came from Dedham to Douglas, having bought land there in 1745; he is said to have been the uncle of the second Mrs. Josiah Wolcott]; 6 Feb., 1786, William Everden to his son-in-law, Ambrose Stone, for a support. Stone had previously bought land near, and settled at

the present Ward B. Clark house ; Everden left the old house, which stood a fourth of a mile northerly in the field, and d. at Stone's. The old house was blown down in a gale. Ambrose Stone, Jr., succeeded his father as owner, and d. here as did his father. Daniel, son of Ambrose, Jr., was next owner, and also d. here. 27 Nov., 1821, his administrator deeded to Luther Burnett. In 1832, while Burnett owned, the house was burned. He rebuilt and also d. here, and his son Harvey succeeded ; 20 March, 1851, the heirs of Luther Burnett to Amos C. Aldrich ; 1 April, 1851, Amos C. Aldrich to his son-in-law, Joseph M. Fairbanks ; after a year or two it reverted to Aldrich, and after his decease in 1865 his dau. Ruth G. bought the rights of the other heirs. She m. Ward B. Clark : they now own and occupy.

**167. Late MARSHALL PRATT.** "*H. Adams*" on map. A part of H. 173. 6 Sept., 1821, Nahum Pratt to Artemas G. Metcalf, who built the house ; his father and mother both d. here ; 24 Feb., 1829, Artemas G. Metcalf to Andrew Sigourney ; 14 April, 1837, Andrew Sigourney to Jonathan P. Dana ; 22 Aug., 1839, Jonathan P. Dana to Henry Adams, who occupied many years ; 11 Sept., 1860, Henry Adams to Elvira, w. of Vernon Chaffee ; 14 Jan., 1864, Elvira Chaffee to Angelina, w. of John Geer ; 3 April, 1865, Angelina Geer to Adaline M. Stockwell ; 5 Jan., 1867, Adaline M. Stockwell to Joseph Brown ; 1 Sept., 1871, executor of Brown to Ann Maria, widow of James B. Walker ; 1873, Ann Maria Walker to Marshall Pratt, who d. here ; 1885, administrator of Pratt to Lycia L. Hudson ; 1 May, 1885, Lycia L. Hudson to Fanny, w. of Wallace L. Palmer.

**168. Late JOHN D. HUDSON.** "*Jos. Hudson*" on map. The home lot of William Hudson. 15 Dec., 1760, William Hudson to his son Joseph, 100 a. and buildings. This place has been owned and occupied by the Hudson family, son succeeding father, from 1713 to the present time.

**169. [House removed.]** "*P. Hall's heirs*" on map. Originally Bernon land, the homestead of John, son of William Hudson. 15 May, 1740, Thomas Mayo to Joseph Phillips, 58 a., reserving mining rights ; 18 May, 1743, Joseph Phillips to John Hudson ; 29 April, 1746, Henry Cooledge of Watertown to same, 27 a. adjoining Sutton line ; William, only son of John, was successor : 1823, William and Bradford Hudson, sons of William, to Paris Hall of Douglas, who occupied and d. here ; [Bathsheba, his widow, m. Lemuel Tiffany] ; 9 April, 1856, Bathsheba Tiffany and other heirs of Hall to Moses K. Shepardson ; 26 April, 1856, Moses K. Shepardson to Charles Chandler and Eddy Aldrich ; 7 Dec., 1862, Chandler and Aldrich to Otis N. Pond, who divided the farm and sold to different persons. House sold to Elisha Walker, who removed it.

**170.** [House removed.] "*B. Putnam*" on map. Jacob Shumway homestead; Bernon land. 15 May, 1740, Thomas Mayo to Jacob Shumway, 70 a.; Shumway settled here; 19 June, 1797, Jacob Shumway to William Hudson, for a support, his farm; Shumway went to Hudson's to live and the old house was soon removed.

**171.** LYMAN HUCKINS. "*P. Seaver*" on map. Amos Shumway homestead; 5 May, 1746, Henry Cooledge of Watertown to Amos Shumway, 55 a., b. east on Jacob Shumway, reserving three-fourths the iron ore; Shumway settled and d. here; had a son Amos who succeeded him; Lewis, son of Amos, Jr., was later owner, and 29 Aug., 1826, sold to David Prince; 4 Jan., 1830, David Prince to Otis Prince, one-half; they occupied together; 6 April, 1833, David Prince to Otis Prince, other half; 22 Jan., 1835, Otis Prince to Alpheus Prince; 11 March, 1844, Alpheus Prince to Alonzo H. and Rufus R. Dana; 6 March, 1851, A. H. and R. R. Dana to Perley Seaver, who mort., which by assignment came, 1862, to Sylvanus Robinson; 30 Jan., 1864, Sylvanus Robinson to James D. and Charles W. Adams; 18 Jan., 1867, these to Collins Allen, who d. here; 10 Jan., 1883, Byron D. Allen, son of Collins, to Horace Shepardson; 27 March, 1885, Horace Shepardson to Lyman Huckins.

**172.** Late MELONIA BOND. "*J. P. Dana*" on map. 10 May, 1733, Benoni Twichell to his son Seth, two lots, one of 40 and one of 12 a.; 14 May, 1738, Seth Twichell to Andrew Phillips of Killingly, Conn.; 14 Oct., 1738, Phillips to Abial Lamb, 12 a., and 4 April, 1740, 40 a.; 6 March, 1745, Abial Lamb to William Parker of Oxford, 27 a., buildings, on "both sides the road from Daniel Gleason's to the meeting-house"; 10 April, 1758, William Parker to Jonathan Phillips of Oxford; 9 April, 1764, Jonathan Phillips of Worcester to Aaron Parker of Oxford; 12 March, 1767, Aaron Parker to Joseph Edwards; 7 Dec., 1773, Joseph Edwards to Jeremiah Shumway; 25 May, 1778, Jeremiah Shumway to his son Benjamin Shumway, 50 a. with buildings; Nov., 1782 [deed not recorded], to William Lamb; 13 Jan., 1785, William Lamb to Levi Lamb (who had sold H. 187 a short time before), reserving minerals and rights of Experience, widow of Jeremiah Shumway; Levi Lamb, son of Abial, maintained his father here, and both d. here; 13 June, 1836, heirs of Levi Lamb to Loring Davis, one-half; 12 Jan., 1837, Loring Davis to Leonard Laflin, blacksmith; 5 Jan., 1840, Leonard Laflin to Salem, his brother; 3 June, 1844, executor of estate of Salem Laflin to Jasper Brown, Alexander DeWitt and Benjamin F. Campbell, who the same year sold to Jonathan P. Dana; 1 July, 1857, Jonathan P. Dana to John Dinsmore; 1 April, 1858, John Dinsmore to John C. Steere; . . . 14 April, 1864, Sylvanus Robinson to William Daniels, 9 a.;

same date, E. Davis Stowell to same, 12 a.; 1 Dec., 1864, William Daniels to Noel Allen; 19 Jan., 1867, Noel Allen to Collins Allen; 23 July, 1868, Christopher C. Allen, son of Collins, to Melonia Bond.

**173.** RUFUS R. DANA. "*M. & C. Pratt*" on map. 14 Nov., 1723, Jesse Town of Topsfield to Timothy Ramsdell of Boxford, a 40 a. lot, b. south on Bernon; 14 Jan., 1730, Timothy Ramsdell to Jacob Comins, who, 5 July, 1732, sold to Solomon Johnson of Leicester; 21 Feb., 1733, Solomon Johnson to Elisha Hedge of Shrewsbury; 27 Feb., 1734, Elisha Hedge to Ebenezer Gale of Watertown, who settled here; 29 April, 1746, Ebenezer Gale to Henry Cooleedge of Watertown. [Gale bought H. 148; Cooleedge was son of Dea. John of Watertown; he m. Phebe Dana; settled at Cambridge; Huldah, w. of Jacob Cummings, was his sister; another sister, Deborah, m. Jonathan Pratt]; 10 April, 1761, Henry Cooleedge to Daniel Dana of Brookline; 24 Jan., 1772, Daniel Dana to Jonathan Pratt, Jr., 184 a.; Pratt settled and d. here; his son Nahum succeeded, built the present house in 1796, and also d. here; Marshall and Cooleedge, sons of Nahum Pratt, next owned, from whom the estate passed by purchase to their nephew, Jonathan P. Dana. An old cellar near the present house marks the site of what has for more than a century been known as the "Ramsdell House."

**174.** ALMON ADAMS. "*J. Adams*" on map. Several titles of this estate cannot be found. 1 July, 1785, Anthony Sigourney was owner and mort. to Andrew Sigourney 67 a.; later Joel Eddy and Alexander C. Thurston were owners; 17 June, 1817, they deeded to Jotham Eddy, 48 a.; Eddy took down the old house and built the present one. 1 March, 1838, Jotham Eddy to Jennison Adams, 50 a. and buildings; Adams d. here and his son Almon is owner. He made thorough repairs of the house, 1878.

**175.** [House removed.] "*M. Toomey*" on map. In 1771 this place was owned and occupied by Phinehas Ward. Twelve or fifteen years later Joshua Turner was owner; title not found. 10 Dec., 1813, he deeded 2 a. with old house (he having built a new one at the west end of the farm on the 8-rod way), to John Wait, who was a blacksmith, employed at the seythe works at Elliott mill place; 5 March, 1816, John Wait to Jonas Ward, blacksmith, who had a shop here; he d. here 1842; 3 April, 1843, executor of Jonas Ward to Michael Toomey. House burned 1883.

**176.** JOSEPH STEVENS. "*J. Stevens*" on map. The home lot of John Town. 9 Dec., 1731, John Town to his son Jonathan, 50 a.; 3 April, 1753, Jonathan Town to his son John, captain in Revolutionary war; 2 June, 1788, John Town to William Phips of Ward; Town rem. to Ward; 4 Nov., 1794, William Phips to William Forbes,

who d. here, 1808 ; 22 April, 1811, heirs of Forbes to Alpheus Eddy ; 28 March, 1820, Alpheus Eddy to Dexter Tiffany ; 7 March, 1822, Dexter Tiffany to Alexander C. Thurston ; 17 March, 1830, Alexander C. Thurston to Josiah S. Prentice, who d. here. His w. was before marriage the widow of Joseph Stevens. Her son Joseph Stevens lived with Prentice and is present owner and occupant. House rebuilt by him, 1877.

**177.** GEORGE S. EDDY. "*P. Butler*" on map. A part of H. 178. 1820, Peter Butler built the brick house for a store and dwelling; occupied till his decease, 1856; the place was afterwards leased till 26 June, 1866, when it was sold to James B. Walker, who d. here : 14 March, 1868, James B. Walker to Charles A. Rallion, who occupied ; 4 March, 1871, Charles A. Rallion to William Emerson of Westboro', who occupied ; 18 Dec., 1872, William Emerson to Henry L. Prentice, Worcester ; 3 Jan., 1873, Henry L. Prentice to Nathaniel Eddy, who d. here. His son George S. is owner.

**178.** Late JASPER BROWN. "*J. Brown*" on map. 15 Jan., 1748, Jonathan Town, original settler, to Duncan Campbell, 1 a. "opposite the new meeting-house"; Campbell built the present house ; 22 June, 1778, Duncan Campbell to Sylvanus Town ; 6 March, 1780, Sylvanus Town, 35 a. and buildings, to James Butler, who with his son Peter occupied ; 28 March, 1833, Peter Butler to Jasper Brown, who d. here and his heirs are present owners.

**179.** GEORGE R. BACON. Next south of H. 178 ; built in 1800 by Peter Butler. 18 Aug., 1806. Peter Butler to his father, James Butler, who d. here ; 1 Jan., 1829, heirs of James Butler to Ira Barton ; 25 Feb., 1829, Ira Barton to Thomas W. Chapman ; 13 Sept., 1834, Thomas W. Chapman to Nathan Morgan, who d. here ; 5 April, 1851, heirs of Nathan Morgan to Matilda, w. of Daniel T. Fuller ; 1871, Daniel T. Fuller to William H. Thurston ; 9 Sept., 1871, William H. Thurston to George R. Bacon of Waltham, brother of the w. of the late Sylvester L. Ballard.

**180.** JAMES B. CAMPBELL. "*Heirs of Wd. Campbell*" on map. Original James Collier home lot ; sold 1718 to Abial Lamb ; has not been traced in the records. 9 Oct., 1805, Archibald Campbell to Rev. Josiah Moulton, who built the present house ; he lived for several years in a small house which stood back from the common on the Sutton road, now standing on H. 89a. ; 14 March, 1814, Josiah Moulton to Rufus Moore ; 4 Feb., 1824, Rufus Moore to Nathan Hall ; 9 Dec., 1825, Nathan Hall to David Nichols, who had sold H. 83 ; 13 Feb., 1837, David Nichols to Joel and Reuben T. Eddy ; 15 March, 1838, they to Celia, widow of Maj. Archibald Campbell, whose heirs have owned and occupied to the present time.

**181.** WILLARD H. EAGER. "*Dr. Holman*" on map. A part of H. 185; was owned by Thomas Reed, son-in-law of Jeremiah Shumway, who d. here; 11 July, 1754, the executor of will of Reed to William Watson of Leicester, "including tan-yard"; same date, Jeremiah Shumway deeded same to same; 22 March, 1789, William Watson, son of William, to Sylvanus Town, "excepting tan-yard, bark house and shop"; 22 March, 1792, Sylvanus Town to Rev. Elias Dudley; 1 May, 1799, Elias Dudley to Ebenezer Lillie, physician; 13 Sept., 1805, Ebenezer Lillie to James Moulton of Hopkinton, who d. here; Nov., 1841, Benjamin K., son of James Moulton, and Nancy, w. of Andrew J. Twichell of Fitchburg, to Dr. David Holman, who d. here, 1881; Nov., 1884, heirs of David Holman to Willard H. Eager.

**182.** Late MRS. JAMES B. WALKER. A part of H. 181; old tanyard. 21 Jan., 1773, William Watson to Jonathan Gould of Woodstock; 3 Oct., 1778, Jonathan Gould of Sturbridge to Samuel Hardy: 15 March, 1781, Samuel Hardy of Oxford, tanner, to Andrew Duncan of Worcester; May, 1782, Andrew Duncan to Jesse Jones of Oxford; 26 June, 1783, Jesse Jones of Oxford, tanner, to Daniel Goulding of Worcester; 1 May, 1785, Daniel Goulding to William Forbes of Worcester, tanner; 10 Nov., 1809, heirs of Forbes to Samuel Barstow of Killingly, Conn.; 16 May, 1817, Samuel Barstow to Nathan Hall, mort.; 28 Jan., 1831, Nathan Hall to Danforth Brown; 22 June, 1832, Danforth Brown to Danforth Bemis; 6 Nov., 1832, Danforth Bemis to Danforth Brown; 13 July, 1833, Danforth Brown to Stephen Hall of Grafton; 1 Oct., 1834, Stephen Hall of Grafton to Nathan Hall of Oxford; 29 Aug., 1835, assignees of Nathan Hall to Williams Cudworth, who d. here; 13 March, 1874, Lester H., son of Williams Cudworth, to Ann Maria, widow of James B. Walker, who d. here.

**183.** JOHN SHUMWAY HOMESTEAD. "*J. Brown*" on map. A 50 a. lot drawn by Peter Shumway, 1720. 12 Feb., 1740, Peter Shumway to his son John, who settled here, building at the south end of the 50 a., which extended north to the west side of Town's Pond; house in the field west of Tureott's, the original house was a little west of the present one, which was built by Josiah, son of John Shumway, although he never owned the estate; 1793, John Shumway to Phinehas Dana; 1794, Phinehas Dana to William Phips, who resided here at the time of his decease; 30 May, 1799, Abijah Craig, son-in-law of Phips, to Solomon Walker; 23 Sept., 1825, Solomon Walker to Samuel C. Butler, who owned but a short time and sold to Otis Prince, who 10 Oct., 1837, deeded to Alpheus Prince; David Prince, father of Otis and Alpheus, occupied; 31 Oct., 1845, Alpheus Prince to Jasper Brown, whose heirs are present owners.

**184.** SETH WILDER. A part of H. 183 (?); 13 Oct., 1821, Solomon Walker to Charles P. Nichols, who built the present house; 8 April,

1824, Charles P. Nichols to Samuel Slater; same date, Samuel Slater to Israel Moore, blacksmith, who occupied and d. here; 19 Aug., 1830, Samuel Balcom of Douglas for Moore heirs to Worham D. Rand, painter, who built a shop, which was later rem. to H. 146; 5 March, 1834, Worham D. Rand to Sylvester McIntire; 8 April, 1841, McIntire mort. to E. L. Ward of Worcester, who assigned to Alexander C. Thurston; 5 April, 1848, Alexander C. Thurston to Lawson Snow, harness maker, who d. here, 1878; Mrs. McIntire reserved her rights and lived and d. here also; Fred L. Snow, grandson of Lawson, owned after his grandfather's death; 21 May, 1883, Fred L. Snow to Eunice, w. of Seth Wilder. John Turecott owned and occupied in 1890 the old Snow shop as a residence and harness shop.

**185. ITHIEL T. JOHNSON.** The home lot of Joshua Chandler, who 12 Oct., 1721, conveyed to Peter Shumway, who came in on Chandler's rights; 12 May, 1741, Peter Shumway to Jeremiah, his son, one-half; 12 July, 1755, Jeremiah Shumway to Isaac Larned, in exchange for H. 64; 8 April, 1756, Isaac Larned to Capt. James Griffin, who d. here; 12 Jan., 1771, executor of will of Griffin to Josiah Wolcott; 18 Jan., 1771, Josiah Wolcott to William Watson; 1772, William Watson (who had bought H. 181), sold this with the tannery to Jonathan Gould of Woodstock; it later went with H. 182 to Hardy, Duncan, Jones, Goulding and Forbes; 1794, Forbes to William Phips, Esq., 1 a. The next owner was probably Thomas Russell; title not found. He d. here, and his son Josiah succeeded and occupied and d. here, 1867; 28 Sept., 1867, heirs of Josiah Russell to Elijah Pratt, who d. here, 1881; 8 April, 1882, Hannah J., widow of Elijah Pratt, to Ithiel T. Johnson.

**186. MARY E. JOHNSON.** 21 Aug., 1826, Jason Collier,  $\frac{1}{4}$  a. to his son Nehemiah, who later bought 1 a. additional, moved a small building to the lot and lived there till 1844, when the present house was built; 4 May, 1861, Nehemiah Collier to Samuel L. Hodges of Leicester; 7 Jan., 1866, Samuel L. Hodges to Mary A., w. of Eli Collier; 23 Nov., 1872, Mary A. Collier to Esek Joslin; 30 March, 1874, Esek Joslin to Julia M., w. of George Benway; 22 March, 1880, Julia M. Benway to Esek Joslin; 19 May, 1880, Esek Joslin to Mary E., w. of Danford Johnson. The house has been enlarged and improved since her purchase.

**187. Late CALVIN HALL.** "C. Hall" on map. Home lot of Rev. John Campbell, who d. here; owned afterward by his son William; 24 April, 1778, William Campbell to Abial Lamb and Levi Lamb, his son, one-half to each; 7 Feb., 1784, Abial and Levi Lamb to Elisha Davis, whose son Abijah occupied, and 4 April, 1791, bought; 15 March, 1797, Abijah Davis to Nathan Hall; Calvin, son

of Nathan Hall, was successor and d. here; his heirs are owners. The original Campbell house, two stories front and long sloping roof in the rear, was removed in 1826 and the present house built by Nathan Hall.

**188.** [House removed.] Jason Collier place; house stood near the railroad crossing going from the common to H. 187; the farm embraced most of Benoni Twichell's home lot; 28 Sept., 1728, Benoni Twichell, innholder, to Daniel Mackmains of Killingly, Conn., his home lot; 17 June, 1730, Joseph Wiley, blacksmith, to Jacob Willson of Pomfret, Conn.; 27 April, 1736, Jacob Willson of Malden to Jacob Willson of Oxford, cordwainer, 100 a.; 14 April, 1747, Jacob Willson to Thomas Rockwood of Wrentham; 3 Oct., 1751, Thomas Rockwood of Oxford to Simon Mellen of Framingham; 29 March, 1760, David Mellen, supposed to have been son of Simon, to Alexander Campbell; 1766, Alexander Campbell to Edward Raymond of Bridport, N. Y. [Raymond m. a dau. of Thomas Stearns of Worcester, sister of Campbell's wife]; 1768, Edward Raymond to Nahum Houghton of Oxford; 1770, Nahum Houghton to Jotham Bush of Shrewsbury; 1773, Jotham Bush to David Newcomb of Oxford, housewright; 4 Jan., 1786, David Newcomb of Greenwich to Jason Collier, 93 a.; 4 April, 1838, Jason Collier to Asa H. Child, agent for Norwich and Worcester Railroad Co. In building this road the farm was so encroached upon as to render the dwelling undesirable, the house was removed and the highway changed to the westward to its present location. 12 Dec., 1838, Asa H. Child to Samuel Dowse; 2 Sept., 1839, Samuel Dowse to Isaac R. Barbour, who built the present house on the street as newly located, now owned by Samuel C. Willis, Jr.; 20 May, 1847, Isaac R. Barbour to Charles White of Worcester, the Willis house and lot; the balance of the farm was sold in lots to other persons; 1 July, 1847, Charles White to Campbell, Harwood & Co. of Boston; 22 Feb., 1850, Gilmore, Campbell & Co. to Spence Field of Barre; 16 Jan., 1851, Spence Field to Henry M. Barbour; 1 Nov., 1851, Henry M. Barbour to John W. and George A. Wetherell of Worcester; 1 May, 1852, John W. and George A. Wetherell to Benjamin B. Otis; 18 March, 1853, Benjamin B. Otis to Wilson Olney, who d. here, 1874; 13 June, 1874, heirs of Wilson Olney to Samuel C. Willis, Jr.

**189.** [House removed.] WOLCOTT HOMESTEAD. [School-house on the site.] Originally a part of Joseph Rockett's home lot; a fine location, one of the best houses of the town fronting on the common, owned in 1754 by Duncan Campbell, deed not recorded. 27 May, 1754, Duncan Campbell to Josiah Wolcott, 4 a. and 145 rods, at north end of the Plain, with warehouse, stable and tailor's shop, "all of them or partly on the 8-rod way." A house in process of building stood on the premises; Wolcott completed it and occupied it till his decease in 1796; 28 Sept., 1802, Henry Wolcott to Sylvanus Town;

1 March, 1804, Edward K. Wolcott of Brookline, same; Town d. here, 1818; 8 March, 1820, Ruth, widow of Sylvanus Town, to her dau., Elizabeth Town; 23 Feb., 1821, Elizabeth (Town,) then w. of Samuel Harris, assigned mort. to Benjamin F., son of Sylvanus Town; 12 March, 1827, Mrs. Ruth Town mort. to her son, Benjamin F.; 4 Oct., 1831, Benjamin F. Town assigned to Samuel Davis; 1 April, 1837, Samuel Davis deeded to David Nichols, 6 a. and house. Mrs. Wolcott having held her thirds lived here, and d. 1848, when her rights were set off to Mrs. Mary Hunt as heir of the Wolcott estate. The other two-thirds were occupied by tenants. In 1860, at decease of Mrs. Hunt, she was owner of the whole. 23 Nov., 1872, Jonathan P. Dana, as administrator of Mrs. Hunt's estate, deeded to John W. Wetherell, who, same date, deeded to Dana; 22 Jan., 1873, Jonathan P. Dana to William Daniels, who owned, 1876, when the house was burned. He sold the lot to Sylvanus Robinson, who Sept., 1881, deeded to the town of Oxford for a school-house.

**190. MRS. GEORGE B. NOLEN.** [House built for a parsonage.] A part of H. 189. 18 March, 1817, Sylvanus Town for \$150 to Peter Butler, Treasurer of Oxford Parsonage Association, 2 a.; 12 Feb., 1830, Peter Butler to Oxford Ministerial Association; 3 April, 1833, Alexander and Hollis DeWitt to Washburn Lumbard,  $\frac{11}{12}$  of the estate; 1833, Abijah and Loring Davis to same, their shares in same; Lumbard enlarged the house to accommodate the family of Rev. H. Bardwell, on his coming in 1835; 1 Nov., 1841, Washburn Lumbard to Alvan G. Underwood; 4 March, 1860, Alvan G. Underwood to Jonathan Davis, who d. here; 9 Aug., 1868, Betsey, widow of Jonathan Davis, to Mary S. Stafford; 3 March, 1872, Mary S. (Stafford) Porter to Moses Stone, who d. here, and devised the place to Clarissa K., w. of George B. Nolen. He also resided here at his decease.

**191. FRED. A. COPP.** A part of H. 189. 3 Nov., 1818, Ruth, widow of Sylvanus Town, to Daniel Mansfield of Dudley, 20 a., reserving 2 a., parsonage lot; 3 April, 1819, Daniel Mansfield to David Batcheller; 9 Jan., 1822, David Batcheller to William Sigourney, 8 rods front, 10 rods back, Sigourney built the house; 1 May, 1850, William Sigourney mort. to John Wetherell; 1857, Wetherell in possession; 7 Sept., 1861, John Wetherell to his son, Andrew S.; 7 March, 1864, Andrew S. Wetherell to Joseph Storm of Burrillville, R. I.; 17 March, 1864, Joseph Storm to Simeon Darling, who d. here; his heirs deeded to Fred. A. Copp.

**192. GEORGE W. SIGOURNEY.** The original home lot of Oliver Coller. 14 April, 1716, Oliver Coller to Joseph Dana; 25 April, 1724, Richard Moore to Daniel Hovey, carpenter. In 1736 Hovey sold land adjoining his house lot, the northern portion, to Joseph

Rockett and is supposed to have died here; 2 April, 1742, heirs of Daniel Hovey to David Town, who m. Priscilla, dau. of Hovey [see H. 27]; 2 April, 1742, David Town to Daniel Davis, the west part, from the brook to the 8-rod way, b. north on Joseph Rockett; 23 Feb., 1744, Joseph Rockett to William Campbell, blacksmith, 16 rods front and 20 rods on Sutton road; 30 Jan., 1749, William Campbell to Jonathan Fuller of Oxford, blacksmith, 2 a.; 23 Feb., 1753, Jonathan Fuller to Samuel Lamb, shoemaker,  $\frac{1}{2}$  a., northwest corner of foregoing; Lamb settled here; 13 Sept., 1764, Samuel Lamb to William Henshaw of Leicester; 5 Oct., 1765, William Henshaw to Samuel Denny of Leicester; 25 Oct., 1765, Samuel Denny to John and Thomas Stephenson of Boston. In May, 1766, this property was owned by John Jop. [See Jop, Genealogical record.] The house was small and old and was occupied many years by Abner Mellen, who d. here. It was in 1814 owned by the town, as in Nov. of that year it was voted to "let Mellen stay at present in the house owned by the town."

12 May, 1766, Jonathan Fuller to William Davis, the remaining acre and a half; 6 April, 1772, William Davis to Ephraim Russell; 1786, Ephraim Russell to Andrew Sigourney, who lived here until he built his new house, H. 194, in 1817. After the decease of Sigourney, in the division of his estate, this corner on which stands the present house and that next north (which was a store on the corner,) was set to his son Martin, who built the present house. The old mansion house, built very early, was set to Sigourney's dau. Mary, who m. Stephen Hunt. It was so out of repair as to be untenantable, but was desirable as a business location, and was occupied as a shoe manufactory by Seth Daniels & Co. from about 1847. On 18 Dec., 1869, they purchased and occupied it until they relinquished business. On 30 Dec., 1870, they sold the easterly portion to Allen L. Joslin, on which was built the present factory of A. L. Joslin & Co., and on 23 April, 1877, the old mansion with lot to Orrin F. Joslin, who immediately removed the house.

**193.** That portion of the Sigourney estate east of the railroad, now occupied by two buildings, once shoe shops, was set off to William Sigourney, who about 1840 built "The Arcade," in which a variety of business enterprises were carried on, burned, 1850. Later the shops now standing were erected. The remaining portion, 5 a. easterly, Andrew Sigourney on 16 July, 1824, deeded to Benjamin F. Town; Sigourney's old store building had been removed from the corner to this lot and fitted for a dwelling; 15 Oct., 1827, Benjamin F. Town to Charles T. Parish, who carried on blacksmithing here; 22 May, 1833, Charles T. Parish to Leonard Laffin, blacksmith; 12 Jan., 1837, Leonard Laffin to Loring Davis; Laffin removed to H. 172; Davis d. while owner; 18 March, 1845, his heirs deeded to Erastus Davis, brother of Loring, a part; 4 May,

1848, Erastus Davis to Sylvanus Robinson, west part, 6 rods front; 8 Feb., 1849, Sylvanus Robinson to Chad B. Carey, who built a house which was burned with the "Arcade" and the present one later built by him; 4 April, 1852, Jasper Brown, deputy sheriff, on execution, to Richardson and Kendall of Boston, who 1854 deeded to Charles Yeomans, who d. here; 4 Jan., 1873, heirs of Charles Yeomans to Elisha N. Bigelow, present owner of house next the former shoe shops.

On 24 May, 1845, Erastus Davis sold to Abel F. Stow,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  a., east part; Stow built the house, now Hiram K. Johnson's, and a currier's shop, now a dwelling occupied by his widow. Between Stow and the lot sold Robinson was a lot of 136 rods, owned by Mary, w. of Reuben Waters, sister of Loring Davis; 3 July, 1845, she deeded this to Cyprian Whiting, who kept here a livery stable; 20 Feb., 1847, Cyprian Whiting to Addison Bailey, 50 rods and buildings, west part; 3 April, 1849, Addison Bailey to William R. Foskett, who began to build the house now belonging to estate of Timothy Aldrich; 1 Nov., 1849, he sold it with 31 rods of land to Sylvanus Robinson, and on the remainder of the lot built the cottage next east, which he sold Feb., 1864, to William Gibson; 1881, William Gibson to Reuben Rich and Hiram K. Johnson, present owners.

On 10 Aug., 1849, Cyprian Whiting to Rufus R. Dana, the stable and lot; Dana kept a stable here; 3 March, 1857, Rufus R. Dana to Abel M. Chaffee, who continued the business; 20 Aug., 1859, Abel M. Chaffee to Samuel Davis, who rented to tenants; 30 Dec., 1865, Samuel Davis to Reuben Rich, who moved the barn to the rear and built the present house.

**194. MARY S. WALLACE.** Brick house. The original home lot of Thomas Gleason. 3 Oct., 1723, Thomas Gleason to his son Thomas, from the street east to the mill brook; 21 Nov., 1726, Thomas Gleason, Jr., to Jacob Cummings; 19 Sept., 1730, Jonathan Ballard to Samuel Davis; 22 Dec., 1743, Samuel Davis to his son Daniel; 1 April, 1755, Daniel Davis of Killingly, Conn., to Edward Davis and Tarrant Putnam; 16 May, 1755, Edward Davis and Tarrant Putnam to Duncan Campbell, 10 a. on Main street and Sutton road, "beginning at a corner by a little house that formerly belonged to William Campbell, deceased" [the blacksmith], thence 53 rods south, etc.; 1758, Abigail Bromfield of Boston to John and Alexander Campbell, this 10 a.; 19 Aug., 1762, these quitclaimed to Duncan Campbell; 22 Feb., 1764, Duncan Campbell to John Murray of Rutland; 15 Dec., 1764, John Murray to Edward Raymond of Worcester; 17 May, 1765, Edward Raymond to Dr. Stephen Barton, 10 a.; 4 June, 1767, Hezekiah Bellows of South Gore, had set off to him on execution  $7\frac{1}{4}$  a.; 1767, Hezekiah Bellows to Edward Davis; 9 June, 1778, Edward Davis to Alexander Campbell; 30 March, 1782, Alexander Campbell to John Wolcott, shopkeeper, 56 rods on Main street

and 29 rods on Sutton road; 12 Sept., 1783, John Wolcott to Edward K. Wolcott, one-half of 40 a. "as set forth in two deeds, one from Ezra Bowman and one from Alexander Campbell"; July, 1792, Edward K. Wolcott to Andrew Sigourney; 28 Jan., 1793, John Wolcott to same, each one-half; Sigourney rented the house to tenants until he built the brick house, 1817, when he occupied, and d. here. After his decease this property went to his son Andrew, who occupied, and Mrs. Ellen S. Lhoyd, dau. of Andrew, Jr., was owner till her decease in 1887, after which it was sold to Mrs. Wallace, present proprietor.

**195. SUMNER SPARHAWK.** The easterly portion of the 40 a., H. 194 (being 30 a.), was sold 13 May, 1758, by Edward Davis to John Dalrymple of Westfield. In 1766 he sold to Alexander Campbell, who in 1771 built a new house which soon after occupying it was burned. 10 Dec., 1771, Alexander Campbell to William Watson and William Campbell; 1 July, 1774, William Campbell quitclaimed to Watson; 29 April, 1776, Edward Davis of Dudley and Abigail, his w., formerly w. of Watson, to Alexander Campbell; same date, Alexander Campbell to John Campbell of Oxford, physician; 3 May, 1776, John Campbell to Samuel Dexter of Dedham; 9 Aug., 1777, Samuel Dexter, then of Woodstock, back to John Campbell; 2 Sept., 1777, John Campbell and Martha, his w., to John Nazro of Worcester; 1778, John Nazro to Ezra Bowman; 7 March, 1781, Ezra Bowman to John Wolcott; from this date this estate went with the other 10 a. at the corner, H. 194, to Andrew Sigourney. At his decease the part near the brook, where the house stood, went in the division of his property to William, his son; 7 April, 1840, William Sigourney to Henry Pollock of Cumberland, R. I., whose mother was a doctress, known as Mrs. Getty, who occupied and d. here; 28 March, 1849, Henry Pollock to Sumner Moffitt; 13 Feb., 1850, Sumner Moffitt to Lyman Law, who built the present house; 17 March, 1858, Lyman Law to Sylvanus Robinson; 6 Sept., 1859, Sylvanus Robinson to Cyrus Truesdell; 1 Jan., 1876, Cyrus Truesdell to Mrs. Mary A. Sparhawk and George E. Mowry, present owners.

A tannery existed on this lot at the brook, owned by William Sigourney; 3 Feb., 1824, he sold to Nathaniel Nolen, who in 1831 mort. to John Mayo, who on 26 Jan., 1839, took possession, and 29 March, 1845, deeded to Lyman P. Low, owner of the mill below.

**196. A. LEROY WHITING.** 30 April, 1823, Andrew Sigourney to Jonathan Davis, 56 rods; Oxford Bank Corporation built that year the present house with a banking-room in the south end; 3 March, 1857, Oxford Bank to Emory Sanford, the house and north part of lot; on the south part the present banking-house was built; Sanford d. here, 1876: his sister Hannah M. was heir, who also d. here. Her

nieces, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Hickok and Frances S. Pease, both of New York City, came into possession as her heirs, Mrs. Hickok deeding to Frances S. Pease, who 15 Jan., 1884, conveyed to Mary A., w. of William E. Pease; 25 Oct., 1888, Mary A. Pease to Mary S. Wallace; 21 March, 1890, Mary S. Wallace to Ella M., w. of A. Leroy Whiting.

**197. WITT & DOWSE STORE.** 13 April, 1824, Andrew Sigourney to Stearns Witt and Samuel Dowse, a lot, on which the store was built that year.

**198. HEIRS OF CHARLES D. BOWMAN.** 1 Oct., 1816, Andrew Sigourney to Benjamin and Jotham Eddy, lot adjoining H. 200; 20 March, 1824, these to Stearns Witt and Samuel Dowse; Witt built the present house in 1825 and occupied; 2 Feb., 1837, Stearns DeWitt to Washburn Lumbard; 14 April, 1845, Washburn Lumbard (who built for himself the cottage next south, now Mrs. Wilson's) to Trustees of Methodist Episcopal Church; 1 Sept., 1846, these to Charles D. Bowman, who d. here; his heirs are owners, 1890.

**199. EDWARD S. PEASE.** A part of H. 198. 8 Jan., 1827, Stearns Witt to Samuel Dowse, quitclaim; Dowse built the present house in 1828-9, occupied and d. here, 1844; 5 Jan., 1866, Jabez L. Peck, who m. a dau. of Dowse, to William H. Thurston; 12 Jan., 1866, William H. Thurston to Emory Sanford, who in his will devised to Edward S. Pease.

**200. AMOS S. PRATT.** Part of H. 194. 30 Sept., 1816, Andrew Sigourney to Delano Pierce,  $\frac{1}{2}$  a., on which he built the present house; 1 April, 1834, Delano Pierce to Moses Phipps; 11 Dec., 1835, Moses Phipps to Daniel T. Penniman; 8 March, 1837, Daniel T. Penniman to William H. Bigelow; 2 April, 1839, William H. Bigelow to Richard Stone; 21 Feb., 1850, Richard Stone to Henry Boyden; 9 Nov., 1859, Henry Boyden to Benjamin Paine; 12 Sept., 1866, Benjamin Paine to Loriston Shumway; 1 April, 1867, Loriston Shumway to Samuel Southwick; 29 Sept., 1879, Samuel Southwick to Leonard Harrington; 7 Oct., 1880, Leonard Harrington to Lucy A., w. of Charles I. Rawson; same date, Lucy A. Rawson to Amos S. Pratt.

**201. EDWARD W. BARDWELL.** A part of H. 202. 24 Feb., 1844, Richard Stone to Daniel Stevens, late of Worcester, who that year built the present house; 1845, Daniel Stevens to Sylvanus Robinson; 1849, Sylvanus Robinson to Amos Thompson, whose dau., Elizabeth C., w. of Edward W. Bardwell, is present owner.

**202. EPISCOPAL CHURCH.** This with H. 201 was the northern portion of Hagburn's home lot, H. 205. Its early history is obscure.

The house may have been the home of Richard Moore, Jr., who for many years owned the 40 a. in partnership with his brother Elijah, who lived at H. 204. On 11 April, 1768, it was owned by Alexander Campbell; 8 Feb., 1782, Alexander Campbell to Dr. Elijah Dix of Worcester; 17 Jan., 1784, Elijah Dix to John Nichols; Samuel Campbell m. the dau. of Nichols; 16 Feb., 1796, Samuel Campbell to Abijah Davis; tenants occupied. [At the northwest corner of the old house on this lot was a small one-story building in which William Lamson, who was a tenant, kept a store. Later Maj. Archibald Campbell who lived here occupied it as a saddler's shop.] 13 Jan., 1814, Abijah Davis to Delano Pierce, 20 a., b. 32 rods on Main street; 2 Sept., 1816, Delano Pierce to Samuel Underwood, 2 a. and house; 1 Dec., 1817, Samuel Underwood to Jeremiah Moflitt; same date, Moflitt to Delano Pierce; 1 Jan., 1820, Stearns Witt to Charles J. Stratford; 21 Dec., 1829, Charles J. Stratford to Richard Stone, in exchange for H. 122; 10 June, 1834, Richard Stone to Orlando Chester; 1838, Stone was in possession on mort.; 1856, Richard Stone to his son James Lewis Stone; 26 Nov., 1859, James L. Stone to Asa Stone, Jr., of Providence; 18 April, 1863, Asa Stone, Jr., to William A. Wheelock; May, 1864, William A. Wheelock to Trustees of Episcopal Church.

**203. EPISCOPAL PARSONAGE.** Part of H. 205. 1 April, 1832, Delano Pierce, who had bought, 1814, of Abijah Davis [see H. 202], to Ira Barton, 18 a. 14 rods front; 1 April, 1834, Hollis and Alexander DeWitt (they having bought of Barton), 10 a. to John Wetherell who built the present house; 26 Feb., 1848, John Wetherell to George Hodges, Jr., who remodelled and enlarged the house; 12 Nov., 1873, George Hodges to Katharine H. Slater, his dau.; April, 1874, Katharine H. Slater to Trustees of Donations to Protestant Episcopal Church.

The next house south was built on the same lot by Wetherell after selling to Hodges. He occupied, and d. here; his heirs sold to Ezra C. Whittlesey.

**204. WILLIAM H. H. THURSTON.** 5 March, 1825, Jeremiah Moflitt to John Mellish, lot; Mellish built the house; 30 April, 1831, John Mellish to Ira Barton; 9 Dec., 1832, Ira Barton to Daniel Davis, who occupied; 1 April, 1848, Daniel Davis to Albert H. Daniels; 25 Sept., 1866, Albert H. Daniels to Albert Lackey, who d. here; his dau. m. William H. H. Thurston, who, 1890, occupied.

**205. HEIRS OF ISRAEL SIBLEY.** Original home lot of Samuel Hagburn. 31 Aug., 1714, Samuel Hagburn to Richard Moore, who settled here; house in the rear of the present one, large and stylish for the times, and surrounded with elm trees. In 1731 Richard Moore, being then 60 years of age, deeded to his sons Richard, Jr.,

and Elijah, all his estate at the centre of the village, 130 a. east of the main street, including the Abial Lamb home lot. Elijah, Jr., kept tavern here, and it is conjectured that Richard, Jr., lived at H. 202; Nov., 1750, a division was made and Richard Moore, Jr., deeded to his brother Elijah one-half the lands deeded to them by their father; 11 April, 1768, Elijah Moore to Samuel Moore of Worcester; 1770, Samuel Moore to Theophilus Lillie, merchant; Lillie bought of Arthur Humphrey in 1771 land on the south of this estate, from the Humphrey homestead, 21 rods on Main street; 1772, Theophilus Lillie to Rev. David Thurston of Medway; 1776, David Thurston to Alexander Campbell, who occupied and d. here; 25 Jan., 1785, administrator of his estate to Joshua Barnard, 44 a., being two-thirds, and two-thirds of the house, the other third having been set off to the widow; 17 Feb., 1797, Joshua Barnard to Amasa Kingsbury; 7 April, 1800, Amasa Kingsbury to Simeon, his son, physician, who d. here, 1806; Calvin Perry m. the widow of Kingsbury, built the present house and occupied; 12 Dec., 1825, Calvin Perry to Abijah Davis; 16 April, 1827, Abijah Davis to Israel Sibley. Mrs. Campbell after living here for a few years removed to a small house north of the Campbell tavern. A son when on a visit from Vermont ordered the elms around the old place cut down for firewood for his mother, which was done.

**206.** *Mrs. WILLIAM NEWTON.* House built 1838 by Israel Sibley. 21 Sept., 1840, Israel Sibley to Dexter W. Jones; 23 Sept., 1848, Dexter W. Jones to his sons Sanford and Horace; 13 May, 1854, Sanford to Horace Jones, one-half; 25 Sept., 1854, Horace Jones to Henry D. Stone of Worcester; 12 March, 1857, Henry D. Stone to Electa, w. of Horace Jones; 13 June, 1859, Electa Jones to George F. Verry of Worcester; 16 May, 1864, George F. Verry to Alexander DeWitt, who devised to Mrs. William Newton.

**207.** *CHARLES A. ANGELL.* 21 May, 1838, Israel Sibley to Aaron S. Barton, lot; Barton built the same year and occupied; 22 Oct., 1849, Aaron S. Barton to Sylvanus Robinson; 10 June, 1852, Sylvanus Robinson to Charles A. Angell.

**208.** *CHARLES H. BURLEIGH.* Part of H. 36. 13 May, 1824, Ebenezer Humphrey to Jeremiah Moffitt, lot; Moffitt built the house about 1836, occupied and d. here, 1848; 1 April, 1850, Rufus Moffitt, brother of Jeremiah, to Samuel R. Wallis; 10 March, 1852, Samuel R. Wallis to Sylvanus Robinson; 31 March, 1855, Sylvanus Robinson to Evelina M., mother of Charles H. Burleigh.

**209.** *BENAJAH GATES.* Part of H. 36. 17 Nov., 1743, Ebenezer Humphrey 2 a. to William Nichols, hatter, who built a house, occupied and d. here; his son Daniel was successor and also d. here.

On 29 May, 1820, he deeded to Elihu Harwood, Jr., who occupied until about 1838 and removed to another house he had built at the north end of the lot. The old house was rented, and in 1866 was sold and taken down. Later Gates bought the estate and built the present house.

**210. JOSIAH BARNES.** A part of the "Old Mill" estate, H. 37. 13 May, 1806, Jonathan Harris to Peleg Foster, lot; he built the same year; 14 July, 1814, Peleg Foster to Russell Clark of Dudley; 21 Aug., 1819, Russell Clark to Stearns Witt: same date, Witt to Jeremiah Moflitt; 1 April, 1822, Jeremiah Moflitt to Seth Daniels, who occupied nearly 30 years; 7 March, 1851, Seth Daniels to Silas W. Lovett, who d. here, 1851; 9 March, 1854, Lucy A., his widow, to Nathaniel Eddy; 7 Jan., 1855, Nathaniel Eddy to Merrick T. Kelley, who d. here; 12 March, 1859, Harriet A., widow of Merrick T. Kelley, to Samuel Mayo, who d. here, 1874; 1876, Jed Mayo, heir of Samuel, to Josiah Barnes.

**211. HENRY M. INGRAHAM.** Late shoe shop, built 1828 by Daniels and Harris for a chaise and harness manufactory on Daniels' lot. 14 May, 1833, Seth Daniels to Sanford Gilmore, one-half; 2 March, 1853, Sanford Gilmore to Elihu Harwood, one-half; 16 March, 1854, Seth Daniels to same, one-half; 24 Feb., 1860, Elihu Harwood to his sons, Daniel and Emory E., the whole; 26 Sept., 1866, Emory E. Harwood to Henry M. Ingraham.

**212. LYMAN LAW.** Part of H. 37. 20 May, 1833, Sylvanus Harris to Sumner Moflitt, lot; house built the same year; 1 Feb., 1839, Sumner Moflitt to Harvey Conant; 1844, Harvey Conant to Freeman Bigelow, who assigned to E. F. Shaw, who 6 Aug., 1853, assigned to Caleb Pope, who occupied; Emily S., his dau., w. of Lyman Law, is present owner.

**213. ALPHEUS FOSTER.** Part of H. 37. 17 March, 1812, Jonathan Harris to his son Isaac, lot; house built the same year; 3 Jan., 1816, Isaac Harris to his brother Rufus; Isaac removed to Maine; 1 April, 1828, Rufus Harris to his brother Sylvanus; Rufus removed to Oxford Woolen Co. village; Sylvanus occupied and d. here, 1879; 28 May, 1883, Lucretia Harris, his widow, to Alpheus Foster.

**214. MRS. JULIA A. INGRAHAM.** Part of H. 37. 20 May, 1762, Timothy Harris to his son Abijah, 12½ a.; he settled at a spot about 40 rods from the main street on the north side of the lot, cellar now visible, and later built the one-story house on the site of the present one, which was removed by Ezra Davis in 1840, and the present house built; 1783, Abijah Harris to Jonas Coller; Harris removed to H. 54; 1790, Jonas Coller to Jason Coller; 1796, Jason Coller to Jeremiah Amidown, who d. here, and afterwards his widow deeded

to Town of Oxford; 5 March, 1827, Town of Oxford to William Sigourney; 10 May, 1833, William Sigourney to Lorenzo D. Gorton; 20 May, 1835, Lorenzo D. Gorton to Seth Daniels and Sanford Gilmore; 27 Feb., 1836, these to Jared Davis; 2 Aug., 1836, Jared Davis to Rufus and Sophia Scott; 20 April, 1840, Rufus Scott to Ezra Davis, who d. here; Julia A., his widow, m. Henry M. Ingraham and owned, 1890.

**215.** MRS. HANNAH MOFFITT. Part of H. 216. 30 April, 1830, Samuel Smith to Rufus Moffitt, lot; house built the same year; Moffitt d. here; his widow and son Decatur have since owned and occupied.

**216.** Late S. WILLIAM SMITH. Soon after the settlement of the town, Richard Moore became owner of a large tract of land on the west side of the 8-rod way, title not found. In his deed, 1731, to his sons, is included a lot of 120 a., which embraced the home lot of John Chamberlain, b. north on Quaboag Lane, east on the main street, south on heirs of Joseph Read (H. 214,) west on village line; 22 Nov., 1750, at the time Richard Moore, Jr., deeded H. 205 to his brother Elijah the latter quitclaimed to Richard, Jr., 60 a., the southern portion of this tract. The house near the old oak, which was large and elegant for the times, was probably built by Richard, Sen., and was occupied during his later years by himself and his son Richard, and both d. here. It was removed in 1831 and the present house built by Samuel Smith; 19 Jan., 1776, Richard Moore to his son Marvin; 14 Feb., 1815, the heirs of Marvin Moore to Jonathan Sibley; 9 March, 1815, Jonathan Sibley to Samuel Smith, who d. here; his son S. William succeeded and also d. here.

**217.** ASA B. TAFT. A part of 11 a. sold to Charles P. Nichols, 1819 [see H. 218]; 6 July, 1852, Jonas Larned to Emory E. Harwood, who built the house, 1852-3, and occupied; 12 May, 1886, Emory E. Harwood to Asa B. Taft.

**218.** GEORGE R. LARNED. Part of H. 220. About 1814, Abijah Davis to Charles P. Nichols, lot; Nichols built a part of the present house; 3 Feb., 1819, Jonathan Sibley to Charles P. Nichols, 11 a., part of H. 216, adjoining the foregoing on the south; 10 April, 1819, Charles P. Nichols to Abijah Nichols, one-half; 1822, the remainder; Abijah Nichols enlarged the house; 5 Feb., 1830, Abijah Nichols to Rufus Robinson; 21 Nov., 1846, trustee of Nancy, w. of Rufus Robinson, to Jonas Larned, who d. here; his son, George R., is present owner.

Charles P. and Abijah Nichols carried on cabinet making here. Robinson remodelled the house in its present form.

**219.** JOHN E. KIMBALL. Part of H. 220. 5 April, 1834, Loring Davis, heir of Abijah, to Daniel Davis, lot; 23 May, 1834, Daniel Davis to William Robinson, Jr., who built a small house in which his father lived three years; 23 Jan., 1837, William Robinson, Jr., to William Kimball, who same year moved back the small house and built the front part now attached to it. He d. here, and his son, John E., is owner, 1890. House remodelled as at present, 1886.

**220.** GEORGE W. HOLMAN. Part of the Richard Moore estate [H. 216]. This lot of 60 a. was quitclaimed by Richard Moore, Jr., to Elijah Moore at the division of their property in 1750. It included the home lot of John Chamberlain. 11 April, 1768, Elijah Moore to Samuel Moore of Worcester; 29 Jan., 1771, Samuel Moore to Elisha Davis, 48 $\frac{3}{4}$  rods on Main street; 17 Sept., 1795, Elisha Davis to his son Abijah, who had previously lived at H. 187; Abijah built the present house about 1796, occupied and d. here, 1833. In the division of his estate the homestead went to his son Abijah, who also d. here. His adopted dau. m. George W. Holman.

**221.** Late BENJAMIN PAINE. 29 March, 1815, Abijah Davis to John Wetherell and Richard Moore, lot; house built the same year; 1816, Richard Moore to John Wetherell, one-half house and lot; a year or two later Wetherell built a store south of his house, where he engaged in trade; 1 April, 1834, John Wetherell to Loring Davis, who fitted up the store for a dwelling; 11 March, 1843, the heirs of Loring Davis to Benjamin Paine, the whole; 27 March, 1843, Benjamin Paine to Schuyler B. Chaffee, the south house (old store); 6 Nov., 1851, Schuyler B. Chaffee to his father, Alpheus Chaffee, who enlarged and repaired the house, occupied and d. here, and his grandson, Orrin B. Chaffee, is present owner. Mr. Paine continued at the north house and d. there. His granddaughter, the late Mrs. Watson, was owner at her decease, 1890.

**222.** GEORGE H. DODGE. Part of the Benjamin Chamberlain or old tavern estate, H. 235, and came with the balance of the lands down to Ezra Bowman, who in 1775 sold off the Jonathan Sibley farm, H. 225, of which, in July, 1784, William Bowen of Providence, physician, took on execution *vs.* Charles Dabney, 10 a. and 75 rods at the southeast corner, 25 rods in front; 16 Jan., 1794, William Bowen to Andrew Sigourney; 14 June, 1833, Andrew Sigourney to Samuel C. Paine, who built on the south part the present house, and d. here, 1888; his dau., Ellen A., deeded, 1889, to George H. Dodge.

**223.** Late TIMOTHY ALDRICH. Part of H. 222. 18 June, 1833, Samuel C. Paine to Samuel Dowse, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  a.; before 1838 William Coburn of Charlton, carpenter, built the present house, the land

remaining the property of Dowse; 15 March, 1838, Samuel Dowse to Charles R. Carlton, house and land; 16 March, 1839, Charles R. Carlton to William Kimball and Samuel Dowse; 1 April, 1843, Samuel Dowse to Peter C. Bacon and Cromwell Moulton, executors of the estate of Richard Olney, one-half; 1 April, 1847, Peter C. Bacon and Cromwell Moulton, executors, to Mrs. Timothy Aldrich, one-half; 15 March, 1848, William Kimball to same, one-half; Timothy Aldrich and w. both d. here.

**224.** Late WILLIAM A. WHEELOCK. Part of H. 223. 1 May, 1841, Samuel Dowse to Ruth Phillips, the north part of lot bought of Samuel C. Paine; house built by her son William A. Wheelock the same year; he d. here and his heirs were owners, 1890.

**225.** WILLIAM B. CUSHMAN. Part of 150 a. sold 1723, by Benjamin Chamberlain to Samuel Davis, and by him, 1724, to William Davis, who occupied, and 2 April, 1760, deeded to Alexander Campbell,  $85\frac{1}{2}$  rods on Main street, including tavern estate; 8 Nov., 1773, it came into the possession of Ezra Bowman.<sup>1</sup> See H. 235. 21 Nov., 1775, Ezra Bowman to Edward K. Wolcott, 24 a. and buildings, b. south on "Chobaug Lain"; 28 April, 1777, Amos Putnam to Charles Dabney of Oxford, merchant, 16 a. in rear of the 24 a. and between "Quaboag road and the new County road"; 5 Jan., 1778, Edward K. Wolcott to Charles Dabney of Providence, R. I.,  $24\frac{3}{4}$  a.,  $50\frac{1}{3}$  rods on Main street; Dabney took down the old house and began building a large new one, but had not completed it when he sold; 12 May, 1784, Charles Dabney to Ephraim Russell, blacksmith, who occupied and had a shop near the street not far from the Col. DeWitt house; 2 Dec., 1805, Ephraim Russell to Timothy Lamson, who occupied, b. north on "the meeting-house yard"; 23 Feb., 1809, Timothy Lamson to Stephen Keith of Sutton; 1 March, 1810, Stephen Keith to Josiah S. Prentice, who occupied; 6 Oct., 1810, Josiah S. Prentice to Jonathan Sibley, who d. here, as did his widow. Mr. Sibley devised the homestead to his widow during her life, and as they had no children, to the children of Thomas Nichols and Lawson Gould at her decease. These sold to J. Edward Nichols, son of Thomas, who in 1887 sold to Mrs. William B. Cushman. The old house built by Dabney was a gambrel roof and sloped to one story in the rear. Sibley on buying raised up the back part and put on a square hip roof, and finished it throughout. This house was burned 1846, and the present one built soon afterward by the Mutual Insurance Company, Worcester.

<sup>1</sup> In a record, Worcester, B. 211, pp. 284, 285, it is asserted that Richard Moore owned land on the street, b. south on Quaboag lane. No evidence of his purchase or sale of land here has

been found. William Davis in his deed to Campbell, 1760, bounds the estate conveyed south on Quaboag lane.

**226.** MRS. WILLIAM NEWTON. Late Alexander DeWitt. Part of H. 225. 20 Sept., 1816, Jonathan Sibley to Richard Moore, 96 rods, adjoining the "meeting-house yard": Moore had sold at H. 221; he soon built the present house, attaching a store at the north end in which he began trade; he d. here 1819; 1 April, 1824, Jonathan Davis to Ira Barton; 10 Oct., 1833, Ira Barton to Richard Olney; 14 June, 1837, Richard Olney to Peter C. Bacon; 31 Jan., 1840, Peter C. Bacon to Stephen Prince, Jr.; 23 April, 1849, Stephen Prince, Jr., to Alexander DeWitt; all these owners, excepting Davis, occupied; DeWitt remodelled and enlarged the house soon after purchase. He d. here 1879; his widow occupied till her decease. The estate was devised to Mrs. William Newton.

**227.** MRS. WILLIAM NEWTON [on Barton Street]. Part of H. 226. 4 Feb., 1829, Ira Barton to Josiah Moore and Danforth Brown, lot; 18 Feb., 1829, Danforth Brown to Justin Root, one-half; Root and Moore built for a bakery; 10 Nov., 1829, Josiah Moore to Justin Root, one-half; 17 Jan., 1835, Justin Root to David Nichols; 9 March, 1837, David Nichols to William Sigourney; 1857, William Sigourney to Dwight Foster of Worcester; 12 March, 1857, Dwight Foster to Alexander DeWitt; 23 June, 1884, executors of Alexander DeWitt to Eliza L., w. of William Newton.

**228.** Late FRANKLIN BARNES. House removed from the site of the Methodist Meeting-house. The land of H. 225 once extended north to the Charlton road in the rear of the Universalist Meeting-house. 8 March, 1826, Jonathan Sibley to Ira Barton, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  a.; 28 March, 1826, Ira Barton to Charles P. Nichols, the lot at junction of said road and Barton Street, where the Meeting-house now stands; Nichols built the house and occupied; 1 April, 1831, Charles P. Nichols to Harvey Dresser, 49 rods and buildings; 1 Jan., 1834, Harvey Dresser to Richard Olney; 20 Nov., 1865, Wilson Olney to Lament B. Corbin and William H. Thurston for the Methodist Society. The house was removed across Barton street to the site of the old Methodist Chapel and sold to Franklin Barnes.

**229.** MRS. MELEZENDA P. CORBIN. Part of H. 235. 22 March, 1828, Benjamin F. Town and Andrew Sigourney to Josiah McFarland, lot of 42 rods. He removed a building to the place and fitted it for a dwelling, and had a blacksmith shop near it. 1 Nov., 1842, Josiah McFarland to Urania Stone. About 1850 the old house was removed and the present one built by Lament B. Corbin. 13 Dec., 1866, Urania Stone deeded to Lament B. Corbin, who d. here, and his heirs now own.

**230.** RICHARD L. DODGE. Part of H. 235. 19 June, 1833, Alexander and Hollis DeWitt to Samuel P. Hicks, carpenter, lot; 1

**May**, 1838, Samuel P. Hicks to Nahum Sibley, who built the present house ; 8 July, 1846, Israel Sibley to Jane F. and Clarissa T. Morse, who occupied ; 5 May, 1865, Jane F. and Clarissa T. Morse to Cyrus G. Barnard, who occupied ; 4 March, 1871, Cyrus G. Barnard to Benjamin F. White ; 1 Jan., 1873, Benjamin F. White to Richard L. Dodge.

**231.** In the fall and winter of 1844-5 three cottages were built on Charlton Street, west of the Methodist Parsonage ; the first by Elijah McKnight, carpenter, who sold in 1845 to Erastus Ormsbee, and Jan., 1866, Erastus Ormsbee to Joshua Davis, whose heirs are present owners ; the second by Moses Burdon, whose heirs now own and occupy ; and the third by Paul Perkins, who, 30 April, 1850, sold to Charles Rawson, physician, present owner.

**232. METHODIST PARSONAGE.** 30 Nov., 1845, Alexander DeWitt to Sumner Putnam, lot ; Putnam built in 1846, and 27 Sept. sold to Trustees of Methodist Society.

**233. MRS. CAROLINE FULLER.** Part of H. 235. 27 Aug., 1829, Benjamin F. Town and Andrew Sigourney, Jr., to Nahum Sibley, lot ; Sibley built and occupied ; 3 Nov., 1846, Israel Sibley, brother of Nahum, to Alexander DeWitt ; Jonas Bacon occupied ; 1853, Alexander DeWitt to Hollis DeWitt, who occupied, enlarged and much improved the house ; he d. here the same year ; 4 Aug., 1853, heirs of Hollis DeWitt to Caroline Fuller and Mary DeWitt, daughters of DeWitt ; 1870, Mary DeWitt to Caroline Fuller, one-half.

**234. WILLIS M. WELLINGTON.** Part of H. 235. 1 April, 1834, Alexander DeWitt to Hollis DeWitt, the western portion of the Campbell tavern property ; Hollis DeWitt built the present house and occupied ; 9 March, 1839, Hollis DeWitt 70 a. and buildings to Alexander DeWitt, who occupied ; 6 April, 1848, Alexander DeWitt to Samuel Boyden in exchange for a house in Worcester, whither he removed ; 1 April, 1853, Samuel Boyden to Alexander DeWitt ; same date, Samuel Boyden to William Newton, the house and 140 rods of land ; Newton occupied ; 1 Aug., 1866, William Newton to Joseph Dart, son-in-law of Daniel Warner who occupied ; 1 Dec., 1868, Joseph Dart to Hannah, w. of Daniel Warner ; Jan., 1881, Hannah Warner to Willis M. Wellington.

**235. FRED. O. CORTIS and HOLLIS D. W. BACON.** Old "Campbell tavern." The home lot of Benjamin Chamberlain. 31 May, 1723, Benjamin Chamberlain to Samuel Davis of Roxbury, 150 a. ; 8 April, 1724, Samuel Davis to William Davis of Roxbury, who settled here ; 2 April, 1760, William Davis to Alexander Campbell, 85½ rods on Main Street, b. south on "Schobaug Lane" ; 1762, Alexander Campbell to Hezekiah Bellows of Dudley ; 12 Jan., 1765,

Hezekiah Bellows to Obadiah McIntire; 8 Nov., 1773, Obadiah McIntire of Charlton to Ezra Bowman, reserving 1 a. sold to Thomas Fish; 9 Feb., 1782, Ezra Bowman to Ebenezer Davis; 2 April, 1784, Ebenezer Davis to John Nichols and Samuel Campbell; 10 Sept., 1792, John Nichols of Pittston, Me., to Ebenezer Davis; 10 Oct., 1792, Samuel Campbell to same; 10 Oct., 1792, Ebenezer Davis to Samuel Campbell, 75 a., excepting land to the Second Religious Society under and around their Meeting-house, etc.; 20 April, 1819, heirs of Archibald Campbell to Richard Olney; 15 Feb., 1825, Richard Olney to Benjamin F. Town and Andrew Sigourney, Jr., reserving Stratford's tailor shop; 9 Jan., 1832, Sigourney to Town, one-half; 24 Oct., 1832, Benjamin F. Town to Alexander DeWitt, who sold the farm to his brother Hollis, retaining the tavern and 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  a. of land; 1 April, 1834, Alexander DeWitt to Henry G. Learned, one-half; 29 May, 1835, Alexander DeWitt to Harvey Conant, one-fourth; 2 April, 1838, Harvey Conant to William C. Walker, one-fourth; 26 March, 1838, Richard Olney to William C. Walker, one-fourth; 17 Sept., 1838, William C. Walker to Henry G. Learned, one-half; 1 April, 1846, Henry G. Learned the whole to Alexander DeWitt and Rice Barton; 23 April, 1846, Harvey Conant to same, transferred mort.; 6 April, 1853, Rice Barton to Franklin F. Snow and Otis Learned, one-half; 1 Dec., 1853, Snow to Learned, one-fourth; 29 June, 1850, Alexander DeWitt to Emory Sanford, one-half; house burned 1854, owned by Emory Sanford and Otis Learned, who divided the lot, Sanford taking the south part on which he built the brick store. This he devised in his will to his nephews, William E. and Edward S. Pease, who, 30 Oct., 1885, deeded to E. Harris Howland of Spencer, who in 1890 sold to Fred. O. Cortis. The north part Otis Learned mort., 4 Aug., 1858, to Alexander DeWitt; 6 Feb., 1863, Alexander DeWitt sold his mort. to Elvira A., w. of Braman F. Sibley, who devised the estate to her husband; 11 June, 1877, Braman F. Sibley to Lydia J., w. of Alfred J. Kirby; 2 May, 1879, Lydia J. Kirby to Caroline A., w. of Henry J. Whiting, who in 1887 conveyed to Hollis DeW. Bacon.

On this estate were several other buildings. The first north of the tavern was a tailor's shop, two stories, built on leased land by Charles J. Stratford in 1819. In April, 1834, Alexander DeWitt sold this to Amasa Alton; April, 1837, Amasa Alton to William Robinson, Jr. who kept here the "Cash Store;" building burned 1856; 1 July, 1868, William Robinson to Town of Oxford, lot, on which was built the Town Hall.

A few rods further north was a small old house of which little can be learned, occupied early in the century by tenants. Near this was a shop; both were removed before 1830. On 1 Jan., 1765, Hezekiah Bellows sold to Thomas Fish half an acre, on which Fish built; 1 April, 1768, Thomas Fish to Samuel Denny of Leicester; 3 Dec., 1768, Samuel Denny to Jason Collier of Oxford, "with tailor's shop

standing on the road way";<sup>1</sup> 11 July, 1776, Jason Collier to Ezra Bowman and Sylvanus Town; 19 Feb., 1779, Ezra Bowman to Nathan Hill of Brookfield; 13 May, 1782, Nathan Hill of Oxford, trader (indicating that he kept a store here,) to Dr. Alexander Campbell, 16 rods and house, shop and barn. The widow of Dr. Campbell lived here as late as 1808. William Sigourney's large building, burned 1835, stood on this lot.

**236.** Late PATRICK MORGAN. On this corner was built in the latter part of the last century a shop occupied as a hatter's shop, in 1800 by Abijah Campbell, 1809 by Nathan Blackman, and later as a saddler's shop by Maj. Archibald Campbell. It was removed before 1830 and soon after the present building was erected, and occupied first as a watchmaker's shop and later by Washburn Lumbard as a tailor's shop. On 1 April, 1843, Alexander DeWitt sold to Ebenezer Guild, who enlarged the building and occupied as a tenement and hatter's shop for many years; same date, Guild mort. to Alvan Underwood; 28 Dec., 1866, Alvan G., son of Alvan Underwood to Seth Daniels & Co.; 5 March, 1867, Seth Daniels & Co. to Mary Purcell; 23 Oct., 1871, Mary Purcell to John Sullivan and Patrick Morgan.

**237.** SAMUEL H. EARL. Double house on Charlton Street. 11 Sept., 1846, Alexander DeWitt to William H. Thurston, lot; Thurston and Chad B. Carey built the present house; William H. Thurston rented to tenants for many years and sold to Sylvanus Robinson; 2 July, 1885, executors of Sylvanus Robinson to Samuel H. Earl.

**238.** CHARLES S. LAWRENCE. 18 April, 1845, Alexander DeWitt to Palmer Marble, lot; Marble built the same year; 2 April, 1849, Jacob, brother of Palmer Marble, to William H. Thurston; 1 April, 1850, William H. Thurston to Joseph Pelton; same date, Joseph Pelton to Washburn Lumbard; 3 March, 1852, Washburn Lumbard to Nathaniel H. Rowland, who d. here; 1 Feb., 1889, heirs of Nathaniel H. Rowland to Charles S. Lawrence.

**239.** JOHN W. and FRANCES H. ROBINSON. Part of H. 240. 1 April, 1817, James Gleason to Richard Gleason, lot; Richard built the present house; 24 April, 1821, Richard Gleason to Jonathan Davis; 1 April, 1828, Jonathan Davis to William Sigourney, who rented to tenants; 4 May, 1857, William Sigourney to Dwight Foster of Worcester; 15 Dec., 1858, Dwight Foster to Alexander DeWitt; 17 Dec., 1861, Alexander DeWitt to Paul Buffum, who occupied; 18 March, 1868, Paul Buffum to Paul and Paul L. Rich, father and son, of Charlton, who occupied, and Paul Rich and w. both d. here; 1872, Paul L. Rich to Alfred W. Long and Albert E. Merriam; 2 Dec.,

<sup>1</sup> In a deed, 1796, this building was called "William Duncan's Bake shop."

1876, Albert E. Merriam to Alfred W. Long, one-half; 8 Jan., 1878, Alfred W. Long to Sylvanus Robinson, by whom it was devised to the present owners.

**240.** MARY D. HYDE. Nathaniel Chamberlain's home lot.<sup>1</sup> 24 Sept., 1722, Nathaniel Chamberlain to Joseph Dana, 40 a.; 28 June, 1726, Joseph Dana to Joseph Rockett; 31 Dec., 1742, Joseph Rockett to David Holmes of Oxford, physician; 10 Oct., 1746, David Holmes to Jonathan Pratt, Jr.; 1748, Jonathan Pratt to Samuel Manning of Salem, gunsmith, who occupied; 23 Feb., 1776, Samuel Manning of New Salem and Robert Manning of Oxford to Sylvanus Town; 30 May, 1777, Sylvanus Town to Nathaniel Hamlin, who occupied; 12 April, 1796, Nathaniel Hamlin to James Gleason, who occupied; 9 Jan., 1830, James Gleason to Joab Maynard, who occupied; 27 April, 1836, Joab Maynard to Stearns DeWitt, who the same year removed the old house and built the present one; after the decease of Stearns DeWitt the estate was mort. to Alexander DeWitt, whose executors, 16 June, 1882, conveyed to Mary DeWitt, widow of Alexander; 12 Aug., 1882, Mary DeWitt to Frederic G. Hyde.

**241.** ORRIN F. JOSLIN. Part of H. 240. 4 Feb., 1863, Mary DeW. Freeland, heir of Stearns DeWitt, to Emory Sanford, who in his will devised to William E. Pease; 13 March, 1884, William E. Pease to Orrin F. Joslin; house built 1884 and 1885.

**242.** ALLEN L. JOSLIN. Part of H. 240. 25 Dec., 1837, Stearns DeWitt to Horatio Bardwell, 25 a.; Bardwell built a house in 1838 and occupied until it was burned, May, 1866; 2 Aug., 1866, executor of Horatio Bardwell to Allen L. Joslin, who built and occupied the present house.

**243.** CHARLES LAMB. Part of H. 240. 11 May, 1772, Samuel Manning to Josiah Wolcott, who built a small shop or store on the corner, where, according to tradition, he and his son John were engaged in trade. It was used later by Mr. Trow as a blacksmith shop. 8 Sept., 1798, the heirs of Josiah Wolcott to James Gleason; 30 Nov., 1826, James Gleason to his son Richard, who in 1827 built the present house; 9 Jan., 1827, Richard Gleason to Nathan Hall, mort. assigned, 8 April, 1833, to William Sigourney; 29 March, 1837, William Sigourney to David Nichols; 29 Dec., 1841, David Nichols to Elliot Marsh; 16 July, 1846, Elliot Marsh to Tamar E. Barstow, the south half; she built an addition; 3 April, 1848, administrator of Elliot Marsh to Emory Sanford, north part; 1 Oct., 1849, Emory Sanford to Perley Seaver of Worcester, north part; 26 March, 1851, Perley Seaver to Alonzo and Rufus R. Dana, north part;

<sup>1</sup>The original record of Nathaniel Chamberlain's home lot does not apparently describe this estate, but that this is the 40 a. conveyed by him to Dana in 1722 is unquestionable.

Seaver removed to H. 171; 1854, Rufus R. to Alonzo Dana, his share; 1857, Alonzo Dana to trustee of Mrs. William Sigourney, north part; Sigourney and w. both d. here; 8 Nov., 1866, administrator of Eliza H. Sigourney to David Wait; 9 March, 1867, Tamar E. Barstow, etc., to David Wait; 20 Dec., 1869, David Wait to Deborah Fales, the north half; 28 April, 1871, heirs of Mrs. Barstow to Charles Lamb, south part; 24 March, 1872, Deborah Stone, formerly Fales, to Charles Lamb, north part.

**244.** BENJAMIN F. WHITE. Original Meeting-house lot, on which the first Meeting-house stood, and had not been removed, as appears, when on 5 March, 1752, a committee of the village proprietors sold 10 a. to Jabez Holden; 4 Feb., 1755, Jabez Holden to Edward Davis; 1762, Edward Davis to Alexander Campbell; 1765, Alexander Campbell to Ebenezer Cutler, 1 a. and buildings; 23 Sept., 1765, Ebenezer Cutler to Rev. Joseph Bowman, who occupied; 23 Feb., 1789, Joseph Bowman of Barnard, Vt., to John Clap of Oxford, 75 a.; 6 March, 1789, John Clap to Benjamin Trow of Oxford, who occupied; 5 Oct., 1799, Benjamin Trow to Archibald and Samuel Campbell, "with a blacksmith shop on the Common"; 1804, Archibald Campbell to Erasmus Babbitt; 4 April, 1806, Erasmus Babbitt to Stephen Abbott of North Providence; 1807, Stephen Abbott to John Torrey, who occupied and d. here; 1824, heirs of Torrey to Benjamin Eddy, who occupied and with his w. d. here; 16 Feb., 1839, guardian of Eddy's children to Jonathan Sibley, who sold to Jonathan Davis, Samuel Dowse and Alexander DeWitt, and 30 Oct., 1841, these conveyed to David Metcalf, who occupied; 26 April, 1876, David Metcalf to Benjamin F. White, who occupied and removed the old house from its former position, fronting the common, to its present location in the rear, where it is occupied by tenants.

On 12 Aug., 1837, Stearns DeWitt, who had bought of administrator of Benjamin Eddy, to Millia Stockwell, 1 a. with a part of the old house; 20 Jan., 1838, Millia Stockwell to Thankful, widow of Leavens Shumway, a lot, part of above; 6 Feb., 1864, heirs of Mrs. Shumway to Loriston Shumway; Oct., 1869, Loriston Shumway to Hollis D. W. Bacon; 17 Jan., 1877, Hollis D. W. Bacon to Benjamin F. White, who now occupies.



NORTH SHORE OF TOWN'S POND—LOOKING EAST.





## THE

# OLDER FAMILIES OF OXFORD,

INCLUDING THOSE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE TOWN RECORDS  
PRIOR TO 1850.

## WITH PERSONAL NOTES.

Some residing here previous to the above date may have been omitted. If so, it is because their names are not on the book of records of births.

There are many imperfections in the records; numerous families will be found incomplete: public and private records many times differ, and the defects in the sources of information are so many that perfect accuracy in a work of this extent is an impossibility.<sup>1</sup>

**ABORN, REUBEN**, b. May, 1805, at Tolland, Conn., son of John and Sarah; m. 27 May, 1836, Amelia Peters, b. in Penn.; bought 1 April, 1846, Ebenezer Learned farm, H. 130, North Ox., built new house on east side of road, d. 24 Jan., 1875, aged 69. . . . *Children*, first three b. at Tolland: R. ALONZO, b. 6 May, 1837, m. 29 Dec., 1862, Lucy A., dau. of Francis Clark; merchant at Norwich, Conn.; she d. 18 March, 1876; they had *Clinton Frank*, b. 10 March, 1868, d. Feb., 1890; MARY A., b. 29 Oct., 1888, m. William Kibbe and d. 5 Oct., 1869; no ch.; LIVONIA V., b. 7 Jan., 1842, m. E. Gerry, son of E. G. Warren of Auburn; no ch.; SARAH EMELINE, b. 6 Dec., 1849, m. Daniel Kelly of Auburn; had *Gerry A.*, b. 15 May, 1872; FRANK C., b. 1854, d. 1865.

**ADAMS, REUBEN**, b. 1782, resided 1809 at Charlton, then bought land at North Ox., and 1812, 41 acres on Prospect Hill, where he settled. His land extended west to include the L. Battey place, H. 111. He m. (1) 10 Aug., 1806, Polly, dau. of Robert Fitts of Ward; had REUBEN, d. young; she d. 7 June, 1812; m. (2) 18 Oct., 1813, Sophia, dau. of Daniel Fitts, cousin of first wife; he d. 4 Nov., 1838, at Ox.; Sophia Adams, aged 71, d. 15 Aug., 1850. [Ox. Rec.] . . . *Children*: FITTS, b. 16 July, 1815; POLLY, b. 26 Aug., 1816, m. Amos P. Newton; MARILLA, b. 12 April, 1818, m. —— Benson, resided at Leicester, Mass.; LORING, b. 27 April, 1822; CORNELIA, REUBEN.

2. FITTS, son of Reuben (1), m. 25 Dec., 1836, Keziah Ross of Watertown, N. Y.; resided at W., Leicester, Vt., and Oxford; he d. Feb., 1874. . . . *Children*, first three b. near Watertown: REUBEN W., b. 20 Dec., 1838, residence, 1884, Dexter, N. Y.; MARY E., b. 25 Dec., 1841, m. 15 April, 1857, Charles B. Abbott; residence Ox.; had *Lucetta*, 1856, d. young; George II.,

<sup>1</sup> ABBREVIATIONS.—*Ox.*, Oxford; *b.*, born; *ch.*, m. n., maiden name; *unm.*, unmarried; *w.*, wife. *children*; *d.*, died; *dau.*, daughter; *m.*, married; A few other common abbreviations occur.

1857, d. young; *Nellie M.*, 1860; LAURA S., b. 25 Dec., 1843, m. (1) Hiram Aldrich of Ludlow, Mass., soldier in the late war, d. at Andersonville, Ga.; m. (2) Orlando Burt, and had *Lilla, Etta, Charles*, m. (3) Edwin Barton, residence Sutton, had ch.; LORING J., b. 16 Sept., 1845, at Leicester, Vt., m. Lucy W., dau. of Paul D. Hill of Ox.; had *Ida, Charles, William, Frederick, Elizabeth, Emory*; DANIEL V., b. 26 Jan., 1847, at Leicester, Vt., m. Ellen, dau. of Orrin Bolster, she d.; they had *Drusilla E.*, d. young; *Edwin, Mabel, Grace M.*, d. young; FRANCES A., b. 17 Nov., 1851, at Leicester, Vt., m. George P. Marcy of Worcester, soldier in the late war; JENNIE B., b. 28 Jan., 1853, at Ox., m. John Sorrell, residence, Providence, R. I., where he d.; they had *William, Rosa*, both d. young, *Areilla*, living with her grandmother at Ox.; she m. (2) Charles E. Hall of Providence; ELLA L., b. 12 Aug., 1856, at Ox., m. Frank Monroe, residence, Providence; DELIA A., b. 8 May, 1858, at Ox., m. William A. Barlow of Pocasset, Mass., where he d. 14 Aug., 1883; had *Nathan*, 1876; *Jane M.*, 1878; *Grace E.*, 1881; *William A.*, 1883.

CLARK, of Northbridge, m. (1) 15 March, 1798, Silence Benson; m. (2) Sally ———; he d. aged 75, 6 May, 1850, she d. aged 58, 15 Feb., 1851, both at Ox.; large family by first m. of whom came to Ox.: WALDO, b. 18 March, 1800, m. 30 May, 1862, Mehitable Dana, no ch.; he d. aged 67, 19 Jan., 1868; WEST, b. about 1802, d. 12 Aug., 1856, aged 54; JENNISON, b. 18 Nov., 1803, m. intentions 21 Jan., 1848, Lucy Chapman of Woodstock, Conn.; residence, H. 74; he d. 29 March, 1869; had *Almon*, b. 29 July, 1848, m. 25 Aug., 1881, Lilla Wheeler, b. at Plymouth, Vt., resides on homestead; had Walter S., b. 19 June, 1882, Nellie, b. 3 Nov., 1883; HENRY, b. 7 March, 1816, m. (1) Mary Howe of Millbury, residence, H. 167; removed about 1853 to Woodstock, where she d. 6 May, 1858; m. (2) at Woodstock, Emeline Johnson, removed 1869 to Putnam, where he d. 16 July, 1869; ch. b. at Ox.: *Caroline W.*, b. 28 March, 1838, m. J. Leavens Lilley; *Elizabeth*, b. 23 Jan., 1845; *Isabella*, b. 14 Aug., 1846, m. 2 Sept., 1879, Charles W. Stratton of Leominster, where they reside; *Ednah*, b. 15 Feb., 1851; *Jessie*, b. 24 May, 1852, m. 24 May, 1874, Selwyn E. Rowe of Putnam, Conn., where they reside. By second m.: *Mary E.*, b. at Woodstock; HANNAH J., b. 19 Oct., 1821, m. 29 Nov., 1843, Daniel Stevens, residence, Ox., removed to Worcester. Child of Clark and Sally: *MARY E.*, m. ——— Stone, and d. 18 July, 1857, aged 21. [Ox. Rec.]

JOHN of Brookfield, m. 3 Oct., 1754, Mary Brown.

MARY, widow, in Ox. 1776.

JEDEDIAH, 7 months in the Revolutionary army in Wiley's Co.; killed.

MARY, widow, aged 76, d. 5 March, 1807.

HARRIET S., m. 14 May, 1834, Amasa Dow.

JAMES D., soldier, aged 25, d. 4 Sept., 1864.

OLIVER W., son of Luther of Nashua, N. H., aged 54, d. 30 Oct., 1864.  
GEORGE E., son of Oliver W., aged 27, d. 10 July, 1871.

ALBEE, JOSEPH, aged 68, d. 7 May, 1819.

ASA and Persis N. Sargent, m. intentions 24 Nov., 1827.

JOSEPH, w. Lydia, had *MARY J.*, b. 18 Oct., 1832.

LUCY M. and Richard D. Mowry of Uxbridge, m. 13 Sept., 1838.

REBECCA K., aged 41, w. of Nelson T. of Thompson, Conn., d. 9 June, 1857.

ALDRICH, a name early at Plymouth, Rehoboth, Mendon and Douglas.

EDWARD, 1740, was of South Uxbridge; removed before 1747 to Douglas,

prominent in Quaker society at South Douglas; m. his cousin, a dau. of Jacob Aldrich, d. 1807; had with others CALVIN, b. 20 Sept., 1772, m. 13 Oct., 1799, Mary Howland of Foster, R. I., b. 30 Sept., 1782, a descendant of John of Plymouth, removed 1811 to Ox., H. 57, where he d. aged 72, 10 Aug., 1844; she d. 19 Aug., 1866, aged 84. . . . Children: PAMELA, b. 18 July, 1800, m. Billings Hayward; THOMAS, b. 9 Jan., 1803, m. (1) intentions 3 Dec., 1823, Mary Wynn of Dudley, residence, Ox., removed 1827 to Petersham, she d. 14 July, 1833; m. (2) Abigail Butterfield of Hardwick, 30 years assessor; had by first m. William W., residence, Pawtucket, R. I.; Adaline A., m. Amos T. Sly of Webster, he d. 1879; had ch.: *Lucretia*, m. Daniel Amsden of Dana; he d. 1881; by second m.: *Calvin C.*, *Ellen A.*, *Henry B.*, residence, Rupert, Pa.; *Abbie F.*, *Issa L.*; TIMOTHY, b. 21 Feb., 1805; EDWARD, b. 23 Feb., 1807; MARY, b. 21 May, 1809, m. Jeremiah Upham of Dudley; she d. 1 Nov., 1837; ch. *John L.*, b. 6 Oct., 1830, killed by bursting of a grindstone at New London, N. H., 6 May, 1857; *Charles W.*, b. 9 Jan., 1832, d. 1859; *Jeremiah R.*, d. unm.; *Mary E.*, b. 1 Nov., 1837, m. Henry L. Shumway; she d. 9 Dec., 1858; CALVIN, b. 15 Sept., 1811, d. young; SAMUEL, b. 28 April, 1814, m. (1) 6 Oct., 1836, Abigail, dau. of Thomas Marsh; residence, Ox.; she d. 14 April, 1871; m. (2) Oct., 1871, Emeline, widow of Caleb S. Hall of Webster; ch. by first m.: *Asahel*, b. 18 Jan., 1839; soldier in late war, wounded; d. 17 June, 1864, at Washington; *Calvin S.*, b. 10 July, 1846, m. 20 Oct., 1870, Nettie Spaulding of Woodstock, Conn., residence, Norwich, Conn., engineer on N. & W. R. R.; JULIA ANN F., b. 4 Jan., 1819, m. Sept., 1844, George Hewes of Foxboro', Methodist minister; ch. *Sabra A.*, b. 1845, m. 1 Jan., 1869, William B. Fay of Monson; *John J.*, b. 1847, m. Elizabeth Harper; residence, Worcester; *Mary P.*, b. 1848, d. 1860.

2. TIMOTHY, son of Calvin (1), m. (1) 21 Feb., 1827, Almira Hunting of Sterling, dau. of John of Marlboro'; farmer; resided at H. 58; she d. aged 37, 9 Sept., 1841; m. (2) 23 May, 1842, Milly A. E. Elliott of Thompson; he d. 30 Jan., 1884; she d. aged 74, 8 March, 1881. . . . Children by first m.: GEORGE H., b. 25 Sept., 1828, m. Emily E. Briggs of Auburn, Me.; residence, Chicago; he d. 9 Aug., 1877 ch.: *Antoinette*, graduated at Smith College; *William S.*, residence, Freeport, Me.; CAROLINE E., b. July, 1830, unm., d. at Boston; JOHN R., b. 1 March, 1836.

3. JOHN R., son of Timothy (2), m. 28 May, 1858, Orra A. Howard of Stafford, Conn., b. 10 Dec., 1835; residence, Stafford; had CARRIE E., b. 15 Jan., 1860; ARTHUR, b. 25 April, 1861; JENNIE E., b. 5 Aug., 1869; ERNEST, b. 25 Nov., 1876.

4. EDWARD, son of Calvin (1), m. intentions 12 Sept., 1827, Sibyl, dau. of Peter White of Douglas; he d. 9 Feb., 1875. . . . Children: IRA T., b. 28 Sept., 1828, d. unm., 10 June, 1852, at Fitchburg; LYDIA, b. 18 June, 1830, m. 6 Aug., 1851, John Jaquith, at Hingham; she d. 10 May, 1857, at Worcester; ch.: *George P.*, b. 1853; *Lydia A.*, b. 1857. Edward the father removed about 1831 to Fitchburg ELIZABETH, b. 29 Nov., 1831, m. Feb., 1854, at Hingham, George P. Stevens; he d. 13 June, 1869, at Indianapolis, Ind.; no ch.; she resided, 1885, at Woodstock, Conn.; SAMUEL F., b. 16 May, 1836, m. Jan., 1864, Aurilla M. Gay, residence, Indianapolis; no ch.; CALVIN, b. 22 May, 1834, at Fitchburg, m. 6 Feb., 1857, at Torrington, Conn., Fidelia E. Marble; no ch.; scythe maker at Winsted, Conn.; ELLA L., b. 13 June, 1850, at Fitchburg, resided, 1885, at Worcester with her mother.

AMOS C., son of Edward of Douglas, b. 1 Aug., 1787, m. Sally, dau. of Ebenezer Gould of Douglas, came to Ox. 1823, resided on Federal Hill, H.

160, farmer, he d. aged 76, 2 Sept., 1863, she d. aged 76, 1 Nov., 1867. . . . *Children*, first five b. at Douglas: JULIA ANN, b. 6 Dec., 1812, m. 1 June, 1835, Sylvester Gould of Douglas, where they resided, removed to Charlton, where she d. 1880, he d. 1882; had ch.: ABRAM, b. 16 Oct., 1814, m. Pamela Chase of Newport, R. I., residence, Providence, R. I., where he d. 4 Oct., 1843; DAVID G., b. 10 Sept., 1818; m. (1) Ann E. Manchester of Providence; m. (2) Hannah, her sister; m. (3) Mary E. Summer of P., removed to Auburn near Worcester, where he d. Oct., 1881, no ch.; AMOS, b. 11 Oct., 1819, m. 4 March, 1845, Mary G. Walden of Providence, b. 29 March, 1826, residence, P., she d. 24 June, 1868, he resides at Ox.; they had *Mary D.*, b. 26 Dec., 1845, d. 1871; *Frank A.*, b. 31 March, 1847; *Catherine J.*, b. 25 April, 1849; *Emma L.*, b. 23 Oct., 1850; *Florence G.*, b. and d. 1857; *Jennie I.*, b. 19 Nov., 1860; HARRIET, b. 12 June, 1822, m. Eliphalet Cummings, resided at Oxford, removed to Providence, where she d. 5 Dec., 1852, three ch.; ELIZA, b. 24 April, 1825, at Ox., d. unm. 12 April, 1853; JOHN, b. 4 Jan., 1828, unm., killed March, 1862, by an avalanche in Colorado; EMILY, b. 23 Nov., 1830, m. Merrick Fairbanks of Charlton, removed to Quinebaug; RUTH, b. 3 July, 1833, m. (1) 16 July, 1850, George L., son of Ebenezer Rich, he d. 22 March, 1858, no ch.; m. (2) 12 July, 1859, John Colton, b. 1835 at Albany, he d. 14 Sept., 1864; m. (3) 26 Nov., 1866, Ward B. Clark, b. 1813 at Weston; ch. by second m.: *John*, b. 23 Jan., 1860, d. 21 Aug., 1878; *William W.*, b. 1862, d. 1863; *Harriet A.*, b. Nov., 1863, m. 23 April, 1884, Fred. A. Wellington of Webster; ch. by third m.: *Mary*, b. 13 July, 1867; *Ward B.*, b. 24 March, 1870; *Byron*, b. 6 Sept., 1872; *Edith*, b. 17 Feb., 1875.

JOSEPH of Bellingham and Mrs. Experience Stockwell, m. 9 Dec., 1762; resided at Ox. 1763.

HORATIO N. and Anna Tucker of Gloucester, R. I., m. intentions 8 Nov., 1822.

ANNA of Uxbridge and David Sibley, m. intentions 15 July, 1828.

EDDY of Thompson and Hannah Hall, m. 3 Feb., 1840.

ANN E., aged 27, d. 12 April, 1853.

ROYAL, aged 69, d. 6 April, 1857.

WILLIAM H., son of Seth of Uxbridge, aged 66, d. 8 June, 1885.

ALGER, JAMES, b. about 1768, son of James, of Burrillville, R. I., came 1821 with a large family to Ox., settled in the northeast part. H. 161, where he d. 16 July, 1832, farmer, he m. Sarah Howland, who d. 23 Aug., 1855, aged 85. . . . *Children*: HANNAH, b. 16 Oct., 1787, m. (1) David Smith of Smithfield, R. I., who soon d.; m. (2) Abijah Tainter of Millbury, who d. 1830 at Millbury, she d. 31 July, 1871, at Worcester; they had: *Sarah*, b. 1823, m. (1) George Bradley of Norwich, Ct., and had Lucy and Eliza; m. (2) Alfred Bates, killed at Worcester by cars; no ch.; *Sibyl*, b. 18 July, 1824, m. 8 May, 1844, Theodore Bowen of Spencer, who d. 4 Jan., 1877, at Worcester; they had: Alfred, b. 1845; Andrew, b. 1849, d. 1869; *Lucy*, b. 29 Jan., 1826, m. David Dunham of Warren, where they settled; had Charles; she d. about 1850 at Worcester; *Emeline*, b. 1830, d. young; FREELOVE, m. Olney Esten of Douglas, removed 1823 to Ox.; scythe maker, built the stone house near Webster line, sold 1836, removed to Willington, Conn., and Palmer, where she d. about 1878; had *David S.*, *Thomas*, *Dorcus*, d. young, *Sophronia D.*, m., residence, Providence, R. I.; *SIBYL*, b. about 1797, d. unm. 14 July, 1881, at Millbury; LEMUEL, b. 5 Sept., 1799; *DORCAS*, b. 8 Sept., 1802, m. 31(?) May, 1826,

Stephen Tourtelotte, residence, Ox., Charlton and Dudley, he d. 7 March, 1879; they had: *John A.*, b. 1827; *Joshua*, b. 1830 at Ox., d. 1833; *James J.*, b. 1833, d. 3 Oct., 1860; *Samuel S.*, b. 1843, d. 1868; *SARAH*, m. 22 Nov., 1827, Merritt Holbrook, removed to Willington, Conn., and Palmer, later to Windham, Conn., where she d. aged about 30 years; 3 ch.; *PRESERVED*, m. Lucinda Case of Smithfield, R. I., 4 ch., he d. in Ox.; *STEPHEN*, b. 20 Sept., 1805, m. 14 Oct., 1830. Susan Wood of Millbury, she d. 3 June, 1878, 4 ch.; *WYOMA*, b. about 1807, d. 12 Jan., 1881, aged 74, at Eastford, Conn., unm.; *SMITH*, m. 26 Dec., 1827, his cousin, *Mary B.*, dau. of John Alger of Douglas, resided at Ox. and other places near; had *Seth B.*, b. 16 Nov., 1828, at Ox., resided at Douglas; *JAMES*, d. 14 March, 1834, aged 17, at the homestead.

2. LEMUEL, son of James(1), m. April, 1819, Joanna Esten of Burrillville, R. I.; b. Feb., 1797; resided at Smithfield; removed to Douglas and to South Ox., and after his father d. to the homestead. In 1875 he went to Booneville, Ia., to reside with his dau. Mary; he d. 3 May, 1887, she d. 14 Feb., 1885, both at Booneville. . . . *Children*: *OLIVE C.*, b. July, 1821, at Smithfield, m. May, 1846, Justin Granger of Thompson, he d. 7 April, 1863, she d. 17 May, 1865, both at Thompson; had *Edward*, b. 1853, engineer on B. & A. R. R.; *George H.*, b. 1855, residence, Tunbridge, Vt.; *Augustus*, b. 1861, residence, Booneville, Ia., and two daughters, both d.; *JAMES M.*, b. 19 July, 1824, at Ox., m. 3 Jan., 1847, Sarah Rice of Somerset, Vt., residence, Boston, Brookline and Auburn; had in 1884 been 38 years engineer on B. & A. R. R.; had *Sarah E.*, b. 24 July, 1848, m. 8 Oct., 1867, Daniel A. Craig of Leicester; *James E.*, b. 28 March, 1850, m. 8 Dec., 1875, Annie F. Dolloff; railroad engineer; *Albert W.*, b. 27 Nov., 1851, m. 19 Sept., 1877, Sarah Williams; railroad engineer; *Charles E.*, b. 28 Dec., 1853, m. 8 May, 1878, Anna S. Langdon; civil engineer on B. & A. R. R.; *Calla L.*, b. 1861, d. 1869; *MARY*, b. 24 Feb., 1826, m. 10 Nov., 1851, George W. Roberts of Holderness, N. H., residence, Booneville, Ia., seven ch.; *HANNAH*, *MEHETABLE*, *CHARLES*, *ALMIRA*, all d. young; *HENRY A.*, b. 1835, m. 10 June, 1857, Elma Foote of Maine, residence, Sherborn, engineer on B. & A. R. R.; ch.: *Herbert H.*, *Nellie J.*, *George N.*, *Ida M.*, *Walter A.*, *Ned Lincoln*, *Ernest L.*; *GEORGE A.*, d. aged 25, 27 Aug., 1862; *EDWARD*, d. young.

3. JOHN, brother of James (1), m. Olive Brown of Rhode Island, resided at factory villages in and near Ox.; had *SETH*, *ELIZABETH*, *ALLEN*, d. young; *ANNA*, b. 1804, m. Enoch Howland of Douglas; *LYDIA*, *DANIEL*, *MERIBAH*, *MARY B.*, m. her cousin, Smith Alger; *STEPHEN B.*, b. 29 Aug., 1827; *OLIVE*, *LUCY*. The parents d. at Douglas.

RUTH and Eleazer Stockwell, m. 3 Nov., 1772.

LYDIA and Daniel Angell, 2d, of Smithfield, R. I., m. 4 July, 1828.

SARAH, aged 85, d. 23 Aug., 1855.

ALLEN, PHINEHAS, m. Mary, resided at the north part, H. 129, sold 1777, no record of purchase, soldier in Revolutionary war, Col. Learned's regiment, 1775. . . . *Children*: *MOLLY*, b. 10 May, 1771; *SARAH*, b. 30 Aug., 1774; *BETHENEY*, b. 11 Sept., 1776.

[Phinehas Allen, son of Ebenezer of Weston, b. 26 May, 1710, was brother of the w. of Rev. Abraham Hill.]

AMASA, in Ox. 1771, owned land near Phinehas, m. 28 June, 1773, Susanna, dau. of Ebenezer Fish, proprietor at Livermore, sold 1781, being then of Charlton, Revolutionary soldier in Town's Co., marched on Lexington alarm.

. . . *Children*: ELLIAH, b. 28 May, 1774; OLIVE, b. 26 Jan., 1776; EBENEZER, b. 1 April, 1778.

JOHN,<sup>1</sup> Revolutionary soldier, bought, 1774, H. 55, south part, sold 1777, carpenter, m. 16 Jan., 1771, Keziah, dau. of Ephraim Amidown, he d. 1780, in South Gore, order of appraisal 6 Nov., owned real estate. . . . *Child*: JOHN, b. 1772, d. 1773; she m. (2) 3 June, 1784, Jonathan Bixby of Dudley.

OBADIAH,<sup>1</sup> m. 19 Sept., 1776, Mehetable, dau. of Ephraim Amidown, case in court, Worcester, March, 1794; was of Ox. 1792. . . . *Children*: ARCHIBALD, b. 12 Oct., 1777; BATHSHEBA, CORNELIUS, DARIUS, ELIZABETH, TIMOTHY, all b. before Feb., 1792.

ABNER,<sup>1</sup> of Wendell, in Ox. 1771, m. 17 April, 1791, Mary, dau. of Ebenezer Davis of Ox., bought her father's homestead, H. 165, 1793, a year or two later removed to Charlton. . . . *Children*: EBENEZER D., b. 29 Jan., 1792, at Wendell, d. 20 May, 1828; EDEN, b. 28 Dec., 1793, at Ox., m. 30 Dec., 1821, Saloma Alexander, he d. 30 Nov., 1859, she d. 20 Jan., 1867, both at Charlton: had Erastus, b. 1823; Darius, b. 1825; Elbridge H., b. 1827; Louisa, b. 1830; Angeline, b. 1832; ALVIN, b. 20 March, 1796; MARY, b. 22 Aug., 1800; ZILPAH, b. 25 Dec., 1803, m. John Reynolds.

DAVID, w. Sarah, owned Kidder farm, H. 133, from 1770 to 1777, removed to Sutton.

EDWARD, taxed 1771 for H. 141.

OTIS [ALLEN], son of Cenia Boyce, b. 22 Aug., 1790.

COLLINS, son of Waterman, of Exeter, R. I., aged 58, d. 22 Jan., 1876.

WATERMAN, son of Noel of Coventry, Conn., aged 89, d. 23 July, 1876.

EMILY S., dau. of Christopher C., aged 18, d. 25 March, 1889.

ALTON, BETSEY, of Thompson, and Jonathan Nye of South Gore, m. intentions 22 Dec., 1794.

ALVERSON, GEORGE, Revolutionary soldier, b. about 1750, of Attleboro' 1774, when he bought land in south part of Sutton, resided there many years, in 1789 and 1797 was of Milford, and 1797 bought land in North Ox., H. 118, where he settled; he m. Experience White,<sup>2</sup> he d. 24 Sept., 1839, aged 89. . . . *Children*: JOHN, indentured 1789 to Joseph Hudson, soldier in War of 1812, killed by a cannon ball; GEORGE, b. 31 Oct., 1781, at Sutton, resided on homestead, removed to Ward and lived at divers places in North Ox., m. 12 Oct., 1815, Ruth, dau. of Rufus Learned, he d. 6 Jan., 1864, she d. 26 April, 1858, aged 64; they had *Mary L.*, b. 28 July, 1816, m. Daniel Salisbury, who d. about 1875; *Lucy W.*, b. 19 Jan., 1818, m. Jacob Marble; *Rufus G.*, b. 11 July, 1820, m. 16 Feb., 1845, Clarissa S. Learned, residence, North Ox.; had Emma F., b. 1815, d. 1864; *Susan E.*, b. 20 May, 1822, at Ward, m. Ephraim Brown of Uxbridge; *Louisa*, b. 1826, d. 1845; *Ruth M.*, b. 14 June, 1828, at Ward, m. Alpheus Young of Sutton; RUFUS, unm., of more than ordinary ability, a teacher at North Ox., removed to Montreal, where he was highly esteemed, d. suddenly 17 Nov., 1809.

AMBLER, CHRISTOPHER, w. "Mary, and Reuben Robbins her son," resided at Oxford, 25 March, 1783.

<sup>1</sup> John, 1744; Abner, 1748; Obadiah, 1751, were sons of John of Sutton.

and Mrs. Rachel Ormsbee were entered in Sutton 18 Feb., 1776.

<sup>2</sup> Intentions of m. between George Alverson

**AMIDOWN** [Aimedloun, French], ROGER, came to New England early, settled at Salem, whence he removed to Weymouth, thence to Boston, and finally to Rehoboth, where he d. 13 Nov., 1673. A descendant, PHILIP, settled at Ox.<sup>1</sup> He came probably from Mendon in 1717, settled in the south part, II. 39, was a cooper, a man of means, owned other lands besides his farm. He was esteemed, and active in public matters, and with his wife a constituent member of the church. His descendants have been numerous and influential, especially in Charlton and Southbridge; very few now remain in Oxford. He was b. 26 Jan., 1669, son of ROGER, m. 27 May, 1698, Mehitable Perry, at Rehoboth, where she d. 4 July, 1699, m. (2) 16 Sept., 1700, at Rehoboth, Joanna Warfield, who d. there 1 July, 1711, m. (3) at Mendon, Ethemore or Ithamar Warfield; he d. 15 March, 1747, at Ox. . . . *Children* by first m. b. at Rehoboth: HENRY, b. 8 Feb., 1699, m. 31 March, 1718, at Ox., Meltiah Cheney, and had *Jacob*, b. 1720, sold land, 1750, in south part of Oxford; *Meltiah*, b. 1723; *Joseph*, b. 1725; *Henry*, b. 1727. By second m. ROGER, b. 6 Feb., 1701; ICHABOD, b. May, 1704, m. 7 May, 1732, Margery Aldrich [Holmes Ammidown]; MARY, b. 30 March, 1706, m. Benjamin Chamberlain of Oxford; PHILIP, b. 1708, m. Submit Bullard, lived in west part of Ox., now Charlton, and had *Caleb*, b. Aug., 1736, m. 14 April, 1758, Hannah Sabin of Dudley, prominent at Charlton. Had John, b. 1759, d. 1814; Luther, b. 1761, d. 1835; Calvin, b. 1768, m. Deborah, dau. of Ebenezer Davis of Charlton (and had Ebenezer D. of Southbridge), d. 1825; Mehitable, b. 1772, d. 1842; Susanna, b. 1775, d. 1790; Hannah, b. 1779, d. 1861; Joseph, b. 1741, d. 1821; Reuben, b. 1747, d. 1802; EPHRAIM, b. 1710. By third m. ITHAMAR (son), b. 25 April, 1712, m. intentions, 5 June, 1736, Ruth Curtis, had ch., he d. before 16 Dec., 1743; JOHN, b. 19 May, 1713, m. 14 July, 1737, Sarah, dau. of Daniel Hastings of Ox., residence, Hardwick; they had Sarah, b. 1738, d. young; Abigail, b. 1740, d. young; Sarah, b. 1742, m. Jonathan Gilbert; John, baptized 1745; Abigail, baptized 1747 m. Lemuel Cobb; Philip, b. 1750; Hannah, b. 1752, m. Seth Ruggles; John, the father, d. 1755; HANNAH, b. 2 Feb., 1718, m. —— Wheelock.

2. ROGER, son of Philip (1), m. (1) 27 Oct., 1731, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Hunkins, m. (2) 28 Feb., 1757, Mrs. Rachel Rice, "living near Oxford." . . . *Children*, all by first m.: RACHEL, b. 28 Sept., 1732, d. young; ELIZABETH, b. 18 July, 1734, m. 1760, Joseph Kingsbury; ROGER, b. 11 Nov., 1736, d. young; JEREMIAH, b. 12 Nov., 1738; SAMUEL, b. 18 June, 1741, d. young; SAMUEL, b. 13 Oct., 1742, was of Reedsboro', Vt., 1794; RACHEL, b. 20 Feb., 1745, m. intentions 6 Feb., 1768, Benjamin Currary of Douglas, was of Worcester, 1794; ROGER, b. 12 May, 1747, resided at Douglas, dismissed from Oxford church and recommended to Douglas, 2 Oct., 1768.

3. EPHRAIM, son of Philip (1), m. (1) 10 March, 1735, Hannah Dean of Dedham, m. (2) 24 Feb., 1743, being then of Dudley, Hannah Smith, settled on the homestead where she d. 14 Sept., 1807, aged 93. . . . *Children*: JOHN, b. 25 Nov., 1736; KEZIAH, b. 4 April, 1739, m. (1) John Allen, m. (2) Jonathan Bixby of Dudley, who was of Ox. in 1793; by second m.: NOAH, b. 19 Oct., 1743, m. 19 Feb., 1767, Abigail Putney of "near Oxford," and had, 1769, *Calvin*, *John*, d. young; Noah, the father, d. 9 Nov., 1769; [Calvin, perhaps his son, tanner, of Pomfret, signed in 1793 the deed of the homestead to Elisha Davis;] HANNAH, b. 16 Jan., 1745, m. Abel Ray, resided, 1793, at Hinsdale, Vt.; ABIGAIL, b. 9 March, 1746, d. 24 Dec., 1814, at Ox..

<sup>1</sup> N. E. His. and Gen. Register, 1874.

unn.; PHILIP, b. 6 Jan., 1748, Revolutionary soldier, m. 2 Nov., 1769, Eunice, dau. of John Shumway, removed about 1778 to Chesterfield, N. H., soon to Fitzwilliam, where he resided 1793; had *Dorcas*, b. 1770; *John*, b. 1771; *Rosalana*, b. 1774; *Larinia*, b. 1776; *Mary*, b. 1778, at Chesterfield; *Eunice*, b. 1781, at Chesterfield; *Josiah*, b. 1786, at Fitzwilliam; *Cynthia*, b. 1789, at Fitzwilliam; *Koziah*, b. 1793, at Fitzwilliam; EPHRAIM, b. 9 Feb., 1749, m. 17 Dec., 1772, Jane Robbins [Hepsibah Farr?]; removed to Chesterfield and Londonderry, Vt., where he resided 1793; had *Hepsibah*, b. 1773; *Matilda*, 1775; d. 1777, at Chesterfield; *Abigail*, b. 1777, at Chesterfield; DORCAS, b. 10 Nov., 1750; HEPSIBAH, b. 27 Feb., 1752, m. Ephraim Town, residence 1793, Newport, N. H.; MEHETABLE, b. 4 Jan., 1754, m. Obadiah Allen; MERIBAH, b. 15 Jan., 1756, m. Ebenezer Robbins.

4. JEREMIAH, son of Roger (2), m. (1) Bathsheba ——; m. (2) 23 Feb., 1769, Elizabeth Martin of Douglas, she d. 10 Oct., 1826, he d. aged 74, 2 May, 1813, shoemaker, residence 1770 in south part of Ox., at H. 55, or in a house which stood on the west side of the Thompson road near the railroad bridge, removed to a house which stood just east of brook north side Sutton road, thence about 1800 to south end of Plain, H. 214, d. there: [he witnessed John Willson's will before Jan., 1778, indicating his residence then on Sutton road.] . . . Children: MARY, b. 13 May, 1764, d. young; BATHSHEBA, b. 4 March, 1766, d. young; ELIZABETH, b. 30 April, 1768, m. David Larned; by second m.: LUCY, b. 5 Dec., 1769, m. Lemuel Moffitt; ISAAC, b. 28 Jan., 1772, m. Hannah, dau. of Ebenezer Foster, residence at Dudley; MOLLY, b. 29 Aug., 1773, m. Elihu Harwood; LOIS, b. 14 Sept., 1775, d. young; SARAH, b. 14 Aug., 1777, m. Rufus, son of Ebenezer Humphrey; JEREMIAH, b. 31 March, 1779, m. 7 Oct., 1801, Abigail Harwood, residence Charlton, removed to Warwick; SAMUEL, b. 28 Jan., 1781: LURANIA, b. 11 Feb., 1786, m. Lyman Wetherell.

5. SAMUEL, son of Jeremiah (4), m. 28 Aug., 1809, Lucy, dau. of Dea. Ebenezer Humphrey, shoemaker, residence H. 214, he d. 16 Feb., 1827, family removed to Webster. . . . Children: RUFUS, b. 31 Dec., 1809, m. Lydia Marshal, residence New Hampshire, returned to Webster, where he d. 19 May, 1865; ISAAC, b. 30 Aug., 1811, m. Lois Howland, residence Killingly, Conn.; had two sons in the late war, one d. in service; JEREMIAH, b. 17 Oct., 1813, m. Lucinda Corey of Southbridge, he d. 1869 at Killingly; had *Henry*, killed at battle of Antietam; LUCY ANN, b. 9 Dec., 1815, m. Smith Bruce of Springfield, two ch.; LOUISA, b. 1818, d. 1842, unm.; SARAH, b. 19 Feb., 1819, m. 9 Oct., 1841, Rufus, son of Ebenezer Foster, residence Webster, removed 1888 to Florida, 2 ch.; a DAU., b. 1824, d. 1825.

GEORGE H., son of William B., of Douglas, captain in the late war, aged 32, d. 5 Jan., 1871.

**ANABELL, ISAAC**, Revolutionary soldier.

**ANDREWS, JOHN**, and Sarah B. Rice of Leicester, m. intentions 23 Nov., 1822.

**ANGELL, THOMAS**, came in 1631 to Salem with Roger Williams; removed with him to Providence; received a settler's lot, on which now are the First Baptist Church, High School-house and part of Angell Street.

JOHN, a descendant, had with others, ZIBA, who m. Nancy Luther of Swanzey, residence North Providence, removed to East Douglas, where he d., cotton manufacturer, she m. (2) Rufus Robinson. . . . Children: NELSON P.,

b. 4 Aug., 1818, at North Providence, studied two years at Yale College, soldier in the late war, soon after keeper of light-house at Cape Hatteras, where he d. 1886; had a son, *Lewis C.*, residence Newbern, N. C.; CHARLES A., b. 25 April, 1822, at East Douglas; many years cashier and later president of Oxford Bank, town treasurer, selectman, representative, he m. 29 June, 1851, Mary J., dau. of William H. Bigelow, she d. 6 March, 1882; they had *Mary*, b. 18 May, 1853; *Charles Z.*, b. 26 Aug., 1855; *Edward A.*, b. 1857, d. 1862; *Helena*, b. 2 Dec., 1858, m. 12 Sept., 1883, Charles L. Pettis, and had *Louise A.*, b. 23 Dec., 1884; *Charles B.*, b. 1 Dec., 1885; *Anne*, b. 9 Nov., 1865; *Edgar*, b. 23 July, 1867, d. young; *Richard H.*, b. 18 Oct., 1872; *Julia*, b. 29 Dec., 1874.

DANIEL of Smithfield, m. 4 July, 1828, Lydia Alger.

MARTIN, m. 26 June, 1850, Julia A. E., dau. of Russell White.

APPLEBY, THOMAS, b. 18 Oct., 1810, at Smithfield, R. I., son of John; m. 1 Jan., 1832, Mary A. Arnold of Smithfield, came to Ox. in 1839, residence in northwest part, H. 94, removed 1855 to the Plain, where he d. 7 Jan., 1870, she d. aged 57, 12 Oct., 1875, farmer, selectman and representative. . . . Children, first five b. in R. I.: GEORGE E., b. 27 April, 1833, m. 23 Nov., 1856, Asenath C. Robinson of Wilmington, Vt., he d. 8 Jan., 1874, she d. 16 March, 1874, aged 42: had *Ellen R.*, b. 8 March, 1858, m. Nathaniel M., son of John Davis; *Ida E.*, b. 20 Aug., 1859, m. 1877, George E. Coggswell; had *Myrtis*, b. 5 May, 1878; *George B.*, b. 28 Feb., 1861, m. 3 July, 1884, Nellie A. Barnes; *Charles A.*, b. 22 Jan., 1863, residence Nebraska; *Fred. E.*, b. 2 March, 1865, residence California; THOMAS W., b. 22 Nov., 1834, unm.; ALBERT H., b. 8 Jan., 1836, m. 16 June, 1860, Eliza J., dau. of Elias B. Crawford, and had *Elmer H.*, b. 8 Sept., 1861; *Marion C.*, b. 17 Feb., 1864; *Nettie L.*, b. 5 Oct., 1867; *Addie*, b. 9 Oct., 1869, d. 1890; *Elias B.*, b. 23 Aug., 1875; MARY A., b. 20 Feb., 1877, m. Horace A. Marble; HARRIET E., b. 6 Nov., 1838, m. 6 Jan., 1859, Charles L. Gay, residence Lynn; had *Arthur L.*, b. 28 Oct., 1859; *ELLEN V.*, b. 1840, d. 1842; CAROLINE A., b. 11 Oct., 1842, m. 21 July, 1869, Samuel Boyden, Jr., b. at Worcester, residence Ox., he d. 17 Jan., 1884; had *John A.*, b. 20 June, 1873; *Edward S.*, b. 28 Nov., 1875; *Mary E.*, b. 6 April, 1877; HENRY I., b. 11 Aug., 1844, d. unm. 24 Oct., 1875; LOUISA E., b. 21 Jan., 1846, m. 24 May, 1866, John R. Williams, son of Amos of Charlton, shoe manufacturer, he d. 24 March, 1879, aged 54: they had *George E.*, b. 21 Oct., 1867; *EMMA F.*, b. 2 Feb., 1848, m. 18 Dec., 1879, Franklin G. Daniels; ISABEL H., b. 28 Dec., 1855, m. 18 Nov., 1875, William W., son of Galen Whiting; had *Robert A.*, b. 31 May, 1890.

ARCHER, WILLIAM (English), m. Mary, large family b. in England, residence near Webster line; had WILLIAM J., b. 14 June, 1829, at Ox.

ARMINGTON, JOSEPH, and Mary had ROBERT S., b. Aug., 1845.

ARNOLD, WILLARD, b. about 1789, son of Ahab of Providence, Quaker, employé at Pomfret factory, m. Patience, dau. of Ephraim Congdon, removed before May, 1824, to North Ox., partner with Asa Cutler, etc., cotton mfrs., became sole owner, d. aged 42, 26 Jan., 1832, she d. later at Webster. . . . Children, first three b. at Pomfret: ADELAIDE B., m. Hiram A. Pettibone, both d. in New York city; A. FERDINAND, m. Preston Downie of Schaghticoke, N. Y., he d. at Philadelphia; ANN E., m. Nicholas C. Hudson of Cranston, R. I., who d. 16 Dec., 1884, at Providence; SMITH W., d. unm. at Syracuse, N. Y.;

ELISHA H., d. young; RUTH H., b. at Killingly, Ct., m. Amasa Scott of Pomfret, removed to Worcester, where she d. 1877; SUSAN C., b. 18 Feb., 1827, at Ox., d. young; AMELIA H., b. 2 Aug., 1829, at Ox., m. (1) Edwin Sweet of Pomfret, m. (2) Amasa Lovering of Pomfret, removed to Worcester; WILLARD B., b. at Ox., m. Aretha Davis of Newark, O., where they settled.

**ASHWORTH, PETER**, aged 73 (English), d. 12 Aug., 1859.

**ATHERTON, PERCY**, and Joanna Robinson of Thompson, Conn., m. intentions 6 July, 1819, she d. 21 Oct., 1820, m. (2) intentions 1 July, 1821, Mary Robinson.

**ATWELL, OLIVE**, of Thompson and Charles Tucker, m. intentions 8 April, 1826.

**ATWOOD, ABIAL, JR.**, of Berkley, m. Hannah Babbitt; removed 1777 to North Ox.; resided at H. 133; large family, all b. at Berkley. He had more than average ability, and held a commission under the King of England, to whose interests he adhered in the Revolution. He sold in 1800 and returned to Berkley, where he d. in 1816; styled "Lieut." in the records. . . . *Children:* ABIAL, b. 9 Feb., 1756; MARY, b. 5 Aug., 1757; JOHN, b. 5 Jan., 1759; ABIGAIL, b. 10 May, 1761, m. intentions 11 April, 1778, Capt. Ebenezer Redding; JOSEPH, b. 23 Sept., 1762, Revolutionary soldier, m. intentions 12 May, 1787, Mary, dau. of Jeremiah Learned; styled Capt. in 1791; bought in 1789 a farm, once Samuel Baker's, part in Ox., part in Charlton, bounded on land of David Stone and Daniel Fitts, and west by the "Little river"; removed, says the Learned Genealogy, to Dighton, where he operated a furnace, owned a tavern, and was also a sailor and captain of a vessel which he owned, and was drowned; ch.: Joseph, b. 11 April, 1789, d. unm. May, 1853; Mary L., b. 19 Aug., 1798, at Dighton, m. 23 April, 1818, James Briggs of Dighton; she d. 7 March, 1842; 6 ch.; JAMES, b. 11 Feb., 1764; Revolutionary soldier; HANNAH, b. 30 April, 1765; NATHAN, b. 20 Feb., 1767, Revolutionary soldier (?); SAMUEL, b. 16 July, 1768, m. Hannah Boyden, settled about 1795 at Livermore, Me., where he was prominent; TISDALE, b. 1770, went with brother David and Stephen Barton as a soldier in the Indian War, under Gen. Wayne. 1794, was also in the War of 1812; he m. his cousin Olive, dau. of Joseph Atwood, brother of Abial (1), of Berkley; ch.: Almira, b. 1803; Martha and Mary, b. 1805; Abial, b. 1807; Amasa, b. 1810; Tisdale, b. 1812; Hiram, b. 1814; Amelia, b. 1816; DAVID, three years a soldier in Gen. Wayne's army in the northwest, an eccentric man, m. Miss Elder of Ward, lived in many places in Ox., and d. here, 12 Oct., 1831, the last of the Atwood family in town;<sup>1</sup> ch.: George W., Hannah W., Dolly B., Caleb S., Lucy M.; all left town when young; SALLY, m. Rev. Nathan Mayhew, Baptist, 9 ch.

**STEPHEN**, chairmaker at Lamb mill, North Ox., for several years after 1812, removed and in 1824 was of Merrimack, N. H., he m. Amity, dau. of Alexander Lamb, both d. at Nashua, N. H., she d. 1868; . . . *Children:* FRANCES M., b. 14 April, 1814; STEPHEN F., b. 5 Dec., 1816; CAROLINE.

SAMUEL, Revolutionary soldier, 1779.

ELKANAII, and Sally Hall of Sutton, m. Oct., 1798.

ESTHER, dau. of Joseph, d. 26 March, 1853, aged 82.

RIODA, aged 70, d. 4 Feb., 1862, at almshouse, many years blind.

<sup>1</sup> He made a will in which he bequeathed to his wife and children all they could earn. It became a common saying in town that one living by his labor was "an heir under David Atwood's will."

**AUSTIN**, REV. SAMUEL J., b. 22 Nov., 1826, at Becket; youngest of ten ch.; three were ministers; was graduated, 1847, at Union College, later spent several years in Virginia for his health, studied at East Windsor and Andover, ordained and installed at Mason Village, N. H., 25 Feb., 1857. In Nov., 1859, was pastor at Gardner; dismissed 1864, and came to Ox.; removed, Nov., 1868, to Warren, continuing to July, 1877; 5 Dec., 1877, installed at Chicopee Falls; resigned on account of ill health, 2 March, 1884; has been since acting pastor at Darien, Conn. He had good natural abilities, was earnest and devoted to his profession, and a successful pastor. He m. (1) 31 March, 1858, Jennie S. Clark of Lancaster, she d. 15 Nov., 1862, at Gardner, m. (2) 8 Dec., 1863, Susan M. Miller of Royalston; . . . *Children* by first m.: **JENNIE MAUD**, b. 16 Oct., 1860; by second m.: **SAMUEL J.**, b. 1865, d. 1867.

**BABB**, REV. THOMAS E., b. 21 Aug., 1840, at Orange, N. J., son of William G., who was b. 1794 in London and came to America with his parents 1796. Thomas E. was graduated 1865 at Amherst, studied theology two years at Bangor and one year at Andover, where he was graduated 1868, ordained Jan., 1869, at Eastport, Me.; settled May, 1871, at Ox., dismissed May, 1877; installed April, 1878, at Victor, N. Y., and May, 1883, began preaching at West Brookfield; removed thence Dec., 1889, to Chelsea, where he was pastor 1890. He was an able preacher, a good pastor and highly esteemed. He m. Sept., 1869, Ellen A., dau. of Moses Cook of Laconia, N. H. . . . *Children*: **AGNES C.**, b. 8 Aug., 1870, at Eastport; **PHILIP A.**, b. and d. 1872, at Ox.; **MARY L.**, b. 12 June, 1873; **EMILY A.**, b. 12 Sept., 1875; **THOMAS E.**, b. 22 Aug., 1878; **GERTRUDE**, b. 18 Aug., 1879; **BESSIE E.**, b. and d. 1882, at Victor.

**BABBITT**, ERASMUS, son of Dr. Erasmus, Sturbridge, b. 1763? [The record of his death at Boston gives, "died June 30, 1816, aged 53"], was graduated at Harvard College 1790, admitted to Worcester bar Aug., 1793; he m. Mary, dau. of Hon. Thomas Saunders of Gloucester, settled at Sturbridge in law practice, removed to Charlton, where he continued from 1800 to 1804. He was captain of a company at Ox. in "Adams' Army," 1799–1800. In 1804 he bought the house near the common, H. 244, to which he removed, continuing two or three years, removing to Westboro', in 1808 to Grafton, soon after to Southbridge, and about 1812 to Boston, where he d. Ammidown says he possessed a remarkable memory but convivial habits in too great a degree to do much as a business man. . . . *Children*: **MARY ELIZA**, b. 1793, m. 18 Oct., 1815, at Boston, Elkanah Cushman, second w., and had *Charlotte Saunders*, b. 23 July, 1816, the celebrated actress. Mary Eliza was remembered by one late of Oxford who knew her in childhood, as a lively, intelligent girl, of fair complexion, fine features and attractive manners, exceedingly fond of balls and parties, a good singer, bright scholar and a very superior reader. Of Mary Saunders, her mother, it is said she was cheery and mirthful, with wonderful powers of mimicry. Charlotte Cushman said: "I inherited my imitative faculty from my grandmother . . . I remember sitting at her feet . . . and hearing her sing a song of the period in which she delighted me by the most perfect imitation of every creature belonging to the farm-yard." **FRANCIS A.**, b. 9 Sept., 1804, at Ox., sailor, lost at sea. Of him Miss Cushman says: "My uncle Augustus took great interest in me, offered me prizes for proficiency in studies, especially in music and writing. He first took me to the theatre on one of his return voyages, which was always a holiday time for me. . . . He had great taste for the dramatic profession." He was

one of the proprietors of the old Tremont Theatre and through him the Cushman family was introduced to the fraternity of actors.

**BACON, DANIEL.** m. Mary —— and had **DANIEL**, b. 5 Oct., 1760, m. (1) 16 May, 1782, Annie Fay of Charlton, 13 ch.; m. (2) intentions 20 Nov., 1831, Olivia, widow of Benjamin Witt; he d. 9 March, 1834, at Charlton, she d. aged 81, 5 Feb., 1848, at Ox.

2. **JONAS**, son of Daniel (1) and Annie, b. 6 Sept., 1796, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Benjamin Witt; settled at Ox., house painter, many years railroad station agent at Ox., he d. 11 Feb., 1874 [headstone]: she d. 6 Jan., 1883. . . . *Children:* **CAROLINE O.**, b. 2 April, 1824, m. 3 Nov., 1847, Benjamin S., son of Peter Shumway; no ch.; **MARY E.**, b. 5 Dec., 1828, m. 31 March, 1851, Lewis W. Spaulding: settled at Ox., removed to Boston, flour dealer: they had *George L.*, b. 11 Feb., 1852, at Ox., residence, Janesville, Ill.; *William C.*, b. 22 Aug., 1853, at Ox.; purser on the *City of Columbus* steamer, wrecked near Martha's Vineyard, 1884, one of the few saved, residence, New York city; *Edward B.*, b. 4 May, 1858, at Boston; *Caroline E.*, b. 30 April, 1861, d. 7 Oct., 1880; *Charles*, b. 12 Feb., 1863, m. 30 June, 1885, Susan L., dau. of Archibald C. Harris; **GEORGE**, b. 9 July, 1831, m. 31 March, 1854, Angenette, dau. of Oscar F. Morris; soldier in the late war, d. 6 June, 1864, at Alexandria, Va.; they had *Charles S.*, b. 3 July, 1855, m. 31 Dec., 1879, Ruth, dau. of William Stafford, residence, Worcester; they had *George E.*, b. 1881, d. 1884; *Willie*, b. 7 Feb., 1884; *Emory A.*, b. 14 Feb., 1859, m. 22 Aug., 1881, Mariana W. Howe of Holden, residence, Oakdale: they had *Caroline A.*, b. 17 Feb., 1883; *Lulu H.*, b. 5 Oct., 1884; *Martha L.*, b. 20 Jan., 1861; *Willie*, b. and d. 1863; **HOLLIS D. W.**, b. 3 July, 1833, hotel keeper, m. 2 Jan., 1859, Marian L. Cragin of Millbury, she d. aged 36, 19 May, 1874; m. (2) 10 June, 1875, Mary E. Windle; **SARAH A.**, b. 7 Sept., 1835, m. Alvah C. Trafton of Maine; settled at Worcester, where he d. 18 Nov., 1877; they had *Walter C.*, b. 23 July, 1870; **C. ELIZABETH**, b. 6 May, 1838, m. Lucius P. Goddard of Worcester, where they settled; she d. 28 Dec., 1866; no ch.; **CHARLES A.**, b. 15 May, 1841, shoe cutter, m. 10 June, 1865, Caroline Louisa Marble: settled at Ox., removed to Worcester; they had *Charles A.*, b. and d. 1866; *William A.*, b. 10 Oct., 1867; *Celia E.*, b. 30 Sept., 1870; *J. Fred.*, b. 15 Sept., 1874, at Worcester; **DANIEL**, b. 6 June, 1843, m. 14 Aug., 1872, Melicent Campbell of Chicago, where he is merchant; she d. 1 Feb., 1891; had ch.

**GEORGE** (English), came to North Ox., H. 114, about 1802 from Uxbridge, stocking weaver; his operations with a machine were the wonder of the day; removed after about five years to Dudley and many years later to Charlton, where he d.; he m. Esther E. Hall. . . . *Children:* **SOPHIA**, b. 18 Nov., 1796, at Mendon, m. —— Tabor of Dudley; **BETSEY**, b. 7 March, 1798, at Mendon; **GEORGE H.**, b. 15 Feb., 1802, at Uxbridge; **JAMES G.**, b. 11 March, 1804, at Ox., m. 1 Dec., 1830, Mary B., dau. of Amos Harding.

**PETER C.**, b. 11 Nov., 1804, at Dudley. His great-grandfather, **JONATHAN** (w. Ruth), was of Bedford, and about 1733 removed to Uxbridge; was an extensive land and water power owner at what is now Whitinsville, where he d. before Feb., 1761. In Oct., 1750, he sold to his son Jonathan 600 acres on the Mumford river with mills, etc., also his home farm of 200 acres, then in Sutton, adjoining or near the first tract. **JONATHAN, JR.** (w. Martha), was prominent, and after Northbridge was set off was, it is said, moderator of

every town meeting until his removal. In 1782 and 1783 he sold his Northbridge estate and 11 Oct., 1782, bought a farm in Dudley. His son JEPHTHAH, b. 31 March, 1770, at Uxbridge, m. Joanna, dau. of Peter Child of Woodstock. PETER C. BACON, his namesake, was graduated 1827 at Brown University, studied at New Haven Law School, and with Davis & Allen of Worcester, George A. Tufts of Dudley and Ira Barton of Oxford; admitted to Worcester bar Sept., 1830; settled in practice at Dudley and soon removed to Oxford, remaining about 12 years, removing thence, 1 Jan., 1844, to Worcester. He was Mayor in 1851-2, a leading lawyer of the city, and for ability, sound judgment and learning not excelled by any man in central Massachusetts. He was in 1857 honored by his Alma Mater with the degree of LL.D. The editorial in the *Spy* of 8 Feb., 1886, opened thus: "By the death of Hon. Peter C. Bacon Worcester loses its most beloved and revered citizen." He m. 11 Sept., 1833, Mary L., dau. of Daniel Batcheller of Western (now Warren); he d. 7 Feb., 1886, she d. 9 June, 1886. . . . *Children*, first five b. at Ox.: HENRY, b. 30 Nov., 1835, lawyer at Worcester; First Lieut. in 34th Regt. Mass. Vols. in the late war; DANIEL B., b. and d. 1837; MARY L., b. 16 Oct., 1838; FRANCIS, b. 3 Nov., 1841, entered Dartmouth College, left study to enlist in the army in the late war, was First Lieut. in 102d Regt. N. Y. Vols., and killed in battle May, 1863, at Chancellorsville; WILLIAM, b. 4 Dec., 1843; clerk in a wholesale mercantile house in Boston, also enlisted as a soldier, was promoted to Capt. in 34th Regt. Mass. Vols., and killed in battle 15 May, 1864, at New Market; on the monument of these brothers is inscribed: "Par nobile fratum"; children b. at Worcester: PETER C., b. 11 Oct., 1846, paper merchant at Boston, m. 20 Oct., 1881, Amanda A. Beale of Hingham; ARTHUR, b. 23 Sept., 1849, d. young; ELIZABETH, b. 26 Dec., 1852, m. Halleck Bartlett of Worcester, where they reside; had ch.; real estate dealer.

LUTHER, b. 22 Dec., 1784, at Burrillville, R. I., son of Ephraim, left fatherless at six years of age and lived until his majority with his grandparents in New York city; m. 1 March, 1810, Polly B., widow of George Aldrich, maiden name, Knight, settled in R. I., removed 1827 to Southbridge, and thence 1841 to Ox., he d. 4 Dec., 1870, she d. aged 73, 18 Oct., 1854. . . . *Children*: EPHRAIM, b. and d. 1810; LUTHER, b. 17 Oct., 1811, m., resides in Conn., had ch.; THOMAS K., b. 30 Oct., 1813, m. Polly M. Cady of Thompson, Conn.; pistol maker, resided at Worcester, Grafton and 30 years at Norwich, Conn., where he d. 1873; had *Harrison E.* (residence, Norwich), and two daughters; GEORGE R., b. 12 Jan., 1817, unm.; MARY ANN, b. 25 Aug., 1820, m. Sylvester Ballard; REBECCA, b. 1823, d. 1839.

JOHN, and Sarah (Sabra?) Truesdell, m. 15 Oct., 1835.  
HANNAH S., of Webster, and Samuel R. Wallace, m. intentions 7 Dec., 1849.

BAILEY, JAMES M., of Ticonderoga, N. Y., and Alice Dwinnell, m. 15 Jan., 1837.

ADDISON, and Adaline P. Lawrence, m. 5 March, 1846.

BAKER, SAMUEL, b. about 1696, at Woburn, m. Mary ——. In 1742 Samuel Baker bought water power at North Ox., H. 121, owned seven years; soldier at 60 years of age in Capt. Ebenezer Learned's Co. in the French war; he had at Ox., SAMUEL, b. 9 July, 1724, and perhaps b. before his return from Ashford (order of birth unknown); ESTHER, unm.; MARY, m. —— Fairlee;

KATHARINE, m. Ebenezer Fish; SOPHIA, m. —— Tidd; JERUSAH, m. Ebenezer Learned; JOSEPH. In the estate of Esther Baker of North Gore, 26 Jan., 1774, it was ordered that it be divided between "Samuel Baker, Mary Farlee, Katharine Fish, Servia Tidd and Jerusha Learned." [Prob. Rec.]

2. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (1), m. Elizabeth ——. . . Children: THOMAS, b. 8 Jan., 1752, Revolutionary soldier, m. 8 Nov., 1781, Ruth Newcomb, styled "Dr."; SAMUEL, b. 29 Aug., 1753, m. intentions 1 March, 1776, Dolly Jacobs of Killingly, Conn.; Revolutionary soldier in Town's Co., marched on Lexington alarm; in 1789 Samuel Baker, Jr., was of Guilford, Vt., and then sold land in Ox.; ELIZABETH, b. 6 April, 1756, m. 19 March, 1778, Moses Rowell; PHILEMON, b. 7 March, 1761; MARY, b. 5 March, 1765.

3. JOSEPH, son of Samuel (1)?, b. about 1731 at Woodstock, was with Samuel (1), his father, in the French war; a JOSEPH, resided at Charlton, m. Mary ——; had *Mary*, b. 5 June, 1764; *Richard*, b. 27 Aug., 1768.

MOSES, Revolutionary soldier.

ELIZABETH, and Peter Thompson of Douglas, m. intentions 7 Jan., 1807. ABIGAIL, d. 30 July, 1832.

WILLIAM R., of Millbury, and Sarah Clark, m. intentions, 6 March, 1847.

GEORGE, Charlton, and Susan P. Damon, m. 11 Aug., 1850.

MARGARET K. (Canadian), aged 59, d. 2 Oct., 1888.

BALCH, JOSIAH, descendant of John (who came 1623 with Capt. Robert Gorges, was of Dorchester company at Cape Ann, 1625, and at Salem, settler 1626), the line being JOHN, BENJAMIN, 1628, SAMUEL, 1651, SAMUEL, 1678, JOSIAH, baptized 28 Oct., 1711, at Beverly; early of Thompson Parish, m. intentions 17 Jan., 1735, Patience, dau. of Jos. Chamberlain, an original settler of Ox.; removed with him from Kee-ka-moo-chong to the South Gore. After having bought of the State in 1744, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Ebenezer Chamberlain, 320 acres, he lived with his father-in-law, who had quitclaimed to him his rights at the southern extremity of the tract near the Connecticut line. In 1759 he deeded his farm to his son Samuel. . . . Children: MARY, b. 27 July, 1737; SAMUEL, b. 25 June, 1739.

2. SAMUEL, son of Josiah (1), m. Susanna Aldrich, resided on the home-stead. In 1764 he sold 100 acres, and in 1778 82 acres, the home farm, and removed to Guilford, Vt.; resided later at Athens, Vt., where he d. 1817. . . . Children: SUSANNA, b. 23 May, 1762; ALICE [Olive?], b. 4 May, 1764, d. 1 March, 1826; SAMUEL, b. 23 March, 1767; m.; had ch.; d. aged about 80, at Athens; JOSIAH, b. 25 Dec., 1770, m.; had ch.; residence, St. Johnsbury; d. aged about 80; PATIENCE, b. 4 May, 1773, at Killingly, Conn.; ELIZABETH, b. 23 Oct., 1775, at Killingly; NATHANIEL, b. 26 Nov., 1777, at South Gore, m. 19 Sept., 1805, Sally Bennett; d. 25 Dec., 1854, at Kalamazoo, Mich.; had 12 ch. at Athens, some removed to Kalamazoo; JOHN, d. aged 18 at Guilford; COBEN, b. at Guilford, m. Patty Patch; residence, Athens; 7 ch.; d. at Kalamazoo; ABIGAIL, b. 30 May, 1786, at Guilford, d. 30 March, 1868, at Victory, Vt.

BALCOM, CHARLES A., of Douglas, and Angeline C. Barton, m. intentions 12 Oct., 1844.

LYDIA, dau. of Warren, aged 22, d. 29 June, 1855.

LYDIA, maiden name Trask, aged 57, d. 17 Feb., 1862.

WILLIAM II., son of Warren, aged 21, d. 26 March, 1862.

PHILENA, maiden name Whiting, aged 57, d. 28 May, 1869.

RUTH, maiden name Knapp, aged 82, d. 9 Feb., 1875.

MYRON J., son of Estus of Douglas, aged 34, d. 6 Jan., 1876.

BALDWIN, JONATHAN of Spenceer, and Mary Hunt, m. 28 Oct., 1766.

BALL, NAHUM, and Rinda had SOPHRONIA, b. 12 Jan., 1827.

MARY M., dau. of Edwin S., aged 9, d. 19 Aug., 1859.

CHARLES F., son of Edwin S., aged 19, d. 28 April, 1867.

EDWIN S., aged 53, d. 20 July, 1871.

**BALLANTYNE, JAMES**, m. Jane ——; they had ISABEL, b. 27 Nov., 1833; MARGARET L., b. 19 April, 1837; JAMES, b. 1 Feb., 1839; AGNES, b. 24 May, 1841; MARY J., b. 26 Aug., 1843.

**BALLARD, WILLIAM**, early settler at Andover, had JOSEPH and JOHN, prominent men, the first to build mills there; JOHN m. Rebecca Hooper; was constable, in 1692 arrested persons as witches; he had *John, Jonathan, Sherebiah*; the latter was in 1749 of Lancaster, housewright.

2. **JONATHAN**, son of John (1), b. about 1678, m. 30 Aug., 1722, Hannah, dau of Ephraim Kidder of Billerica, where he settled; removed between 1726 and 1728 to Ox.; in 1735 bought the mill estate at Augutteback Pond, H. 83, where he spent his subsequent life and d. 2 Jan., 1763, aged 76; she d. after 1779 at the house of Jeremiah Kingsbury, her son-in-law. . . . *Children:* JONATHAN, b. 16 Aug., 1723, m. 17 July, 1755, Alice, dau. of Collins Moore; removed 1775 to Vassalboro', Me.; EPHRAIM, b. 6 May, 1725; HANNAH, b. 28 Oct., 1726, m. 13 Feb., 1752, Thomas Town; REBEKAH, b. 3 March, 1728, m. 23 Oct., 1755, John Marvin; JOHN, b. 30 May, 1731; RUTH, b. 15 March, 1733, m. Jeremiah Kingsbury; SHEREBAH, b. 1735, d. 1742; ELIZABETH, b. 1737, d. 1742; BENJAMIN, b. 1740, d. 1742.

3. **EPHRAIM**, son of Jonathan (2), m. 19 Dec., 1754, Martha, dau. of Elijah Moore; succeeded his father as owner of the mills, sold in 1770 and was taverner at the centre, continuing until 1774, land surveyor with Thomas Fish, April, 1774, at Livermore, Me. In 1775 he settled at Fort Halifax, now Winslow, Me., and 15 Oct., 1777, removed to Augusta, where he owned and operated a saw-mill. He was respected, and was allowed by the town £200 for his contributions to the Revolutionary cause. His wife was in high esteem among the people of the early settlement, and for the first 20 years was almost the only practitioner there in midwifery. In her diary she says, 15 Nov., 1795, in recording a birth, "this is the six hundredth birth at which I have attended since I came to this eastern clime." On 25 July, 1797, she records the 700th since June, 1778. She had great power of endurance and suffered many hardships in travelling in the practice of her profession. He d. 7 Jan., 1821, aged 96 years, she d. Aug., 1812. . . . *Children:* CYRUS, b. 11 Sept., 1756; LUCY, b. 28 Aug., 1758, d. young(?); MARTHA, b. 1761, d. 1769; JONATHAN, b. 4 March, 1763; farmer at Augusta, Me.; TRYPHENA, b. 1765, d. 1769; DOROTHY, b. 1767, d. 1769; HANNAH, b. 6 Aug., 1769, m. Moses Pollard; DOROTHY, b. 2 Sept., 1772, m. Barnabas Lombard; EPIRAIM, b. 30 March, 1779, m. 5 Feb., 1804, Mary Farwell; was an ingenious mechanic and a useful citizen, built bridges over the Kennebec, was employed by the State in 1796 in surveying settlers' lands at Hampden and Bangor, Me.; while on a business tour he sickened and d. aged 50 years, at Bangor.

4. **JOHN**, son of Jonathan (2), m. 18 Dec., 1766, Mrs. Mary Marsh of Douglas; settled near North Ox. railroad station, H. 157; millwright, Lieut.

of militia, soldier in the French war and also in the Revolution, marched on the Lexington alarm; she d. 16 March, 1770, aged 31, m. (2) 18 Nov., 1780, Sarah, widow of Isaac Barton, he d. Oct., 1810. . . . *Children* by first m.: JOHN, b. 15 April, 1768; EUNICE, b. and d. 1770.

5. JOHN, son of John (4), m. 6 Nov., 1797, Jemima, dau. of Dea. John Dana; settled on the homestead, removed in 1827 to Whitinsville; he d. 10 Nov., 1839, at Grafton at the home of his dau. Mary; his wife, aged 47, d. 12 Feb., 1830, at Whitinsville. . . . *Children*: OTIS, b. 9 June, 1799, d. 1813; FANNY, d. unm. 18 May, 1870, at Worcester; MARY, b. 11 Oct., 1806, m. Oct., 1835, Oliver G. Davenport; resided at Worcester; they had *Sarah J.*, b. 1837, at Boston, m. Charles P. Fisk of Natick, where she d. 1866; *Annie E.*, b. 1842, at Boston; *Julia H.*, b. 1846, at Boston, m. Fred. E. Whitcomb of Worcester; LUCY D., b. 25 March, 1812, d. 15 Sept., 1828, at Whitinsville; SARAH, b. 4 June, 1814, m. May, 1841, Charles Ellis of Uxbridge; he d. 2 Nov., 1866; no ch.; she resided at Uxbridge; SYLVESTER, b. 28 Feb., 1817, m. 14 July, 1855, Mary Ann, dau. of Luther Bacon; he d. aged 71, 29 June, 1888; they adopted *Jennie S.*, b. 30 Nov., 1853, m. 18 May, 1876, Andrew J. Wakefield, and had Mabel, b. 5 May, 1877; Bertha, b. 24 May, 1878; Eva, b. 1 Jan., 1880; George A., b. 2 Oct., 1881.

AUGUSTUS, son of Jonathan, Jr. (?), and Betsey Lamb, m. 16 March, 1793, and had BETSEY, b. 4 Oct., 1793; Betsey, the mother, m. (2) Samuel Smith, Sen.

WILLIAM, of Lynn, came in the *Mary and John* 1634, another William, perhaps his son, came 1635, removed from Lynn to Andover, probably ancestor of Jonathan (2). William had at Lynn, with others, NATHANIEL, whose son WILLIAM was b. 23 April, 1686, and removed to Framingham before 1728, where he had with others, TIMOTHY, a Revolutionary soldier (?), and ZACCHEUS, twins, b. 21 March, 1731; the latter m. Elizabeth Valentine of Hopkinton, settled at Framingham, removed 1770 to Leicester and 1773 to Ox., having bought the Craft Davis farm in the south part of the town, H. 40; he was 39 months in the Revolutionary war, removed 1788 to Thompson, Conn., where he d. April, 1800, she m. (2) Jonathan Ellis, and d. soon after at Thompson.<sup>1</sup> . . . *Children*: ELIZABETH GOOCH [the mother of Elizabeth Valentine was Mary Gooch], b. 20 May, 1759, m. intentions 27 Feb., 1777, Hezekiah Stone, settled and d. at Fitzwilliam, N. H.; WILLIAM, b. 26 Oct., 1761, m. — Haven, d. 1791 at Framingham; they had *William*, *Nancy*, *Prentiss*; SARAH, b. 5 Jan., 1764, m. Micaiah Robinson, removed to Hartwick, N. Y., where both d.; MARY, b. 8 Aug., 1765, m. 15 March, 1781, Nathaniel Carroll, settled and d. at Thompson; MEHETABLE, b. 31 May, 1767, m. Orrin Bates, settled and d. at Bennington, Vt.; MARTHA, b. 16 April, 1769, m. James, brother of Orrin Bates, settled and d. at Cavendish, Vt.; ANNA [Nancy], b. 16 Oct., 1770, at Leicester(?), m. Abel Jacobs, settled and d. at Thompson; LYNDÉ, b. 15 May, 1774, at Ox., m. 4 Dec., 1794, Molly, dau. of John Bates of Dudley, near Thompson, removed 1808 to T., she d. 22 June, 1816, he m. (2) 5 Oct., 1817, Amy C. Green from near Fitzwilliam, N. H., who d. 1852, he d. 7 June,

<sup>1</sup> Barry, whose account of this family, although the result of much labor, was not as Savage says thoroughly satisfactory to himself, gives Elizabeth Cloyes as the w. of Zacheus. The record is evidently not clear, as Barry says in the Cloyes family, "Elizabeth m. — Ballard." The evidence existing now in the family, which is quite

numerous, is conclusive that the w. of Zacheus was Elizabeth Valentine. She was of a noted ancestry, having descended from the Lyndes, Digbys and Newdigates of England. Mary, her younger sister, probably m. Joseph, younger brother of Zacheus.

1825, at T.; ch. *John B.*, b. 25 Oct., 1795, at Dudley, was graduated at Baptist Theological Seminary, Hamilton, N. Y., in 1823, ordained 13 Nov., 1823, at Masonville, N. Y., began Dec., 1825, as pastor of the Baptist Church in Dudley, now Webster, was instrumental in the erection of the first church building, dedicated 26 Dec., 1826, founded 1827 the first Sunday-school of the locality, left in spring of 1828, was later pastor at Bloomfield, Conn., but soon removed to act as agent of the American Sunday-School Union in North Carolina and Kentucky, in which States he labored 13 years, establishing schools in almost every county; later he resided for a time at Colchester, Conn., and about 1849 began as tract missionary in New York city, continuing for six years, and in discharge of his duties contracted a fever of which he d. 29 Jan., 1856; he m. Augusta M. Gilman of Morrisville, N. Y., four ch.; a son, Esek S. Ballard, is a leading business man of Davenport, Ia.; *Nancy*, b. 1797; *Polly*, b. 1799, m. Jacob Tourtellotte of Thompson, a descendant of Abraham, who m. Marie, dau. of Gabriel Bermon, 4 ch.; a son, John E., was graduated at Brown University, settled as a lawyer at Winona, Minn., was Col. and brevet Brig. Gen. in the late war, aide-de-camp to Gen. Sherman, Jan. 1, 1871, to Feb. 8, 1884, and retired for disability; Francis, another son, was surgeon in the army and 1888 was in practice at Winona; *Winthrop Hilton*, 1801, wealthy farmer at Thompson, a son, Horatio N., was graduated at Brown University, physician at Horn Lake, Miss., d. early in 1888; *Valentine*, 1804; *Hamilton*, 1806; *Martha*, 1809; by second m. *Sarah R.*, 1818; *Salem*, 1820; *Zaccheus A.*, 1822, from 1847 to 1853 superintendent of Ox. almshouse, removed to Thompson; *Elizabeth*, 1825; all m. and had ch.; *ALICE*, b. 23 June, 1779, at Ox., m. (1) Joseph Dike, he d. soon, she m. (2) John Jacobs, had ch., both d. at Thompson.

**BALLOU, FRANCIS** (transient), aged 78, d. 1847.

**BANCROFT, MOSES**, w. Tamar, had **HANNAH**, b. 3 March, 1807.

MADISON, son of Jonas and Nancy of Ward, blacksmith, came to Ox. before May, 1839, continued about 6 years, returned to Ward, removed to Ceredo, W. Va.; . . . Children: **JOHN M.**, b. 1 Aug., 1836, at Saratoga, N. Y.; **JOSEPH F.**, b. 22 March, 1841; **SARAH A.**, b. 28 Jan., 1843; **JONAS G.**, b. 26 April, 1845.

**JONAS**, of Ward, and Esther Merrifield, m. intentions 7 April, 1781.

**BARBOUR, REV. ISAAC R.**, son' of James and Dorcas of Bridport, Vt., b. 14 Feb., 1794, educated at Dartmouth College and Andover Seminary, preached at New Ipswich, N. H., from Oct., 1824, to Aug., 1826, installed pastor at Byfield, 20 Dec., 1827, resigned April, 1833, later city missionary at Boston, installed 23 Nov., 1836, at Charlton, his last settlement. In the autumn of 1839 he came to Ox., bought land at north end of the Plain, built the house now Samuel C. Willis, Jr.'s, H. 188, and devoted himself to farming, fancy stock raising and silk culture, in which he was not very successful. In 1847 he removed to Worcester, and later to New York city, where he continued until the autumn of 1868. On a business tour to Illinois he was taken ill and d. at the home of his sister at Galesburg. As a minister he was able, but his tastes led him into business operations, and possessing a speculative and inquiring mind he went into new enterprises which led to more profit to others than himself. Distilling mineral oil from the rock was a project which he took up and on which he originated several valuable improvements.

Mining was a subject on which he spent much time and study, and in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Vermont mines and quarries of his opening are now in successful operation. The last few years of his life were spent in geological surveys for minerals in the Western States. He was early an anti-slavery man and an efficient worker in the temperance cause, of earnest and sincere purpose and upright life. He m. (1) Clara P. Adams, m. (2) Caroline M. Rogers, m. (3) Elizabeth Greenough of Boston, he d. 26 Feb., 1869, at Galesburg, Ill.

*Children* by first m.: HENRY M., b. 14 July, 1823, m. Ellen M. Thayer, d. 28 March, 1868, she resided at Boston, had ch., all d. young; ch. by second m.: ISAAC R., b. 30 Sept., 1829, m. (1) May, 1853, Selina M. Parkhurst of Worcester, where they settled and had *Henry P.*, b. Nov., 1854, graduated at Amherst, lawyer in Boston; *Frank W.*, b. 1858, residence, Boston; he m. (2) April, 1878, Mary C. Green of Boston, residence, South Boston, had ch.; CHARLES W., b. 1831, has been twice m., residence, Chicago, had ch.; CAROLINE P., b. 1833 or 1834, at Philadelphia, lived at Worcester, went in 1858 or 1859 to Constantinople as a teacher for A. B. C. F. M., m. Rev. W. Williams at Diarbekir, travelled 600 miles on mule back, the first Frank to make the journey, she d. 1862; ch. by third m.: ELIZABETH G., b. 27 July, 1839, at Ox., residence, New York; WILLIAM G., b. 4 Oct., 1841, at Ox., residence, New York city, where he was a merchant, and clerk and treasurer of the Bay State Granite Co. of Rockport, he m. in 1868, and d. 1 Jan., 1881, at New York; one son.

**BARDWELL, ROBERT**, b. in London 1647, came to Massachusetts in 1670, was in the Narragansett fight, Dec., 1675, and in that at Turner's Falls 1676, was sent in 1675 as bearer of despatches from Boston to the military forces at Hadley, m. 29 Nov., 1676, Mary, dau. of William Gull, and settled at Hatfield, where he was a hatter, he d. 1726, they had 11 ch., the fifth being JOHN, b. 28 Aug., 1687, who was father of JOSEPH (b. 1713, d. 1791), with whom he removed about 1732 to Belchertown; JOSEPH had 6 chil., the third being ELIJAH, who removed about 1803 from Belchertown to Goshen, Mass., he had 10 ch., all b. at B., HORATIO, the sixth, was b. 3 Nov., 1788, m. 11 July, 1815, Rachel, dau. of Simeon Forbush of Andover, he d. 5 May, 1866, she d. 22 Dec., 1876, aged 90, both at Ox.

"HORATIO BARDWELL,"<sup>1</sup> a name fraught with fragrant memories, representing one honored, beloved and revered. With characteristic modesty he left no written memorial of himself, and of his life the only record is the works which follow. He was born in Belchertown, Nov. 3, 1788, the third son of Elijah and Sarah Bardwell, who were widely known as pious people. In 1803 the family removed to Goshen, a small town offering small inducement to a farmer for gaining a livelihood. The reasons for the removal were later given by one of the daughters: "We came because there were here so many godly people and a good minister."

As a farmer's son Horatio was known as a kind, dutiful, virtuous youth, of winning manners, whom everybody loved. He was industrious and accustomed to hard labor on the farm, but this was no hindrance to the progress of the "kingdom within." The chief end of man was frequently the all-absorbing theme in the field and in the house, workingmen at their nooning would exhaust the hour in religious conversation and prayer was always in season, and

<sup>1</sup>This sketch, so far as it relates to Mr. Bardwell's earlier years and missionary labor, was written by his niece, Mrs. Sophia D. Whaley.

at times a power was felt which made the unseen the real. These early experiences he long years afterwards spoke of reverently.

In May, 1808, at the age of nineteen, he united with the church, and soon after began a course of study preparatory to the ministry. During the year previous his elder sister, Rhoda, was married to Rev. Wm. Fisher, who assumed the charge of fitting his new brother-in-law for the theological seminary. In 1811 young Bardwell went to Andover, and there he breathed an atmosphere perfumed with the same piety which had pervaded his hillside home. Adoniram Judson had graduated here the year before, leaving the impress of his spirit upon the seminary. Here was James Richards from Williams College, who for two years had labored there, promoting a spirit of missions among the students. Mills, Nott, Hall and other kindred spirits were also in the seminary, and with Newell had formed the resolution to spend their lives in Pagan lands if Providence should open the way. Mr. Bardwell soon became warmly interested and gave himself heartily to the movement. Before going to Andover his father had died, and the question arose "What would the mother say to his plans?" He expected her refusal. At his next visit home he cautiously unfolded the subject and asked her counsel; great was his surprise when she with uplifted hands said, "Horatio, that is what I have been praying for." He returned to his studies with no cloud of doubt. At the completion of his course he was licensed to preach by the Haverhill Association in 1814, and also received from Dartmouth College the degree c<sup>t</sup> A.M.

A new consideration now presented itself, a helpmeet was needed. With other students he had held religious meetings in different parts of Andover, and in one of these neighborhoods had become acquainted with a young lady, an only child, who had but recently declined a proposal to accompany Mr. Newell as a missionary's wife. Being aware of this fact he had little courage to make advances. But those school-house meetings had won a place for him in the maiden's heart, and one day she surprised her mother by saying, "Mother, you was not willing I should go with Mr. Newell, but if that young Mr. Bardwell asks me you need not object, for I shall go."

On 21 June, 1815, Mr. Bardwell was ordained a missionary of the American Board. On 11 July he was married to Miss Rachel Forbush, the young lady alluded to, and in October, following, sailed for Bombay in company with Richards, his brother-in-law, Poor, Meigs and Warren. He was located at Bombay, where he labored until his health was so impaired that a council of physicians advised his removal from the climate as the only means of saving his life. He was carried on board ship in Jan., 1822, when very feeble, and the autumn following reached his native land, having been absent about six years. After a partial recovery, in 1823 he was installed pastor at Holden, as colleague with Rev. Mr. Avery, who died in less than a year. Here he labored successfully until 1832, when the Board again desired his services in Bombay, but a council of ministers decided that in view of his former experience such a measure was unadvisable. He, however, entered the service of the Board as agent for the New England States, which position he filled until 1836, when in March he received a call to Oxford, and was installed 8 June, 1836.

Dr. Sweetser in his obituary notice says: "His pastorate was eminently a successful one, marked by the numbers received into the church, as well as by the savor of a spiritual piety attending his preaching. . . . He left a pre-

cious memory and his words and his example will long continue to animate and cheer those who enjoyed his friendship and his instructions. . . . The keynote of his entire life and character is found in his consecration to the work of missions. It was then an untried experiment, and demanded singleness of purpose, firmness of faith and heroic self-denial. Honored and beloved as a missionary, he was not less honored and beloved as a pastor. He was regarded as a man singularly unselfish, free from all self-complacency, always ready to do, and always ready to yield; never shrinking from service and never obtruding himself, always courteous, affable and genial, always a man, a Christian always." In the pulpit he was easy and attractive; earnest and often eloquent, his sermons being generally of the hortative rather than the philosophical type.

He was an intimate friend of Dr. John Nelson of Leicester, and in 1827, while at Holden, was chosen a trustee of Leicester Academy, in which institution he took much interest, and for many years continued his connection therewith. In 1857 he received from Amherst College the honorary degree of D.D. He resigned his pastorate 20 July, 1862, but continued to preach as a supply for several months afterward.

Personally he was a little above the average size, of an erect and dignified bearing, with a pleasing and genial expression of countenance and a courteous manner, rarely seen, which bespoke the refinement and sincerity of his character. An accomplished lady of Boston met him on a certain occasion, and being impressed by his suavity remarked to a friend that such a bearing would grace any court in Europe. He was esteemed by all classes of the community, and for many years was chairman of the School Committee and had almost the entire supervision of the schools of the town.

In 1837 he purchased of Capt. Stearns DeWitt 25 acres of land on the west side of the main street near the church, upon which the next year he erected a dwelling in which he spent his subsequent years. On the evening of Thursday, 3 May, 1866, fire was discovered in his barn, which was connected by other out-buildings with his house. Hoping to save his favorite horse he ventured through the flames to rescue him but failed in the attempt, and returned severely burned. These injuries, with the shock which his nervous system received, resulted in his death at the house of his son Edward W. on the Saturday following, 5 May, 1866, at the age of 78 years. At a meeting of citizens of Oxford in Sanford Hall on Saturday, May 5, 1866, it was "*Resolved*, that we bear our cheerful testimony to those exalted personal qualities that have endeared the deceased to us all during a residence among us of over a quarter of a century; to that gentleness of nature, and benevolence of heart which made him for so many years a welcome visitor at our firesides, a sympathising friend in our afflictions and everywhere the Christian gentleman and agreeable companion." His widow survived him more than ten years and died at the same place at 90 years of age.

*Children:* HORATIO F., b. 1816, d. 1817; LUCY R., b. 1817, d. 1819; HORATIO F., b. 14 April, 1819, at Bombay, graduated 1840 at Amherst College, studied and practiced law at York, Pa., and later was a civil engineer, and in the late war was in the Confederate service, residence, 1888, Burkeville, Va., he m. (1) 19 Aug., 1841, Jennette M. Rix of Royalton, Vt., she d. 30 May, 1844, m. (2) 5 May, 1846, Susan Durkee of York, Pa., m. (3) 29 May, 1859, Louisa Burke of Burkeville, Va., no ch. living; EDWARD W., b. and d. 1821; SIMEON F., b. 13 May, 1822, m. 16 March, 1843, Almira E. Plummer of Andover, where

they settled; farmer and prominent citizen, representative and other higher town offices, he d. 8 July, 1881; ch. *Francelia J.*, b. 2 Sept., 1845, d. 14 Aug., 1867; *Elizabeth H.*, b. 2 Oct., 1849, m. 2 June, 1871, Sidney Hill of Stoneham; *Simeon F.*, b. 9 May, 1857; *Annis C.*, b. 19 Nov., 1858; HENRY M., b. and d. 1824; JAMES R. and EDWARD W., b. 11 Sept., 1825, JAMES R., m. 23 June, 1850, E. T. Shower of Manchester, Md., studied and practiced medicine at Manchester, and was surgeon of a Md. Regt. in the late war, he d. 29 May, 1870, at Manchester; they had *Charles S.*, b. and d. 1851; *George S.*, b. 28 Aug., 1852, m. 3 Feb., 1870(?), Mary E. Lynch of Baltimore; *Horatio J.*, b. 20 July, 1854, m. 6 April, 1877, Laura E. McFarland of Cincinnati, O.; EDWARD W., m. 12 Dec., 1848, Elizabeth C., dau. of Amos Thompson, town clerk, Justice of the Peace, chorister; had *William E.*, b. 3 Sept., 1849, m. 14 Nov., 1871, Isabel H., dau. of Chas. A. Sigourney, and had Georgiana, b. 8 Aug., 1872; *Louise C.*, b. 4 July, 1857, m. 24 June, 1879, George S., son of Nathaniel Eddy; ELIZABETH F., b. 4 Aug., 1827, m. 8 May, 1856, Rev. Henry Wickes, b. 11 Feb., 1821, at Jamaica, L. I., graduated at Marietta College 1848, studied at Yale Theological Seminary and at Andover, settled at Princeton, Mass., Guilford and Deep River, Conn., and at Brighton and Alden in western New York, residence, Rochester, N. Y.; they had *Robert B.*, b. 3 Aug., 1857, at Guilford, graduated 1878 at the University at Rochester, studied law and is in practice at Rochester; *Alice H.*, b. 1 Aug., 1859; *Laura W.*, b. 28 Oct., 1861; *Henry Van Wyck*, b. 2 May, 1864, last three b. at Deep River; WILLIAM H., b. 5 Feb., 1830, at Holden, d. 8 Nov., 1848, at Lowell, of hydrophobia, in peculiarly painful circumstances, unm.

**BARNARD, JOSHUA**, son of Isaac of Sutton(?), b. 4 Dec., 1734, m. 5 Sept., 1754, Abigail Hazeltine, owned land in south part of town, H. 49, sold 1780, was constable 1783. . . . Children, b. at Sutton: LUCY, 1756; ABIGAIL, 1759; JOSHUA, 1761; ABIGAIL, 1763, m. 8 Sept., 1785, Daniel Kingsbury; SOLOMON, 1765; ELI, 1767; JOHN, 1770; SILAS, 1772; ALPHA, 1774; STEPHEN, b. 16 May, 1776, at Ox.

2. JOSHUA, son of Joshua (1), m. intentions 28 Oct., 1786, Sarah Green of Leicester, bought in 1785 the Hagburn estate, H. 205, in 1790 he was of Townshend, Vt.; a Joshua Barnard resided at Leicester in 1798. . . . Child: ISAAC GREEN, b. 27 Sept., 1787, at Ox.

**BARNES, JOHN**, blacksmith, b. about 1737, at Boston, soldier in the French war from Ox.

REV. ALFRED, and Sarah Merrill of Nashville, N. H., m. intentions 26 Oct., 1844.

JOHN, aged 25, d. 21 Dec., 1851.

SAMUEL, aged 76, of Dudley, d. 30 March, 1861.

MELVINA, dau. of Franklin F., aged 33, d. 11 Feb., 1885.

WILLIAM G., son of William G., aged 82, d. 24 Sept., 1887.

**BARRETT, THOMAS**, Woodstock, and Elizabeth Smith of South Gore, m. 13 Feb., 1782.

CORLISS, and Esther Ide of South Gore, m. intentions 22 Nov., 1829.

Wife of Elder, aged 31, d. 5 Jan., 1831.

JOSEPH, and Ann D. Wicker, m. 30 Dec., 1833.

**BARROWS, WILLIAM**, of Worcester, and Achsah P. Coit, m. 13 Oct., 1840; had **JEMIMA**, d. 19 Sept., 1843.

**BARRY, GEORGE**, and Jane Lafrenia, m. intentions 30 Nov., 1848.

**BARSTOW** (Sumner and family wrote *Bastow*), **SUMNER**, son of Job who was b. about 1755, and was 1776 of Upton, saddler, that year bought land in southeast part of Sutton, sold 1779 [resided then at Sutton] and removed to Uxbridge, he m. Silence, dau. of Daniel Sumner of Mendon, now Milford.<sup>1</sup> From the inscription on the gravestone of Summer Barstow and the fact of his father's residence in Sutton, as above given, it seems probable that Sutton was his birthplace. He spent his youth in Uxbridge, fitted for college with Rev. John Crane of Northbridge, was graduated 1802 at Brown University and in 1804 was in trade at Sutton in partnership with Amasa Braman, and in 1806 with Braman and Daniel Hovey under the name Braman, Barstow & Hovey. He studied law with Estes Howe, Esq., of Sutton and was admitted to Worcester bar March, 1811. At about this time he m. Tamar, dau. of Elder Samuel Waters of Sutton, and there opened a law office, continuing until 1823, when he removed to Oxford to take the cashiership of the Bank. He continued for a year or more law business here in partnership with Ira Barton. About 1811 he received from Gen. Jonathan Davis the appointment of Brigade Inspector with the rank of Major, and was long known under this title. In 1824 he was a candidate for representative to Congress. In his profession he was successful; in 1817 built the commodious house at Sutton, recently owned by James Phelps; but the law was not to his taste, and often when opportunity for business presented, in disregard of his own interests, he advised his clients to compromise rather than to litigate. The routine of the cashiership suited him better, and with faithfulness and care he discharged its duties until his active life closed. He had superior natural abilities, was suave and modest in manner, a lover of literature, possessed a disposition of extreme amiability, an unquestioned integrity, a sincere Christian faith and was a marked example of noble manhood. He d. 29 Dec., 1845, aged 68, she d. 22 March, 1871, aged 84, both at Ox. . . . *Children:* **EMILY L.**, d. 5 Jan., 1830, aged 18; **OSCAR F.**, b. and d. Jan., 1814;  **JULIUS S.**, was graduated 1835 at Amherst, entered Harvard Medical School 1836, M.D. 1838, Vermont Medical College, d. 24 Dec., 1839, aged 24, unm.; **M. ELIZABETH**, a person of superior talents and acquirements, many years a teacher of the higher branches in New England and the South, d. 2 Dec., 1866, aged 47; **ADELA A.**, b. 1820, m. 19 July, 1843, Dexter, son of Smith Tafft of Charlton, b. 1814, residence, California, where he became wealthy, he d. 23 Sept., 1873, at San Francisco, she has resided many years in Europe, now in New York city; they had *Sumner B.*, d. young; *Loleta Frances*, m. Jan., 1874, Joseph W. Coffin, settled at Providence, R. I., removed to New York, where they, 1890, reside; they had Loleta, Sarah, Joseph Wilber.

**SAMUEL**,<sup>2</sup> b. 23 Sept., 1781, at Killingly, Conn., tanner, came to Ox. before Oct., 1806, in 1809 bought the tannery near the north common, resided here about 12 years, returned to Killingly, where he d. 14 June, 1825, he m. Seneca

<sup>1</sup>The will of Daniel Sumner mentions his dau., Silence Barstow. In 1784 Job and Silence Barstow of Uxbridge deeded to Darius Summer land in Mendon, west of Charles River, bequeathed to

said Silence by her father.

<sup>2</sup>The history of Hanover gives facts of this family. The original name was Burstow; emigrated from Yorkshire, Eng.

Leach. . . . *Children:* SUKEY, b. and d. 1805, at Killingly; WILLIAM, b. 17 Oct., 1806, at Ox., d. 1829, at Killingly; EBENEZER L., b. 6 May, 1808, at Ox., in 1887 resided at Chestnut Hill, Killingly, deacon, highly esteemed; LAURA, b. 7 Oct., 1820, at Killingly, where she d. 11 Sept., 1886.

**BARTHOLOMEW, NELSON.** Although but a few years a resident of the town is worthy to be named as among its most honored citizens. He was b. 29 Dec., 1835, at Hardwick, son of Adolphus, the son of Samuel, formerly of Woodstock, Conn., entered Yale College in July, 1852, without conditions, and was graduated in 1856 with honors, studied law one year with Hon. Charles Brimblecom at Barre, entered the Harvard Law School in Aug., 1857, continuing until Jan., 1858, when he was admitted to practice in all the courts of the Commonwealth. He opened an office in Oxford in the summer of 1858, keeping up his interest in and study of the classics as well as practice in composition, in which he excelled. He was fond of society and was a most agreeable companion, fond of a joke, but always considerate of the feelings of others. In his profession he did not push for business, but carefully and wisely advised his clients and was contented to abide his day for professional distinction.

When the war broke out he was at once eager to go, and so informed his father, who, having a conviction that he would break down under the strain, tried, but in vain, to dissuade him. Having decided for himself he used his influence with others and did much to raise the Oxford company, and no doubt would have been elected its captain but that another older and familiar with the drill was available, whose election he urged and himself accepted the place of lieutenant. In the service he was faithful and efficient. Col. Devens had no officer in the whole line whom he loved and respected more. His regiment left camp at Worcester on 8 Aug., 1861, and about the 26th he was taken ill with malarial fever, on the march from Kalorama to Poolesville. His brother, Andrew J. Bartholomew, to whom we are indebted for the main facts of this sketch, writes: "Col. Devens sent me a dispatch requesting me to come on, I started at once, reached Washington Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning in company with Gen. Laruder and staff started for Poolesville. That afternoon as dusk came on, our party being in want of water, we called at a house a little retired from the highway where we were kindly received, and while we were refreshing ourselves heard the boys in camp break out with 'John Brown's body,' etc. I inquired, 'Is that from the camp?' 'Yes,' was the reply. I asked 'What regiment?' The answer came, 'The Fifteenth Massachusetts.' I said, 'That is the camp I am going to, I have a very sick brother I am going to see.' 'Who is he?' said the lady. I replied, 'Lieut. Bartholomew of Company E.' 'He is sick here in this house,' was the response. 'My husband, Doctor Bruce, has charge of his case, but you cannot see him to-night, he is too ill.' Well, I saw him in the morning, and a fearfully sick man he was. He recuperated a little but did not materially improve and to save his life it was decided he must be removed. Plans were made to leave the last of October, but the twenty-first of that month brought us the defeat of Ball's Bluff and the sad details of the fight brought him down with a relapse. He was as much mortified as if he had been there, and sank back into his bed, as we thought, to die, but the surgeons revived him so that about the first of November we started northward. We reached Washington the first day, where we stopped two days and then proceeded to Philadelphia, where we stopped at the La Pierre House, one of the

quietest in the city. I shall never forget the dignity and tenderness with which Col. Devens assumed the command of the little squad of physicians and attendants on board the train for my brother's care, or how his orders were obeyed when we stopped at the station, how gently he carried his head to the sick bed, and after summoning the best surgeon in Philadelphia stood anxiously over him till consciousness returned and he was able to speak again. Then with tearful eyes and a 'Good-bye my dear fellow,' he left for Massachusetts."

Medical skill and kind nursing did not avail. He continued to decline and on Thanksgiving Day, 21 Nov., 1861, he died, "and a pure and noble life, and one full of promise was closed."

The following appeared soon after his decease in a local newspaper:—

"The writer well remembers, in conversation soon after the capitulation of Sumter, how stern and decided was the language of the young lawyer in regard to that suicidal right—secession. We can all *talk* against treason, but my friend soon resolved to buckle on the armor of battle and *fight* it down. It is not my province to speak of his efforts in the organization of the Oxford company. I will say, however, that Lieut. Bartholomew was the life and soul of the company in its formation. The citizens of Oxford can bear emphatic testimony to the zeal, devotion and labor of their fellow-townsman in rallying the men under the banner of Capt. Watson. He was a true type of the New England soldier."

**BARTLETT, PHINEHAS T.**, b. 18 April, 1797, son of Artemas and Priscilla, and grandson of Isaac, all of Holden, m. 26 Oct., 1824, Louisa, dau. of Tilly Chaffin of H., clerk in the store of Col. Samuel Damon at H., bought 1832 with Col. Damon the Rockdale mill at North Ox., where he was agent until 1845, next was in business at optical instrument and spectacle making with Henry M. Paine at Texas Village, returned 1846 to Holden and soon removed to Springfield, where he managed bridge building for Stone & Harris, removed 1853 to Knoxville, Tenn., thence soon to Warren, O., where he was in clothing trade till 1861, returned to Springfield, engaged in roofing until 1868. After his w. d. he resided with his daughters at Shoreham, Vt., and Toledo, O., where he d. April, 1873, she d. Jan., 1868, at Springfield. He was much respected and was successful while in manufacturing at Ox. . . .  
*Children*, b. at Holden: **MARY L.**, b. Nov., 1825, m. Archibald C., son of Rufus Harris; **SARAH M.**, b. 1827, d. 1829; **AUGUSTA M.**, b. 13 Jan., 1838, at Ox., m. 22 Aug., 1866, Adams U. Young, residence, Toledo, no ch.; **JOHN P.**, b. 1840, d. 1845; **EDWARD P.**, b. 1842, d. 1845; **EMMA F.**, b. 20 Feb., 1844, m. 9 Sept., 1868, Burr Rigby, residence, Toledo; they had *Frank B.*, 1871; *Grace M.*, 1876; *Howard M.*, 1878: **CAROLINE E.**, b. 2 Aug., 1846, m. 3 Nov., 1868, Joseph C. Kitching, residence, Toledo; they had *Charles A.*, 1875; *Caroline L.*, 1878; *Frank A.*, 1882.

**ZEPHANIAH**, of Cumberland, R. I., removed about 1795 to Thompson, Conn.; Asa, his son, b. 9 Feb., 1810, entered Slater's Woolen Mill at 12 years of age, continuing until his decease 1885, m. Matilda, dau. of Samuel Kingsbury, and had *Edwin, Amos, Harriet*.

2. **EDWIN**, son of Asa, b. 25 Oct., 1833, at Webster, learned wool sorting, went at 21 into a wool store in Philadelphia, in 1856 began as bookkeeper at West Fitchburg, continuing until 1861, when he came to Ox. as accountant, after two years became superintendent for Chamberlin & Burrough, 1865 bought a half interest in the concern and with Burrough continued till 1870, when O. F. Chase became a partner. In 1874 the firm became Chase & Bartlett, continuing until 1880, when they dissolved, and in the division of

property Bartlett received the Sigourney and Rockdale Mills which he has since operated. He is a liberal supporter of the Baptist society at North Ox., has been considerably in public life, school committee, moderator, six years chairman of the selectmen. He m. 1859, Sarah L. Eddy of Webster. . . . Children: HARRIET, b. 1863, m. 20 Oct., 1881, Edward T. Hallowell, b. 28 Feb., 1858, at Sandy Spring, Md., son of John E. and Anna W. (Townsend); they had *Anna T.*, b. 13 Oct., 1882; *Henry B.*, b. 5 July, 1884; *Sarah E.*, b. 26 May, 1886; *William*, b. 2 April, 1891; *JOSEPHINE*, b. 1868; *EDWIN N.*, b. 1872.

BETSEY and George Clapp, m. 1 Jan., 1827.

ROYAL T., b. 24 March, 1829, at Cumberland, R. I., son of Job and Lucinda (Stearns), residence H. 19, Francis Sibley place.

ELEAZER and Miriam Stowe, m. 3 Jan., 1835.

LEVI, w. Eliza, had CHARLES H., b. 1841, d. 1843.

**BARTON,<sup>1</sup>** SAMUEL, first record of, in court at Salem as witness in a witchcraft trial, w. Hannah, perhaps dau. of Edmund Bridges, Jr., of Salem. Samuel Barton was warned against settlement, June, 1693, at Watertown. [Bond]. Mr. Temple says he was of Framingham in 1699 and perhaps earlier. His children were recorded there although it is thought the eldest two were b. elsewhere. He bought 1716 the Elliott grist-mill in Ox., dismissed from Framingham church to Ox. 15 Jan., 1724. He d. 12 Sept., 1732, she d. 13 March, 1727. He gave in his will all his lands and movable estate to his son Caleb. . . . Children: SAMUEL, b. 8 Oct., 1691, m. 23 May, 1715, Elizabeth Bellows of Marlboro', one of the 30 settlers of Sutton, blacksmith, selectman and treasurer, removed 1748 to Dudley; had *Amariah*, b. 1716, d. 1730; *Mary*, 1718; *Bezaleel*, 1722, killed in battle of Bunker Hill, the Bartons of Croydon, N. H., are his descendants; *Samuel*, 1724; *Ebenezer*, 1726, m. Hannah, his cousin, dau. of Caleb (4), residence Tolland and Sutfield, Conn., went into the Revolutionary army and not heard from afterward; *Betty*, 1728; *Amariah*, 1731; MERCY, b. 22 May, 1694, m. intentions 17 Dec., 1716, David Town; JOSHUA, b. 24 Dec., 1697; ELISHA, b. 22 April, 1701; CALEB, b. 9 Feb., 1705, at Framingham; JEDEDIAH, b. 18 Sept., 1707; MEHETABLE, b. 22 Aug., 1710, m. 12 Nov., 1730, Samuel Duncan of Worcester, where she d. 1742; EDMUND, b. 5 Aug., 1714.

2. JOSHUA, son of Samuel (1), m. Anne, b. 27 Feb., 1699, residence, Ox., removed about 1730 to Leicester, and later to Spencer, where she d. 24 June, 1757, m. (2) 7 Dec., 1757, Hannah Holman of Sutton, no ch., he d. 13 Feb., 1773. . . . Children by first m.: ANNA, b. 17 March, 1721; SARAH, b. 13 Oct., 1724; JOSHUA, b. 2 Oct., 1727, m. 1750, Abigail Pratt of Framingham; had with others, *Abia* (son), 1769, m. Eunice Prouty of Spencer, who had with others, Rice, b. 22 Jan., 1797, resided and d. at Ox.; MARY, b. 10 May, 1730; TIMOTHY, b. 13 April, 1732, at Leicester; NATHAN, b. 23 July, 1734, at L.; REUBEN, b. 28 March, 1738, at L.

3. ELISHA, son of Samuel (1), m. 3 Feb., 1731, Betty Waite of Sutton, where they settled, removed to South Hadley, later to Granby, where both d., he d. 15 Oct., 1776, she d. 1 Feb., 1806, aged 97. . . . Children, b. at Sutton: EZEKIEL, 1732; ELISHA, 1734; MEHETABLE, 1736; DAVID, 1739; GERSHOM, 1742; BETTY, 1745; SARAH, 1746; REBECCA, 1748.

<sup>1</sup> We are indebted for much of the history of Worcester, who has made a study of the subject. The Barton family to Lieut. B. B. Vassall of

4. CALEB, son of Samuel (1), residence on Prospect Hill, constable, executor of his father's will, removed about 1763 to Charlton, where he d., he m. 6 Dec., 1725, Mary, dau. of Peter Shumway, b. at Topsfield, she d. 29 Aug., 1747, m. (2) 3 Jan., 1748, Susanna March of Sutton, who d. very aged at Plainfield. . . . *Children:* JOHN, b. 12 Oct., 1726; HANNAH, b. 1728, m. 24 Jan., 1749, Ebenezer, son of Samuel Barton of Dudley, 4 ch. and w. d. of epidemic; MOLLY, only survived, she m. Ebenezer Humphrey; REUBEN, b. 1731, d. 1733; AZUBAH, b. 1733, d. 1747; CALEB, b. 11 Aug., 1736, d. 1756, in the French war; ch. by second m. MARCH, b. 1 Jan., 1749; ABRAHAM, b. 16 Oct., 1750; JACOB, b. 2 Nov., 1752; BATHSHEBA, b. 15 Oct., 1754, m. 8 July, 1779, Samuel Streeter of Sturbridge, removed to Plainfield, where she d. 12 Oct., 1838, large family; HANNAH, b. 18 July, 1757; SIBLEY, b. 18 Aug., 1760; OLIVE, b. 14 Oct., 1763, m. 31 Aug., 1788, Ephraim Segar, removed to Plainfield, where he d., she m. (2) 1821, Joseph Torrey.

5. JEDEDIAH, son of Samuel (1), Lieut. of militia, bought 1732 60 acres on Prospect Hill, 1742 the Kidder place, North Ox., H. 133, and 1760 the Robert Williams place, H. 89, probably built the present house, resided there many years, he m. (1) 23 March, 1731, Lydia Pratt, who d. 18 Aug., 1765, m. (2) intentions 9 July, 1778, Mrs. Sarah Miller; he d. at Ward. . . . *Children:* LYDIA, b. 1734, d. 1743; JEDEDIAH, b. 1736, d. 1743; MERCY, b. 1738, d. 1743; ISAAC, b. 21 Sept., 1740; TAMAR, b. 12 Feb., 1743, m. Nathan Barton of Spencer [see 19]; ABRAHAM, b. 1732, d. 1743.

6. ISAAC, son of Jedediah (5), m. 29 July, 1761, Sarah Covel, he d. 9 Oct., 1769, aged 29. . . . *Children:* ABRAHAM, b. 1762, d. 1768; ISAAC, b. 1766, d. 1768; ISAAC, b. 21 March, 1768; she m. (2) Lieut. John Ballard.

7. ISAAC, son of Isaac (6), m. Hannah Pierce, residence, North Gore, removed to New Salem, thence to Gill, where she d. 1856, he d. 1840 at Greenfield. . . . *Children:* BENJAMIN, b. 3 Aug., 1789; JOSEPH, b. 27 Sept., 1791; ISAAC, b. 8 Feb., 1794; NEHEMIAH P., b. 30 June, 1796, m. intentions, 8 Nov., 1822, Abigail L. Parsons of Greenfield; HANNAH, b. 10 April, 1798, m. Lucius P. Chapin of Bernardston; DAVID, b. 31 March, 1801, at Ward, m. Dec., 1807, Olive Horr; SALLY, b. 5 June, 1804, at Ward, m. Charles Scott of Gill; LOUISA, b. 8 Jan., 1808, m. Salem Rich of Greenfield.

8. EDMUND, son of Samuel (1), m. 9 April, Anna Flynt of Salem b. 9 June, 1718, settled and d. at Sutton, now Millbury, soldier in the French war. . . . *Children:* STEPHEN, b. 10 June, 1740, at Sutton; JEDEDIAH; MARY, m. Obadiah Brown of Sutton; HANNAH, m. Samuel Boutell, 3 ch.

9. STEPHEN, son of Edmund (8), was a physician, studied with Dr. Green of Leicester, was trader at the centre 1764 to 1766, from 1766 to 1769 landlord at the old tavern. He and his wife also were well educated, and he was a good physician; charitably inclined, and, it is said, lost much by never presenting bills to his patrons. He was patriotic, a good citizen, and one of the leading organizers of the "Social Library." He removed about 1776 to Winslow, or Vassalboro', Me., with his sons. About 1790 returned to Ox., and in March, 1794, the town granted him leave to build a shop "to be used as a mechanical shop during the town's pleasure," on the north side of the Sutton road near the school-house, a little east from the main street. He later returned to Maine, where he d. 21 Oct., 1804, and at his request was buried at the side of a large rock on the spot on which he spent the first night on going into the wilderness. This rock has been faced and now bears his monumental inscription. He m. 28 May, 1765, Dorothy, dau. of Elijah Moore,

she d. 11 Nov., 1838, at Ox., aged 92. . . . *Children:* ELIJAH M., b. 1765, d. 1769; GIDEON, b. 1767, d. 1770; PAMELA, b. 28 Nov., 1768, m. 18 July, 1787, Benjamin Porter of Boxford, settled at Goshen, now Vienna, Me., where both d., he d. 11 April, 1837, she d. 16 Nov., 1836, 12 ch., a dau., *Julia A. M.*, m. David Barton, her cousin, of Ox.; CLARISSA H., b. 10 Sept., 1770, m. 1790, Richard Foster, settled in Me., 10 ch., she d. 1843; STEPHEN, b. 18 Aug., 1774; in Me. were b.: HANNAH, b. 20 July, 1776, m. Jonathan Davis; PARTHENA, 1780; POLLY and DOLLY, twins, b. 1782, POLLY m. Daniel Batcheller, DOLLY m. 7 Oct., 1793, Jeremiah Learned, his third wife, and had *Martha*, who m. Capt. Jos. Stone; she d. 14 July, 1799; ELLIJAH M., 1784; GIDEON, 1786; after return to Ox., LUKE, b. 3 Sept., 1791, m. Martha Ballard of Me., settled at Windsor, 7 ch.

10. STEPHEN, son of Stephen (9), enlisted at 21 in the western Indian war, marched by way of Philadelphia from Ox. to Detroit, Mich., served three years under Gen. Anthony Wayne, soon after his return chosen Capt. of militia, at his m. settled in the west part of the town near Charlton, later built a house about a mile north of "Ben Learned Hill." II. 95, and afterward resided at the Col. Ebenezer Learned house at North Ox. and d. there.

He was a man of much force of character, strong physique, a clear head, quick wit, and integrity and manly firmness which rendered him a leader among his fellow-citizens, a charitable and kindly disposition, and in politics a Democrat. He was often in town office, selectman, representative and moderator. He was a warm patriot and at the beginning of the Civil war declared his belief that Lincoln should have called for 200,000 instead of 75,000 men. He was a Royal Arch Mason and was buried with the honors of the order. He m. 22 April, 1804, Sarah, dau. of Capt. David and Sarah (Treadwell) Stone, he d. aged 87, 21 March, 1862, she d. 18 July, 1851. . . . *Children:* DOLLY, b. 2 Oct., 1804, a successful teacher, unm., d. 19 April, 1846; STEPHEN, b. 29 March, 1806; DAVID, b. 15 Aug., 1808; SALLY, b. 20 March, 1811, m. Vester Vassall; CLARISSA H., b. 25 Dec., 1821, unm.

Being 10 years younger than her youngest sister she had few mates in her childhood. Her father amused her often by arranging imaginary battle-fields and troops of soldiers, and she once remarked, "I had no end of camp material, but no dolls—I never had one." As her older brothers and sisters were her instructors, she early imbibed a love for teaching, and when her brother Stephen took in hand the matter of improving the schools of the town she aided much in the work. He at this time was engaged in business requiring the services of a bookkeeper, which position she filled efficiently, thus early in life learning the methods of business. She taught school for several years at North Oxford, beginning when quite young, but not having had the opportunities for study in the higher branches later entered the Clinton Liberal Institute in central New York whence she went temporarily with school friends to New Jersey. Observing the state of educational affairs there she at once interested herself to devise means for their improvement. Public schools there were none worthy of the name. A portion only of the children were educated, and they in private classes, and the idea of education at public expense, in "pauper schools," as they were designated, was ridiculed by the people. In these circumstances she proposed to open a free school at Bordentown, and under the laws of the State and with the sanction of the local authorities, began with six boys, renegades from some of the private schools of the town. Other pupils soon came in, and the third week her school-room was filled and the services of an assistant were required. The

enterprise proved such a success that private schools began to be discontinued and soon the borough voted to build a school-house at a cost of \$4,000, which was done, and a few months later Miss Barton inaugurated the Free Public School of Bordentown with 600 pupils and eight teachers. This movement gave an impulse to the cause of education throughout the region, and its influence is felt to the present time.

Being on account of her severe labors obliged to seek a change for recuperation, she repaired to Washington, where after a few months she obtained a position under Mr. Charles Mason as clerk in the Patent Office. Continuing under many discouraging circumstances one of the first female clerks employed in government service drawing money for herself until the election of Buchanan, when being suspected of disloyalty to the prevailing sentiment her resignation was called for, and leaving she returned to Massachusetts, there spending the succeeding two or three years chiefly in study. Upon the election of Lincoln she was recalled to her old position.

April, 1861, brought the beginning of the Civil War, and when the Sixth Mass. Regt. entered Washington on the 19th, after its struggle with the mobs of Baltimore, she was at the railroad station and accompanied the wounded to the "Old Infirmary," and the next day was attending with needed provisions to the wants of the troops at the Capitol. As other soldiers came in through her efforts they were supplied with many comforts and necessities such as men leaving home in haste might feel the need of.

As the greatness of the coming contest became apparent the desire of Miss Barton increased to do all in her power in the country's behalf, and finding it impossible to carry out her wishes while retaining her clerkship she resigned, and thereafter gave herself to the service of caring for the sick and wounded of the Union army.

As soon as it was known throughout the North that she was thus acting as receiver and distributor, supplies came from all quarters in such quantities that she was obliged to ask transportation for them from the government. Through the efforts of Gen. Rucker her request was granted and the service continued through the war. Whenever a battle was looked for, or had unexpectedly occurred, by means of army wagons, boat or by train, supplies were taken, often in advance of the regular medical stores, so that the wounded and the surgeons were held in comfortable supply until regular help could reach them. The wounded on the boats in the Peninsular Campaign, at the battle of Cedar Mountain, the second Bull Run, Fairfax, Chantilly, Antietam, Falmouth, Fredericksburg, the siege of Charleston, Fort Wagner, the Wilderness and Spottsylvania and at Fredericksburg after these battles, the siege of Petersburg, the Mine, Deep Bottom, Point of Rocks, and in front of Richmond until the breaking up of the Southern prisons called her to Annapolis to meet the starving prisoners sent there, received more or less the benefits of her efforts.

Toward the close of the war a search was instituted for missing soldiers, numbering probably 80,000. At her request, made in July, 1865, and with President Lincoln's sanction, the Secretary of War sent to Andersonville an expedition under her direction to identify the graves of dead soldiers, and by means of Dorrance Atwater's "Death Record" 13,000 soldiers' graves were found, a large cemetery enclosed, laid out and adorned, graves put in order and head-boards erected, thus giving rest to many anxious ones at the North who knew not the fate of their missing friends, and enabling families to draw needed and well deserved pensions.

In compliance with a popular desire to hear details of her work she entered the lecture field, and in different parts of the North addressed large audiences until 1868, when her strength failing she went abroad for rest. She was in Switzerland in 1869 when the Franco-German war broke out, and at the invitation of the International Committee of the Red Cross of Geneva joined in the care of the wounded at the front at the battle of Woerth, and later was invited by the Grand Duchess of Baden to aid in the establishment of hospitals. She proceeded to the Court of Carlsruhe where she remained until the fall of Strasburg, when she entered that city with the German army, remaining eight months, doing relief work among its destitute and starving people, not only distributing necessities but organizing charities and specially aiding the women in providing clothing for the people.

She went thence at the fall of the Commune to the more terrible necessities of Paris, entering while the fires were yet raging and the Communists being shot down by troops. Her labors here were as arduous as at Strasburg, but not of so long duration. From Paris she went to other cities of France which had suffered from siege, doing the same service, closing her labors at Metz. In 1872 she went to London, fell ill from over-exertion and remained until the fall of 1873, when she was able to embark for her native land. Several years of infirm health followed. In 1877, having somewhat improved, in accordance with a resolution formed when in Europe she made an endeavor to obtain the influence of the United States government in favor of the Red Cross Association, and after five years of urgent effort in 1882 a unanimous vote of Congress for it was obtained, and it became a part of our national polity. The results of the treaty, in which European powers are associated, were a change in the Articles of War for the entire medical and hospital department of the army, the change of all military hospital flags to the Red Cross on a white ground, the neutralization of all non-combatants, surgeons, chaplains and hospital attendants, the wounded themselves, and all hospitals and supplies, protecting them from capture. Miss Barton was appointed President of the Association in America by President Garfield, and all correspondence on relief work in war addressed to our government passes through her hands.

In 1884 she took charge of the Red Cross Relief in the inundations of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, spending four months in boats upon those waters. The same year she represented the United States government at the Third International Conference of the Red Cross at Geneva, Switzerland.

Hers is a record of efficient philanthropic endeavor, which will abide as a part of the history of the great Civil contest of our country. Her memory is enshrined in the hearts of thousands of the veterans of the war, and the souvenirs conferred upon her by persons of high rank in Europe attest the esteem in which she is held abroad. The local newspaper at Dansville, N. Y., in giving a report of a meeting held in her honor as she was about leaving for Washington, said: "At her throat was suspended a magnificent pansy-form amethyst, presented her by the Duchess of Baden, probably the finest and largest stone of the kind in this country. At the right she wore the royal arch-mason badge which came to her from her father, and just below it the jewel of the American Red Cross. On the left was the Servian decoration of the Red Cross presented by Queen Natalie; just above it the Gold Cross of Remembrance, presented by the Duke and Duchess of Baden; and just above these two the Iron Cross of Merit, for which so many serve a life-time, the gift of the Emperor and Empress of Germany."

The tact and business abilities of Miss Barton have enabled her always to live in independence. She has for many years been the owner of a house in Washington, and has made that city her headquarters, although for sanitary reasons she for several years after her return from Europe dwelt in her own home at Dansville, N. Y., leaving there early in 1886 for a permanent residence at the Capital.

11. STEPHEN, son of Stephen (10), had many of the characteristics of his father, was industrious, energetic, active in town affairs; a strong man mentally and physically, at 17 years of age the champion gymnast of the vicinity. He was early fitted for teaching, and while young was employed in the schools at North Oxford. His business life began in partnership with his brother David at the old Learned saw-mill, where they became the leading lumbermen of the region. They later erected mills near by and began business as cloth manufacturers.

He was chosen school committee of the town and was active in remodelling and grading the schools. The cemetery at North Oxford and the new road from the village to the N. & W. R. R. station were laid out and completed largely through his influence. He inherited a love for military affairs and was captain of the militia. In 1855 he bought a tract of timber land, of about 2,000 acres, on the Chowan river, Hertford Co., North Carolina, on which was a steam saw-mill, and removed thither, taking with him men to carry on an extensive lumber manufacturing. He had entered on the new adventure with good prospect of success, when in 1861 the war broke out and the business was suddenly suspended. He at once dismissed his men and sent them to their northern homes and himself remained alone to guard his possessions. He was soon set upon by a band of desperados and ordered peremptorily to leave, but gave them to understand that he should defend his rights with his life if necessary. They were surprised at his determination, respected his courage and left him unmolested. He remained thus isolated until the fall of 1864, when a small party of Union troops from Norfolk on a raiding expedition went to his vicinity. He had at this time in a measure lost his health. These troops believing him to be a secessionist took from him several hundred dollars in money in spite of all his protests and declarations of loyalty and left for Norfolk, where they reported him as a "noted and dangerous rebel." On his arrival at Norfolk, whither he had followed these troops, he was seized and imprisoned. Two months of incarceration in his then reduced state told severely on his strength. After a time he succeeded in sending a letter to his son Samuel R., then resident at Washington, which (through the instrumentality of his sister Clara, then at the front with Gen. B. F. Butler's command) soon came to the General's hands. He at once sent for Capt. Barton, heard his story, reprimanded the men who had injured him, and sent him in his carriage at dead of night to the camp where his sister awaited him, ready to give him all the service she could command. But he was too weak for recuperation, and was soon after taken to Washington, there in the care of his son and Mrs. Vassall, another sister, lingering until the following March, when he died. His many ill fortunes only confirmed his patriotism, and among his latest words were "God bless Abraham Lincoln and his army."

He m. 24 Nov., 1833, Betsey, dau. of Jacob Rich, he d. 10 March, 1865, at Washington, she d. aged 67, 22 Jan., 1875, at Oxford. . . . Children: JOHN R., b. and d. 1837; SAMUEL R., b. 31 May, 1839, secretary of Manufacturers' Insurance Co., Worcester, m. 12 Feb., 1863, Amelia L., dau. of Loren C.

Parks, she d. aged 35, 21 Aug., 1877; they had *Stephen I.*, b. 4 Aug., 1864, d. 3 Feb., 1882; *Bessie A.*, b. and d. 1865; *Herbert P.*, b. 25 Dec., 1866, at Worcester; studied at Oxford High School, Hinman's Business College, and Worcester Academy; entered Oct., 1887, Jefferson Medical College, Phil., where he was graduated 4 April, 1890; began practice in New York City, served on Board of Health and 1891 was on medical staff of Manhattan Eye and Ear hospital. He m. 18 Oct., 1890, Fannie J. Vasseur of Phil.; residence Brooklyn, N. Y.; *Myrtis A.*, b. 1868, d. 1869; *Loren C.*, b. 28 Aug., 1870; *Walter S.*, b. and d. 1872; *Clarence W.*, b. 16 May, 1875; *Marion A.*, b. and d. 1877; *DAVID S.*, b. 1845, d. 1847.

12. DAVID, son of Stephen (10), a worthy citizen, representative, quartermaster with rank of captain at Hilton Head in the late war, m. 30 Sept., 1839, Julia A. M. Porter of Vienna, Me., his cousin, he d. 12 March, 1888. . . . Children: *ADA IDELLA* and *IDA ADELLA*, b. 18 Jan., 1847, the first m. 4 Dec., 1869, Charles M. Clark of Oxford and had *David B.*, 1871; *Mary J.*, 1873; *Harry L.*, 1875, residence, Webster; the second m. 22 March, 1879, Adolph Riccius, residence, Millbury; they had *Edith J.*, 1881; *Herman R.*, 1883; *STEPHEN E.*, b. 24 Dec., 1848, m. 28 June, 1870, at Port Hastings, Cape Breton, Joyce, dau. of Dr. Thomas Wilmot of Birmingham, Eng., b. 24 Aug., 1848. He was in the United States service during the war as telegraph operator at Hilton Head, and later at Cape Breton in the employ of the Overland Cable Co., afterward in insurance business in Boston. She d. 12 April, 1881; they had *Irving W.*, b. and d. 1872, at Port Hastings; *Ida M.*, b. 23 March, 1873, at Oxford; *Edith J.*, b. 1875, at Worcester, d. 1876, at Webster; *Lauretta G.*, b. 7 Dec., 1876, at Webster, killed by a loaded wagon, 5 April, 1883, at Oxford; *MARY ANNA*, b. 11 Dec., 1851, m. 22 March, 1879, John H., son of John Stafford.

13. JEDEDIAH, son of Edmund (8), m. 23 March, 1774, Lydia Pierce of Sutton, he d. 1808, at Sutton, will approved 4 Oct. . . . Children: *PLINY*, RUFUS, executor of his father's will, his son, *Hon. George S.*, b. 18 July, 1825, is a prominent business man of Worcester, of the firm of Rice, Barton & Fales Machine and Iron Co., State senator; *AARON*, *LIVY*, *WARNER*, *PORTER*.

14. PLINY, son of Jedediah (13), m. 31 March, 1808, Naomi Morse, he removed 1809 to Spencer, machinist, in 1814 he removed to Cairo, N. Y., and thence, 1832, to Olive, where he d. 1851. . . . Children, b. at Ox.: *PLINY M. L.*, b. 22 Jan., 1809, an influential man at Salisbury, Conn., State senator, has occupied many positions of responsibility and honor, he m. 7 April, 1836, Mary A. Lockwood of Cairo, N. Y.; they had *Mary*, m. and resided at Salisbury; *Edward*, agent on Conn. Western R. R. at Salisbury, representative; *John C.*, master mechanic on same railroad; *Charles C.*, graduated 1869 at Trinity College and later at Harvard Law School, lawyer in Boston, residence, Newton, where he has been President of the City Council; *George K.*, merchant at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

15. JOHN, son of Caleb (4), m. 23 July, 1746, Abigail, dau. of Phinehas Dana, settled in the east part of Ox., H. 21, where all his ch. were b., he removed to Andover, Vt., where his son Rufus resided, d. there, she d. previously at Ludlow, Vt., while Rufus lived there. . . . Children: *ASA*, b. 21 May, 1747, m. in Newton, 1770, Mercy Bartlett and had *Aaron*, *Eunice*, left home and enlisted as a Revolutionary soldier from Northfield; *AZUBAH*, b. 15 Aug., 1749, m. 14 Oct., 1773, Jos. Vinton [Winter?] of Dudley, settled at Stafford, Conn., where she d. 1831, 9 ch.; *PHINEHAS*, b. 9 May, 1752, Revolutionary soldier, m. 26 Feb., 1772, Elizabeth Hersey of Leicester, where

they settled and d., he d. 26 July, 1827, she d. 7 Jan., 1836; JOHN, b. 23 Jan., 1755, m. 3 April, 1776, Persis, dau. of William Eddy, settled on the Wakefield place in the west part of Ox., H. 76, removed 1783 to Providence, where he d.; ch.: *John*, b. 1777, merchant at Providence, m., had ch., d. 2 March, 1859, at North Scituate; *David*, m., residence, Providence, had ch.; *Mary*, his dau., m. Gov. Padelford, merchant and ship-owner; *Eliza*, m. Obadiah Olney; *Persis*, d. at Providence unm.; *Elizabeth*, d. at P. unm.; *Mary*, d. at P. unm.; *Celinda*, m. —— Williams; CALEB, b. 17 Dec., 1756, m. (1) intentions 13 Feb., 1779, Martha Upham of Leicester, where they settled, Revolutionary soldier, m. (2) 16 Dec., 1787, Betsey Lamb, 15 ch. in all, 3 by first m.; DAVID, b. 30 March, 1759, Revolutionary soldier, unm., after the surrender of Cornwallis he was taken sick at Richmond, Va. “The handsomest man that walked into Oxford Meeting-house.” ABIGAIL, b. 25 May, 1761, m. 27 Jan., 1783 (?), Jos. Snell (Jewell?) of Ashford, Conn., and d. soon, no ch.; JEREMIAH, b. 24 June, 1763, m. (1) 14 Oct., 1783, Susannah Dennis of Charlton, removed to Andover, Vt., where she d. 25 Sept., 1803, m. (2) Diadama Blood of Andover, he d. at Bath, Steuben Co., N. Y., in 1847, had 6 ch. by first m., 6 by second m.; EDWARD, b. 28 Aug., 1765, m. intentions 14 Oct., 1786, Hannah, dau. of John Marvin, settled at New Salem, where he d. 15 July, 1829, prosperous farmer, she d. 10 Feb., 1836, at New Salem; had *Ezra*, 1787; *Polly*, 1792; *John Marvin*, 1793; HANNAH, b. 21 July, 1767, m. 17 Aug., 1788, Seth Warren of Charlton(?); PERLEY, b. 6 March, 1770, physician, removed about 1800 to Orange, where he d. 12 Feb., 1851, skilful, good citizen, filled important public offices, he m. (1) 1797, Lucy Sibley of Ward, she d. 14 June, 1798, m. (2) 13 Dec., 1803, at Ox., Mrs. Dilly (Cady) Goddard, had 9 ch. by second m.; ch. by first m. *Perley*, b. 14 June, 1798, the day of his mother's decease, a successful teacher at Ox., removed to New York State where he continued teaching during life, d. 15 March, 1865, at Rathboneville, Steuben Co., N. Y.; a son by second m. *Edward*, b. 5 Feb., 1806, was a physician of high standing and large practice at Orange, began business at Sullivan, N. H., 1831, removed 1835 to Orange, where he d. 7 May, 1880; AMOS, b. 1 June, 1772; RUFUS, b. 11 Aug., 1774, settled at Andover, Vt.; PHEBE, twin, b. 11 Aug., 1774, m. 19 Nov., 1795, Ebenezer C. Colton of Longmeadow, where they settled and d., he was a leading man at L., d. 31 Oct., 1846, she d. 26 Aug., 1842, 12 ch.

16. SIBLEY, son of Caleb (4), deputy sheriff, m. (1) Rachel Needham, who d. 1786, m. (2) 30 June, 1788, Lucretia Twiss, settled at Charlton, where he d. 1813, 6 ch.; [her mother was dau. of Rev. John Campbell and m. (1) Jacob Town].

17. TIMOTHY, son of Joshua (2), m. (1) Oct., 1753, Hepsibah Stow of Southboro'. . . . Children: JONATHAN, b. 1754 at Spencer; MOLLY, b. 1756 at Hopkinton; BENJAMIN, b. 1761 at Charlton; ALPHEUS, b. 1765 at C.; ANN, b. 1766, at C.; the mother d. 1766 at Charlton, he m. (2) 1767, Anna Allen of Dudley, resided at Ox. in 1771, and had HEPHSIBAH, b. 16 June, 1771; JOSHUA, b. 28 Dec., 1773, he removed, 1786, to Chesterfield, where he d. 1796.

18. NATHAN, son of Joshua (2), m. (1) 4 April, 1759, Tamar, dau. of Jedediah (5), was of Ox., tanner in 1760, that year bought land in Charlton, in 1762 he bought land on Prospect Hill, sold 1772, removed to Belchertown, resided there Aug., 1790, when he had a case in court at Worcester, he m. (2) Lydia Rice, he d. 23 Feb., 1795. . . . Children: JEDEDIAH, b. 14 Jan., 1762, m. Elizabeth Hooker of Enfield, he d. about 1833; NATHAN, b. 1764, d. 1768; DAVID, b. 2 March, 1768, settled in Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., large family;

NATHAN, b. 8 Feb., 1770, m. Sally Burroughs of Plainfield, settled at Lyons, N.Y., where he d. 1824, 14 ch.

19. REUBEN, son of Joshua (2), m. 29 June, 1761, Catherine, dau. of Josiah Learned, removed before 1768 to Belchertown, teacher at Ox., cooper by trade, large land surveyor and received land in payment until he owned 1,000 acres, soldier in the French war, in the service three different times, was also in the Revolutionary war, a man of great physical powers, was in town office and deacon; he d. 22 Dec., 1819, she d. 21 April, 1822, both at Belchertown.

20. RICE, son of Joshua and grandson of Joshua (2), b. 22 Jan., 1797, m. (1) Lucy Wolcott, b. June, 1803, she d. Aug., 1846, at Ox., he m. (2), intentions 2 March, 1847, Mary, widow of Charles T. Parish, innholder at Leicester in 1841, came to Ox. 1842, kept the tavern at the centre, removed to Bondet Hill, H. 38, where he d. aged 73, 11 Jan., 1871. . . . Children, all by first m.: ELBRIDGE, b. 13 Aug., 1824, m. 25 Nov., 1847, Adaline, dau. of Willard Severy, no ch., locomotive engineer on N. & W. R. R. and was killed 4 Nov., 1850, by an accident near the station in Ox.; GEORGE H., b. 1825, d. 1828; JOSEPH W., b. 1828, d. 1837; HENRY FRANKLIN, b. 31 Oct., 1830, m. Susan Young of Woodstock, residence, Boston, machinist; CHARLOTTE; EDWIN W., b. 6 April, 1840, m. Laura, dau. of Fitts Adams, and had *Edwin W.*, b. 8 Dec., 1874; *Elbridge R.*, b. 17 Aug., 1878; *Bertha A.*, b. 13 Aug., 1880; *Henry W.*, b. 18 March, 1883; a dau., b. 29 Nov., 1884.

JEDEDIAH, and Mary Rockett, m. 29 May, 1765.

IRA MOORE, one of the brightest names adorning the annals of the town, b. 25 Oct., 1796; in youth manly beyond his years, an apt scholar and at 18 held by his firmness control of the district school at the centre, which had defied the authority of experienced teachers. He was graduated at Brown University 1819, studied law with Mr. Bridgman of Providence, Sumner Barstow of Sutton and Hon. Levi Lincoln of Worcester, and was 18 months in the Law School at Cambridge, graduating in 1822, one of the first to receive the honors of the institution; opened an office in Ox. in 1822, was partner with Sumner Barstow in 1824, and transacted a growing business until his removal to Worcester, 1834, in 1830, '31 and '32 representative from Ox., and in 1833 and '34 State Senator. In 1834 he was appointed commissioner for the revision of the statutes, and in 1836 entered upon the Judgeship of the Probate Court for Worcester County, which he resigned eight years later and returned to law practice. In 1840 he was chosen Presidential Elector. From 1841 to his decease he was an esteemed and active member of the American Antiquarian Society. In 1849 he gave up active business but continued to give counsel until 1861. Samuel F. Haven, LL.D., in his report, Oct., 1867, to the American Antiquarian Society upon his death, says: "In every station, public or private, he was distinguished for ability, sterling integrity, and earnest devotion to the fullest performance of every duty." As a lawyer he was a careful and judicious adviser. As a politician he desired to participate in public affairs in a useful and honorable way, and in the legislature was an influential debater and faithful worker. "Entirely simple and unassuming, his opinions and his judgments were distinguished by candor and good sense; while his dignified manner and venerable aspect gave additional weight to his remarks. His death is to us, as to his family and the community, a calamity that will not soon cease to be seriously felt."

He was much interested in the cause of education, and gave able addresses before lyceums and other educational institutions. In 1827 there had been organized a "Board of Delegates" of the "American Lyceum of Science and Arts for Worcester County," of which he was the secretary. Its object seems to have been the improvement of the common schools and the making of a geological and agricultural survey of the vicinity. Branches were to be established in the towns, and committees appointed to report on different subjects, thus creating greater interest in advanced education in the county. He took much interest in the history of the town and collected considerable material for such a work, but the duties of his profession were such that he never was able to carry out his plans. A Fourth of July oration given in his young manhood at Oxford was printed, a copy of which is in the town archives. He had refined tastes, in his younger years gave attention to music and was for a time organist at the South Meeting-house.

The people of Oxford have occasion to cherish his memory with gratitude because of his generous gift to them in his last will, by means of which our Free Public Library was established.

He m. 11 Nov., 1823, Maria W., dau. of Dr. Artemas Bullard of Sutton, he d. 18 July, 1867, she d. 24 Nov., 1883, both at Worcester. . . . Children, first five b. at Ox.: WILLIAM S., b. 30 Sept., 1824, graduated 1844 at Brown University, admitted to the bar 1846, practised law in partnership with his father and Hon. P. C. Bacon until 1850, and alone until 1854, when he took a position in the Bank of Commerce, Boston, where he was qualified for the important office of Treasurer of the City of Worcester, which place he has ably filled since Jan., 1872. He m. (1) 4 April, 1849, Anne Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel Jennison of Worcester, she d. 28 Feb., 1869, m. (2) 22 Nov., 1870, Kate A., dau. of William Ellery; ch. by first m.: *Mary*, b. 29 Sept., 1853, m. Alfred W. Dana, residence, Santa Rosa, Cal.; *Lucy*, b. 7 Jan., 1856; *Anna*, b. 20 April, 1858; by second m.: *William E.*, b. 10 Dec., 1873; *Edith A.*, b. 29 Sept., 1876; *ANNA MARIA*, b. 21 April, 1826, m. 7 Nov., 1849, John W., son of John Bigelow, residence, New York; they had *William B.*, b. 5 Feb., 1852, at Medford; *Annie*, b. 20 Jan., 1855, at M., m. Charles F. McKim; *Samuel L.*, b. and d. Aug., 1856, in France; *Marie*, b. 20 June, 1861, at Boston; *ARTEMAS B.*, b. 1828, d. 1831; *CHARLES H.*, b. 10 April, 1830, m. (1) 20 June, 1853, Isabella Edwards, residence, Greensburg, Ind., Capt. in the late war, later residence, Topeka, Kan.; they had *Maria E.*, b. 8 April, 1854; *Mary*, b. 23 Nov., 1856; *Anna*, b. 1859, d. 1860; m. (2) 28 Sept., 1861, Sarah Ann White, and had *James Y.*, b. 2 Jan., 1863, at St. Louis; he d. 16 Feb., 1885, at Santa Rosa, Cal.; *ARTEMAS B.*, b. 1831, d. 1837, at Worcester; *LUCY*, b. 24 July, 1834, at Worcester, m. 1 May, 1857, Samuel L. Bigelow, brother of the husband of Anna Maria, he was several years in successful practice in Paris, France; volunteered his services in the late war and was appointed Brigade Surgeon in the Army of the Potomac in Gen. Franklin's corps. He d. 31 Oct., 1862, of disease contracted in the service; they had: *Samuel L.*, b. 28 July, 1858, at Paris; *Abigail*, b. and d. 1860, at Paris; *FRANCIS A.*, b. 24 Oct., 1836, at Worcester, m. 7 Sept., 1864, at Chico, Cal., Emily J., dau. of George Wood, residence, Chico; they had *Annie A.*, b. 4 Aug., 1865; *EDMUND MILLS*, b. 27 Sept., 1838, at Worcester, m. 6 Sept., 1871, Abby T., dau. of Rev. Samuel P. Blake of North Yarmouth, Me., for three years an active agent of the U. S. Sanitary Commission in the Fifth Corps of the Army of the Potomac; many years assistant-librarian and at present librarian of the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester; they had: *Lydia M.*, b. 2 Aug.,

1872, at North Yarmouth; *Edmund B.*, b. 30 Oct., 1874, at Worcester; **GEORGE E.**, b. 30 July, 1841, at Worcester, in 1862 entered the U. S. service in 51st Regt. Mass. Vols., promoted to Sergeant-Major, in Jan., 1864 was made Second Lieut. in the 57th Regt., and soon after Lieut., and later Captain, which office he filled to the close of the war, he d. 29 May, 1878, at Worcester, and was buried with military honors.

**BASSETT, CORDELIA** (Canadian), d. 17 Nov., 1858.

**BATCHELLER, REV. DAVID**, grandson of Nehemiah, who was b. 1 June, 1716, at Wenham, and m. Experience, resided at Grafton, where was b. **ELIJAH**, 11 March, 1747, m. 30 Aug., 1768, Elizabeth, dau. of Nathan Munger of Brimfield, resided at Union, Conn., Sturbridge and Charlton, Revolutionary soldier from Charlton; **DAVID** was b. 26 April, 1781, at Charlton, one of 11 ch., it is said opened with prayer a session of the district school at 12 years of age. He early desired to be a minister, and in 1801 at the age of twenty and a half years was licensed as preacher by the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Ashburnham. His appointments were as follows: 1802-3, at Sandwich; 1803, Salisbury; 1804, Hawke; 1805, Marblehead; 1806, Ipswich; 1806, Portland, Me.; 1807-8, Readfield; 1808-9, Marblehead. He was successful, and at Portland and Marblehead revivals resulted from his labors. About 1810 he had a severe illness, caused by over-exertion, and was kindly received into the house of James Bowler of Marblehead. He m. 15 Oct., 1812, Elizabeth C., dau. of James Bowler, and continued for several years to reside at Marblehead. During this time he withdrew from the M. E. Church and joined the Congregational Church. Placing himself under the tutorship of Rev. Samuel Dana, D.D., he rapidly advanced in his preparation for renewing his labors, and his health having become confirmed preached as supply at several places and before coming to Ox. received invitations to settle at New Bedford, Fairhaven and Chester. He united with the Church at New Bedford, indicating a sojourn of some considerable time there. His son writes: "But he preferred Oxford and never regretted his settlement there, for nothing could exceed the respect and affection with which he was uniformly treated by that dear people, and dear to us his children for their love and appreciation of him." He was received here with entire unanimity and was installed 14 Feb., 1816. He was esteemed by all classes, and to the Church was specially endeared by his sympathetic disposition and manner. His influence gave new life and vigor to its membership and additions became frequent. The accessions for the first six years were 56. On 7 April, 1822, 11 were received, and on 7 July following, 39 were added as the fruits of a revival, making a total of 106 during his ministry. In his manner he was simple and fervent, often speaking without notes, and in prayer was earnest and devout. He had a fine voice and often led in the singing with great spirit.<sup>1</sup>

In person he was above average size, attractive and social, and abounded in pleasantry and anecdote. In Oct., 1818, after the decease of Maj. Archibald

<sup>1</sup> He was chaplain of a regiment of militia, and at a certain review at Sutton offered prayer which was noted as peculiarly appropriate and eloquent. In it he referred to the necessity of preparing for war in time of peace, portraying in striking language the hor-

rors of war, and closed thus: "And when the Archangel's trump shall sound to call us to that last great review, may we all in our bright and shining uniforms appear and ground our arms at Jesus' feet, in whose name we ask and offer all. Amen."

Campbell, Mr. Batcheller was elected Town Clerk to fill the office for the year. He d. 25 Oct., 1822. His widow d. 21 March, 1858. His funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Benjamin Wood of Upton. He was buried with Masonic ceremonies. The following inscription on his gravestone was furnished by Rev. Enoch Pond, D.D., then of Ward:—

*"Here rests all that was mortal of Rev. David Batcheller, late pastor of the Church in Oxford, who was born April 26, 1781, and who died in sure and certain hope of a glorious immortality Oct. 25, 1822, in the seventh year of his ministry among this people, and in the 42d year of his age—distinguished both as a peacemaker and as a faithful and successful minister of Jesus Christ."*

*"In yonder sacred walls he spent his breath,  
Now silent, senseless here he lies in death,  
These lips again shall wake and then declare  
A loud Amen! to truths they published there."*

*Children:* JAMES B., b. 25 June, 1814, at Marblehead, unm., residence, Bowler mansion, where he d. 1 July, 1884; principal of Marblehead High School, one of the most learned teachers of the State, excelling in mathematics and the languages, and beloved for his personal qualities; A DAU., d. young; ELIZABETH C., b. 5 June, 1821, at Ox., m. 3 Jan., 1855, Amos S. Kelly of Haverhill, where they settled; LYDIA M., d. young.

DANIEL, m. 17 Nov., 1805, Polly, dau. of Stephen Barton, residence, Warren, she d. 12 April, 1835, aged 53. . . . *Children:* ELMIRA, m. William Sessions of Warren, removed to Iowa, where he d., had ch.; WILLIAM G., settled and d. at Winsted, Conn., 2 sons; MARY L., b. 14 May, 1815, m. Peter C. Bacon, Esq.; PAMELA P., b. 2 Dec., 1817, m. 26 June, 1837, William E. Starr of Thompson, Conn., resided at Seneca Falls, N. Y., Tolland, Conn., removed 1846 to Worcester as teacher and accountant, widely known as a mathematician, many years Actuary of the State Mutual Life Ins. Co., Treasurer B., B. & G. R. R., she d. 7 May, 1886, at Worcester; they had: William, b. 1838, m., residence, New Orleans; Darius, b. 1842, entered Dartmouth College, left and enlisted in Co. F, U. S. Sharpshooters, d. 2 Sept., 1864, at Andersonville; Daniel, b. 1850.

BATES, JOHN, of Dudley, and Cynthia Rawson of South Gore, m. 22 Sept., 1825.

JOHN W., and Alma Gould, m. 27 Feb., 1826.

Son of W—, aged 12, d. 31 Jan., 1831.

BATTEY, John, of South Scituate, R. I., tailor, thrifty, and large land owner, Quaker; had WILLIAM, m. —— Sheldon of Cranston, R. I., and had with others JOHN A., b. 22 March, 1785, bought 1837 the North Ox. tavern stand, II. 122, m. Sarah Blackmier, b. 25 March, 1781, he d. 13 Jan., 1864, she d. aged 85, 21 Feb., 1866. . . . *Children:* A. FRANCES, b. 15 Sept., 1804, d. aged 22; JOSHUA O., b. 25 June, 1806, m. Susan Angell of North Scituate, had ch.; HENRY A., b. 17 Feb., 1808, m. Mary Kinsley of Bristol, R. I., had ch.; HORATIO N., b. 17 March, 1810, m. Laura Cole of Foster, he d. Jan., 1883, no ch.; ELIZA S., b. 1 July, 1812, m. Corlis Coomer of Gloucester, no ch.; RUTH A., b. 17 Aug., 1814, m. (1) Jonathan Randall of Foster, m. (2) Nathan Battey of Burrillville, m. (3) Albert Converse; LYDIA A., b. 29 March, 1816, m. Olney Walker of Foster, had ch., she d. about 1845; SUSAN A., b. 2 June,

1818, m. July, 1839, John Matthewson, residence, Ox.; had *Sarah J.*, b. 15 Oct., 1840; *JOHN A.*, b. 7 July, 1820; *LEANDER*, b. 15 Sept., 1822; *LAFAYETTE E.*, b. 26 June, 1824, m. 20 July, 1845, Mary A. Work of R. I., b. 10 Oct., 1827, he d. 17 Dec., 1879, was called to his door in the dusk of early morning and after stepping out a short distance assaulted and killed by blows which fractured his skull, and robbed, assailant unknown, she d. 15 Feb., 1885; they had: *Ruth A.*, b. 10 July, 1846; *Alonzo E.*, b. 6 Feb., 1849; *Charles C.*, b. 13 Oct., 1851; *Marietta*, b. 13 Nov., 1853; *Agnes C.*, b. 26 June, 1856; *Lafayette L.*, b. 8 March, 1859; *Eva E.*, b. 1 June, 1862; *Frank E.*, b. 16 Dec., 1864.

**BATTLES, JOSIAH**, aged 68, d. 8 Feb., 1868.

**BEACH, JOHN** (Canadian), aged 81, d. 19 Feb., 1875.

**BEAMAN, MARY A.**, w. of Rev. H. H., d. 14 June, 1881, Rev. H. H., aged 33, d. 10 Aug., 1881, at Athol.

**BEAN, AMY**, aged 57, d. 18 Sept., 1855.

**BEAUMONT, BETTY** (English), widow, aged 75, d. 28 May, 1880.

**BEAUREGARD, MRS. APPOLINE** (Canadian), aged 42, d. 27 July, 1873.

**BEERS, LYDIA**, residence, Ox., Dec., 1793.

**BELLows, HEZEKIAH**, came from Dudley to Ox. 1762, bought centre tavern, sold 1765, removed before May, 1767, to South Gore, in 1779 was of Killingly, Conn., and 21 June, 1785, one of 78 who were sworn at organization of Thompson town, he m. *Mary* ——. . . Children: *HEZEKIAH*, b. 2 July, 1761, at Dudley; *ELIJAH*, b. 8 Feb., 1764, m. intentions 3 Dec., 1782, then of Killingly, Conn., Ruth Stone; *ELEAZER*, b. 19 Feb., 1766; *NEWELL*, b. 11 April, 1768; *WILLIAM*, b. 20 May, 1770; *MARY*, b. 11 July, 1773; *DANIEL*, b. 11 June, 1777, at South Gore.

**ELEAZER**, of Ox., perhaps brother of Hezekiah (1), and Abigail Putney of Dudley, m. 27 Oct., 1763 [another record says 21 April, 1763], in 1796 he was of Gloucester, R. I., "physician."

**CALVIN**, b. 17 Nov., 1811, came to Ox. from Warren, shoe bottomer, m. 17 April, 1833, Sarah B., dau. of James Collier, settled at Holliston, removed to Ox., he d. 17 Dec., 1874, she d. aged 74, 8 June, 1885, both at Ox. . . . Children: *EFFINGHAM C.*, b. 1834, d. 1837, at Holliston; *JULIUS N.*, b. 22 Feb., 1836, at Ox., m. 12 July, 1857, Lucy M., dau. of James Brown, soldier in the 36th Mass. Regt. in the late war, wounded in battle of Wilderness, d. 12 May, 1864, at Falmouth, Va.; had *George W.*, b. 24 March, 1860; *Arthur L.*, b. 25 Dec., 1861; *SARAH E.*, b. 25 July, 1837, m. 7 July, 1858, Leander Gibson, and had *Elizabeth*, d. young; *Alla*, b. 3 Feb., 1861, m. 27 Sept., 1879, Clarence E. Bemis of Spencer; had *Mary II.*, b. 28 Aug., 1882; *A. AUGUSTA*, b. 2 April, 1839, at Northbridge, m. 22 Sept., 1868, Edward A. Macomber of Rushville, Ill., residence, Worcester, no ch.; *HARTWELL N.*, b. 31 Aug., 1845, at Ox., m. 28 Sept., 1870, E. Maria, dau. of William Allen of North Brookfield, and had *William*, b. 1871; he d. 1880; *EMELINE S.*, b. 26 July, 1852, m. 4 Feb., 1875, John F. Fife of New Hampshire, she d. Aug., 1875, no ch. *SARAH*, of Southboro', and *William Eddy*, m. intentions Nov., 1746.

**LYDIA**, and James Hart, Jr., of Worcester, m. intentions 16 March, 1765.

**BEMIS, MARTIN**, of Spencer, and Pamela D. King. m. intentions, 26 Jan., 1824.

**BENNETT, DEBORAH**, dau. of Joseph, unm., aged 89, d. 3 April, 1872.

**BENSON, WILLARD**, of Northbridge, came to Ox. before May, 1840, as clerk for William Sigourney, in 1846 was made postmaster and kept a store in "Arcade" building, d. 18 Jan., 1847, aged 28, at Webster, whither he had gone to be married.

**SAMUEL B.**, aged 79, d. 28 Sept., 1871.

**MARY, m. n. Gross**, aged 57, d. 17 June, 1877.

**SARAH, m. n. Maxwell**, widow, aged 76, d. 15 Dec., 1877.

**BERTRAND**, w. of Augustus (Canadian), aged 35, d. 28 July, 1855.

**BICKFORD, ALMON**, b. 15 Oct., 1803, at Gloucester, R. I., m. 29 April, 1832, Marietta, dau. of John Collier, he d. 1877 at Cranston, R. I., she d. 15 Feb., 1844, at Ox. . . . *Children*: **SALLY W.**, b. 26 June, 1833, m. (1) Libra Severy of Sutton, m. (2) William Gay of Killingly, Conn.; **MARIA A.**, b. 4 July, 1834, at Millbury, m. Henry Albee of Charlton; **HENRY A.**, b. 27 July, 1836, at Ox., m. Eliza Wood of Chepachet, R. I.; **JULIA A.**, b. 31 July, 1838, at Ox., m. Peleg Potter of Putnam, Conn.

**BICKNELL, SAMUEL**, and Nancy M. Gross. m. intentions 10 March, 1842.

**BENWAY, CATHARINE** (Canadian), aged 45, d. 10 March, 1876.

**CHARLES** (Canadian), aged 48, d. 1 March, 1882.

**MRS. ALBANA**, aged 49, d. 16 Aug., 1882.

**BETTS, LAVINIA W.**, widow, aged 62, d. 5 Nov., 1885.

**BIGELOW, JESSE**, son of Thomas of Douglas, b. about 1790, m. Huldaah, dau. of John Waters of Sutton, b. 24 Sept., 1795, settled in Sutton, removed 1815 to west part of Ox., H. 70, where she d. aged 48, 14 Dec., 1843, he m. (2) intentions 5 Sept., 1844, Esther M. Simpson of Webster, removed to Webster, where he d. 14 March, 1877, farmer. . . . *Children*: **MARY**, b. 24 Sept., 1815, m. 2 May, 1842, William A., son of Eastman Bolster of Hardwick, where they settled and soon removed to Indiana thence to Coldwater, Mich., where they resided 1884, 5 ch.; **HULDAH**, b. 6 Nov., 1817, m. (1) 31 Dec., 1836, Joseph Lawless, who d. soon, m. (2) 18 April, 1850, John Fegan of Webster, where they settled; had **Hannah E.**, b. 30 June, 1851, m. 6 May, 1875, Thomas W. Scott of Webster, where they reside, had Fred A., b. 17 Feb., 1884; **John**, the father, d. 7 Aug., 1864, at Webster; **JESSE W.**, b. 27 Nov., 1821, m. Joanna Watson, settled at Brookfield, where he d. 13 Jan., 1852; had **Jennie**, m. Albert Doughty of Ox., resides with her mother at Brookfield; **HITTY K.**, b. 1827, d. 1828; **JOHN THOMAS**, b. 25 July, 1830, m. Lydia Stearns, settled at Oakham, where he d. Aug., 1858, no ch.

**WILLIAM H.**, son of Elisha of Montpelier, Vt., b. 11 April, 1799, came to Ox. in young manhood as clerk for Richard Moore, trader, later was book-keeper at Slater's Woolen Village and South Leicester, and before May, 1827, began trade with Charles P. Baldwin at Webster, East Village, continuing about three years, was meantime postmaster, removed to the Merino Village, and thence in Aug., 1833, to Ox., as landlord at the centre tavern. He remained there until 1836, and returned 1837 to Webster. His later years

were spent at Ox. He m. at Ox., 30 March, 1817, Sarah Gibbs of New Salem, he d. aged 77, 21 Oct., 1876, she d. 27 Feb., 1864. . . . Children: WILLIAM H., b. 6 July, 1817, d. 19 Aug., 1836; JULIA A., b. 21 June, 1820, m. 30 Oct., 1839, William H. Thurston; SARAH M., b. 13 Nov., 1823, m. Nov., 1840, Rufus Rawson of Webster, no ch.; ELISHA N., b. 21 March, 1825, m. 1844, Angeline Logan of Webster, druggist at Webster; they had *Ida B.*, m. Jacob Peterson of Waltham; *Minnie J.*; two others d. young; THEODORE, b. 2 April, 1827, at South Leicester, m. Matilda Hodges, settled at Webster, and had *Rhoderick F. H.*, *William E.*, *Flora B.*; EDWIN W., b. 9 July, 1829, at Ox., residence, Webster, unm.; MARY JANE, b. 5 Aug., 1831, at Ox., m. Charles A. Angell; ANN SOPHIA, b. 17 Jan., 1834, at Dudley, m. Simon D. Sibley, settled at Webster, 8 ch.; JULIUS W., b. 5 May, 1836, at Ox., m. March, 1866, Azubah H. Whiting of Rockville, Conn., residence, Webster; they had *Myron J.*; EMILY F., b. 1 July, 1839, at Webster, m. 1868(?), Alexander Knox, commissary in the late war, and at its close settled at Mount Pleasant, S. C., where he d. 1867, she d. there 30 Oct., 1871, no ch.; ELLEN A., b. 17 Sept., 1841, at Webster, m. George, brother of Alexander Knox, settled at Mt. Pleasant, where he d. Aug., 1871; they had *Sarah*; she m. (2) Samuel V. Gregory, residence, Mt. Pleasant.

CYNTHIA, of Worcester, and Joseph Davis, 2d, m. intentions 30 June, 1812.

FANNY, m. n. Stockwell, of Sutton, aged 82, d. 16 Sept., 1874.

AMOS, son of Thomas, of Douglas, aged 85, d. 14 Dec., 1874.

FREEMAN, son of Amos, aged 71, d. 23 March, 1879.

BIGGS, GEORGE (English), aged 68, d. 9 Jan., 1886.

BILLINGS, PETER, aged 13, drowned 21 Aug., 1848.

BIRCH, MRS. MARY, d. 3 Jan., 1752.

BISCO, ALDEN, of Leicester, and Celinda Martin, m. 10 Sept., 1833.

BIXBEE, NATHANIEL, w. Mary ——, had SAMUEL S., b. 2 July, 1763; ELIAS, b. 13 Aug., 1765; ELIZABETH, b. 26 Sept., 1767; MARY N., b. 2 Feb., 1770, at Worcester.

SAMUEL, of Sutton parish, and Mrs. Huldah Town, m. 15 May, 1789.

JONATHAN, of South Gore, 1790, tanner.

EZRA, aged 53, d. 2 Jan., 1864.

BLACK, GEORGE, and Polly Sargent, m. 16 March, 1828.

BLACKMAN, NATHAN, Worcester(?), journeyman hatter for Samuel Campbell, 1808, resided one or two years, removed to R. I., should be noted for public spirit, was instrumental in having Lombardy poplars set the full length of the street. . . . Children: HANNAH, SAMUEL, PALMER.

BLACKSTOCK, JAMES M., aged 45, d. 31 May, 1855.

ELIZA, widow, aged 68, d. 10 July, 1867.

BLANCHARD, SAMUEL, of French descent, came in 1784 from south part of Sutton to the farm on Long Hill, then in Sutton, set in 1793 to Ox., H. 160, he m. 17 March, 1775, Susanna Tenney of Sutton. . . . Children: STEPHEN, b. 26 Oct., 1775, m. Cyna, dau. of Solomon Marble of Millbury, where they settled and both d., had ch.; JOHN BREWER, b. 2 March, 1780, scythe maker at Dudley and Palmer, where he m., settled and d., had ch.;

**SIMON**, b. 17 Feb., 1782, m. Silence Barton, resided and d. at Boston; **SAMUEL**, b. 25 June, 1784, unm., travelled widely selling scythes; **POLLY**, b. 3 July, 1786, m. —— Reed, removed to Vt.; **THOMAS**, b. 24 June, 1788, m. (1) ——, he m. (2) —— Pierce of Grafton. The well known inventor, whose works have influenced largely the mechanical arts in this country and in Europe. One of his greatest inventions was the machine for turning irregular forms. Another was that for bending ship timber. It is claimed that the system of interchangeable parts, which has almost revolutionized the making of a great variety of machines, was the fruit of his genius. This claim is, however, stoutly denied.<sup>1</sup> **ABIATHAR**, b. at Ox., unm., settled and d. at Palmer; **SUSANNA**, b. 1 June, 1799.

**JOSEPH**, taxed for real estate in Ox., 1771.

**JOHN**, and Polly Lilley, m. intentions 25 Sept., 1813.

**HATTIE**, aged 18, d. 15 Aug., 1887, dau. of George.

**EMMA B.**, aged 22, d. 24 Aug., 1887, dau. of George.

**BLANDIN, BLANDING.** The Oxford family descended from Francis, a Frenchman from Canada, who settled at Newton, where he had **FRANCIS**, b. 19 Oct., 1718, m. Susanna Bailey of Brookline and had **FRANCIS**, b. 24 March, 1754, Revolutionary soldier, m. Mary (Putney?) and removed to Ox. about 1787, she d. 21 March, 1804, he m. (2) 2 Oct., 1806, Sarah Davis, she d. 7 April, 1822, he m. (3) 28 July, 1822, Prudence Twiss, she d. 5 Sept., 1840. . . . Children:<sup>2</sup> b. at Newton: **JANE**, b. 2 Aug., 1782; **BORODEL**, b. 10 Feb., 1784, m. Hiram Smith, she d. 1847, at Charlton; **GEORGE**, b. 20 July, 1785, d. in the war of 1812; **DOLLY**, b. 6 Nov., 1786, m. (1) Ebenezer (?) Prentiss of Watertown, 10 ch., m. (2) Henry Coburn of Southbridge, m. (3) Parley Rawson of Thompson, Conn., she d. in Vt.; ch. b. at Ox.: **PATTY**, b. 1 Sept., 1789, m. Frank Hagar of Watertown, had ch., residence, in 1881, Hubbardston; **NABBY**, b. 12 Aug., 1792, m. 18 Nov., 1827, George W. Blandin, her cousin, residence, Leicester, no ch.; **ELISHA**, b. 30 Oct., 1794, d. 1803; **MARTIN**, b. 4 April, 1796, m. 3 March, 1821, Sarah Holmes of Watertown, settled at Ox. and had ch., he d. 12 Oct., 1881, aged 85; **LUCY**, b. 6 Sept., 1798, m. (1) Simeon Hayward, no ch., m. (2) Caleb Learned, she d. 24 Jan., 1877; **JOSHUA**, b. 7 Sept., 1801, m. (1) Nancy Henry of Watertown, and had ch., m. (2) Caroline Kirby of Somers, Conn., had ch., lived at Ox. and various other places, d. 2 July, 1873, at Attawaugan, Conn.

2. **ELISHA**, son of Francis (1), b. 20 Oct., 1759, came to Ox. from Sutton, settled in east part at H. 7, three years in Revolutionary war, he m. 3 June, 1783, Molly Wakefield of Sutton; a dau. **NANCY** m. Joseph H. Putnam of Sutton; wife of Elisha Blandin d. 10 Feb., 1833 [Ox. Rec.].

<sup>1</sup> Mrs. Harriet Dana, dau. of Nahum Pratt, who lived not far from Blanchard's, was well acquainted with the family. She said: "When Thomas was about 12 years of age his father came to my father and asked him to take the boy into his employ as he could do nothing with him. He would not work, but was constantly at some project in the line of machinery. Thomas came and for a time did a little better than at home, but soon became a source of trial and vexation and did not remain long. If father sent him into the field to pick and pile up stones Tom would stammer out, 'T-t-there might b-b-be a ma-machine m-m-made to do th-th-this!' He was a habitual stammerer; his mother told me he could talk as

well as any of her children till he mocked old Mrs. S—— so much he couldn't talk himself.

"One day he was sent into the fields alone to work, and two or three hours later my father on going out found him sitting by the side of a small pond whistling and mumbling to the frogs. On coming home he said Tom had by his juggling called around him all the frogs in the pond, and he didn't know what he would do next. Having been sent to the house from the field one day for a plow he induced the servant girl to shoulder and lug it for him by promising to make her a paring-machine, which he did."

<sup>2</sup> Ox. Records give Polly, Fanny, Barney, George, Dorothy, Patty, Abigail.

JONATHAN, and Submit Cook, of Charlton, m. 6 Feb., 1783.

GILBERT, and Mary Ann Hagar, m. 3 Feb., 1828, had CHARLES, b. 9 Feb., 1828.

JONAS, Revolutionary soldier, d. 11 Feb., 1833.

MRS. MARY, aged 69, d. 27 Aug., 1873.

**BLANEY, JEDEDIAH**, of Lancaster, 1761, Revolutionary soldier, m. 30 May, 1761, Beulah, dau. of William Brown, settled near his father-in-law, north part of Ox., H. 149; in 1764 Brown deeds to Mrs. Blaney 8 acres near Joseph Pratt's, H. 147, on 7 May, 1764, William Lackey of Ox. deeds to Blaney rights to land as discharged soldier, "he having been a sergeant and expects 200 acres." Blaney d. 1778, order of appraisal 2 Nov. [In 1763 the town refused allowance to William Brown for support of the child of his dau. Beulah. Kimball Ransdale (Ramsdell?), w. Beulah "or the widow Blaney" and dau. 4 months old, resided here March, 1783.] . . . Children: BETHIA, b. 14 Jan., 1764: JOSEPH, b. 4 June, 1767; ELIZABETH, b. 1 June, 1771, all untraced.

BENJAMIN, taxed 1769.

**BLOOD, RICHARD**, of Bellingham, 1736, bought 2 March, 300 acres in Ox. now Charlton (sold in 1729, by Peter Papillon to Manasseh Horsmer of Thompson, Conn.) where he settled, sold a part 1746 to his son NATHANIEL, who m. 20 Dec., 1742, Ruth Hale [Hall?] of Bellingham, and had SUSANNA, b. 2 Dec., 1743; RICHARD, b. 9 June, 1745; NATHANIEL, b. 1747, d. 1758; ELIJAH, b. 10 Oct., 1748; RACHEL, b. 9 Dec., 1750; NATHANIEL, b. 22 Feb., 1754.

ISAIAH, brother of Nathaniel (1)? m. (1) 19 Jan. 1744, Martha Thompson of North Gore, now Charlton, m. (2) 9 Nov., 1768, Thamazin, widow of John Hudson of Ox. . . . Children: by first m. JOHN, b. 19 Nov., 1744; CALEB, b. 1746, d. 1749; ESTHER, b. 4 Jan., 1749, m. 29 May, 1771, Joseph Pratt, 3rd; ISAIAH, b. 17 May, 1752.

SARAH, and Thomas Holbrook, m. 9 Nov., 1736.

ANN, and James Town, m. 10 Dec., 1747.

JOANNA of Charlton and Joseph Edwards, m. intentions 15 April, 1761.

LAWSON, and Sally E. Town of Charlton, m. intentions 25 March, 1832; wheelwright, residence, Ox., 1830-1832.

BLUNT, SAMUEL, residence, Ox., Sept., 1729.

**BOGLE, THOMAS**, of Sudbury, tailor, taxed in the first list in Oxford Sept., 1717, bought in 1720 half of the land and rights of William Hudson on Long Hill, and 46 years later deeded to his son John 73 acres. John probably lived here 15 years at least; Thomas the father m. Esther — and d. at Sudbury before 28 June, 1771, at which time his children joined as follows in a conveyance of one-half the Ox. farm to Nathaniel Muzzy, who m. the dau. JANE; ROWAND, Silas Goodnow, who m. MARY, John Weighton, who m. ELIZABETH, all of Sudbury, JOHN of Ox., John Fassett, who m. ISABEL and was of Monadnock, No. 4, N. H.

2. JOHN, son of Thomas, m. 7 June, 1750, Mary, dau. of Thomas Hunkins, settled on the homestead, soldier in the French war. . . . Children: SARAH, b. 29 Dec., 1750, m. Jason Collier; ESTHER, b. 22 Jan., 1752, d. 1768; ELIZABETH, b. 8 July, 1753, d. 1768; THOMAS, b. 4 April, 1755, Revolutionary soldier, Aug., 1775, near Boston; WILLIAM, b. 30 March, 1757, Revolutionary soldier, marched on Lexington alarm, enlisted in Continental army;

JOHN, b. 18 June, 1759, d. 1767; MOLLY, b. 27 Aug., 1761; HANNAH, b. 12 Sept., 1763.

BOICE, ASENATH, residence Ox., Dec., 1793.

ELLIOT of Spencer and Mrs. Mary Cox, m. 22 March, 1837.

BOIL, OWENS, w. Ann, had JOHN, b. 15 May, 1829.

BOLSTER, ISAAC, JR., came to Ox. from Burrillville, R. I., 1821, settled at southeast part of the town; he was b. at Uxbridge,<sup>1</sup> m. Thankful S. Inman, he d. 4 April, 1866, she d. 19 Dec., 1873. . . . Children: OLNEY, b. 15 Nov., 1812, at Uxbridge, carpenter, lived at Sutton, Oxford, Worcester, and Northbridge where he resided 1890, m. Eliza, dau. of Leavens Sibley of Sutton, and had Loring, m. Sarah Brigham of S., d. 1856, no ch.; Eliza Ann, m. (1) Alexander D. Marsh of Ox., m. (2) Edwin Elder, residence, Pawtucket, R. I., no ch.; Leander F., m. Augusta Adams of Worcester, 5 ch.; ORRIN D., b. 28 June, 1815, m. (1) 5 Nov., 1833, Susan, dau. of Artemas Sibley of Grafton, no ch., he m. (2) 4 March, 1838, Elizabeth C. Johnson of Vermont, settled at Ox., removed 1878 to Iowa, thence to Chicago where he resided 1884, they had Susan E., b. 29 March, 1839, m. (1) William Robbins of Ox., and had Alice M. and Ida J.; m. (2) Isaac Sweet of Northbridge, and had Charles O. and Lena A.; Ellen, b. 5 April, 1841, m. Daniel V., son of Fitts Adams; Hannah, b. 30 Dec., 1842, m. (1) Hiram Kidder of Athol, settled at Ox., and had George H.; she m. (2) James Jackson of Vermont, and had Mary I.; Mary J., b. 23 Aug., 1844, m. George Peters of Douglas, and had Harry A. and Herbert E.; Emma C., b. 31 March, 1849, m. Jeremiah, brother of Isaac Sweet, she d. 30 Dec., 1869, no ch.; Addie L., b. 15 June, 1854, m. Lewis, brother of Isaac Sweet and had Elizabeth M. and Lewis E.; Charles H., b. 21 Jan., 1857; all surviving ch. with families removed West with the parents in 1878; LUCENA M., b. 1 April, 1819, at Douglas; LUCINDA, b. 15 June, 1822, m. 24 Aug., 1856 (?), Rufus, son of Parley Eddy, settled at Charlton, he d. 25 Feb., 1875, she d. 13 Sept. 1876; they had Celia J., b. 30 Nov., 1857, m. 29 March, 1880, Lewis N. Rheiu, settled at Charlton, no ch.

ASAHEL, and Mrs. Mary Lilley, both of South Gore, m. intentions, 17 June, 1815.

BOND, EBENEZER, son of Ebenezer, aged 52, d. 20 Feb., 1854.

EUGENE H., son of Ebenezer, aged 23, d. 10 July, 1870.

MARCUS, aged 56, d. 28 April, 1879.

BONSA, BONZEY, PETER or ABEL, Hessian prisoner of war, settled at Ox. before March, 1780, resided first in east part of the town, in 1790 removed to Humphrey place, H. 35, soon to North Ox., lived in a log house south of H. 99, removed to Ward, d. there 1 July, 1820, he m. Lydia ——. . . Children: ROXALANA, b. 21 Aug., 1779; PETER, b. 31 Aug., 1781; SAMUEL, b. 18 March, 1783, residence, Ellsworth, Me.; POLLY, b. 30 March, 1785, m. Dr. Ebenezer Lillie; PRUDY, b. 22 July, 1787; NANCY, b. 17 July, 1789; CHARLES, b. 18 Aug., 1791; ALEXANDER, b. 8 Oct., 1793, m. Roxana ——, settled at Ward, 8 ch.; SALLY, b. 23 March, 1795; ROBERT, b. 1797.

ZENAS, m. 3 June, 1838, Betsey A. Waters.

BOUND, JOHN, m. intentions 10 May, 1775, Susanna, dau. of Benjamin Davis, shoemaker, south part of Ox., H. 50, built house, d. there, aged 69, 23 Feb., 1819, she d. 17 Feb., 1817. . . . Children: HOVEY D., b. 4 July, 1776,

<sup>1</sup> Isaac Bolster was of Uxbridge in 1749.

m. 14 Oct., 1800, at Sturbridge, Hannah Carpenter, soldier in the War of 1812, wounded at Queenstown, returned to Ox. about 1817 with w. and 4 ch., left a few years later; SARAH, b. 14 April, 1780, m. (1) intentions 12 Feb., 1802, Amasa Fay of Thompson, Conn., and had *Mary*, b. 1 Oct., 1802, m. (2) 17 March, 1807, Israel Waters of Sutton, residence, 1823, at Thompson, removed to Ohio, where both d.

**BOWEN**, PALMER T., and Cynthia Carpenter, m. intentions 14 Oct., 1832.

**BOWERS**, JOHN, Revolutionary soldier.

PARIS, w. Orilla, had JEROME, b. 24 June, 1829.

**BOWES**, ELIZA ANN, aged 21, d. 16 March, 1861.

MARGARET T., aged 20, d. 3 Dec., 1861.

MRS. MARY (Irish), aged 47, d. 19 June, 1863.

**BOWKER**, STEPHEN, aged 23, d. May, 1818.

**BOWMAN**, JOSEPH, descended from Nathaniel of Watertown, who had about 1630, FRANCIS, who had JOSEPH, b. 18 May, 1674, who had with others JOSEPH, b. 16 Sept., 1697, removed to Westboro', and THADDEUS, b. 2 Sept., 1712, removed to New Braintree; JOSEPH, m. 16 March, 1732, Thankful Forbush of Westboro', and had 8 ch., the eldest was JOSEPH, b. 21 Jan., 1735, the second minister at Oxford. He was graduated at Harvard University 1761, ordained 31 Aug., 1762, in the Old South Church, Boston, as a missionary to the Indians at Onohoquaque on the Susquehanna River, whither he soon went. He came home in the spring of 1763 to be married and was returning with furniture and provisions when the outbreak of Indian hostilities prevented further progress. He returned to Westboro', preached a short time and soon came to Oxford, where he was installed pastor 14 Nov., 1764. In Sept., 1765, he bought the house at the north end of the street, H. 244 (now removed a few rods to the westward), where he resided until leaving town. He was an ardent patriot in the Revolution and did much to stimulate and strengthen the people in that crisis, was especially helpful to Col. Ebenezer Learned and the chaplain of his regiment in 1775 at Roxbury. A letter, 23 Oct., 1777, to Gen. Learned, then in the army, is interesting as showing the kindly feeling between the two, but is not otherwise important. His later years in Oxford were a continual struggle for the means of subsistence, some details of which may be found under "Ecclesiastical affairs."

In March, 1784, he removed to Barnard, Vt., where on 22 Sept. of the same year he was installed. He was settled on a salary of two hundred dollars a year, and received a gift of a farm, as the first minister of the town. He was welcomed with much cordiality and respect, and was looked up to as the leading man. "He visited the schools, catechised the scholars, was attentive to the sick and distressed; rode about town on horseback with his cocked hat and flowing wig, was exacting of his salary [had not forgotten his Oxford experience], even the poor had to pay, and was much respected for uprightness, talents and learning. He taught the classics to young men who were fitting for college and greatly encouraged learning." A recent letter from an aged resident of Barnard calls him a "great and good man," and adds, "We think parson Bowman made us, and made us better than a bad man would." As a preacher he was quite noted, and unquestionably he left a most valuable impress upon that community as a citizen and a minister. In 1801 he was

elected a trustee of Dartmouth College, which office he held until his death. His descendants were among the best people of Barnard, and to the third and fourth generations to-day occupy high positions in some of our western cities.

He m. 29 June, 1763, Lavinia Baker, sister of Joseph, proprietor at Bakersfield, Vt., he d. 27 April, 1806, she d. 28 Sept., 1816. . . . *Children*, b. at Ox.: JOSEPH, b. 23 July, 1764, m. Fanny Spooner of Windsor, Vt., merchant at Barnard, removed to Gardiner, Me., where he d. about 1825; they had *James*, m., went south, where he d.; *Edward*, d. unm. at Gardiner; *Nancy*, m. Squire Waters of Montpelier, Vt., where she d.; *JAMES*, b. 20 March, 1768, went to sea, not heard from; OLIVER, b. 6 April, 1770, m. Deborah Spooner, settled at Barnard, removed west; they had *Maria D.*, m. Walter Follett of Temple, N. H.; ALEXANDER, b. 14 June, 1772, m. 1802, Sarah Anthony of Sherburne, Vt., settled on the homestead, where he d. 26 Dec., 1813, she d. very aged at Hartford, Vt., he was a leading man at Barnard; they had *William*, b. 30 Dec., 1802, m. Mary Ann Hathaway of Rome, N. Y., Colonel of a regiment in St. Lawrence Co.; *George*, b. 5 March, 1805, m. Eliza Reed of Rutland, Vt., merchant at Milwaukee, Wis., 5 ch.; *Joseph*, b. 27 July, 1807, m. Asenath Burroughs of Tunbridge, Vt., farmer at Barnard, justice of the peace and sheriff, removed west and d., 3 sons; *Mary Ann*, b. 9 June, 1809, m. 1830, David Chandler of Pomfret, Vt., where she d. 24 Nov., 1884; *Harriet C.*, b. 15 Jan., 1812, m. Dec., 1830, Edward Morris, residence, Hartford, Vt., he d., she removed to live with her dau. at West Lebanon, N. H., 5 ch.; *JOHN*, b. 15 Sept., 1775, m. Mary Southgate of Barnard, 1 son, all d. at Durand, N. H., he d. about 1841; *MARY*, b. 31 March, 1777, m. 1816, Maj. Elisha Smith of Pomfret, Vt., where she d. 1851. Two others are recorded, EDWARD, d. 13 March, 1766; NANCY, d. 22 Oct., 1774.

EZRA, innkeeper at Dudley, 1771, where he m. intentions 4 April, 1770, Elizabeth Campbell. In 1773 he kept a tavern at North Oxford, successor of Abigail, widow of Jacob Pierce, at the David Stone place, H. 125, and in 1774 removed to the centre tavern on the Plain. He had ability, enterprise and public spirit, and became prominent as a citizen, several years selectman, Sept., 1776, one of a committee of the town to consider and report upon the forming of a State Constitution, in 1779 colleague with Gen. Ebenezer Learned in the delegation to Cambridge to act on the same subject, Sept., 1777, appointed Adjutant of Fifth Regt. He operated considerably in real estate in this vicinity, and tradition says expended a large amount in enlarging and remodelling the tavern. In 1781 he bought land and built a house near the present arch bridge on the Charlton road, H. 80, sold in 1782 and removed to Charlton. In 1782 he had suits in court for debt, in some of which he was declared to have withdrawn himself from the Commonwealth. In 1783 he was of Boston, and again of Charlton in 1784. In April, 1785, he being in jail at Worcester, asked relief of the town and was refused. In 1787 he was imprisoned by Joseph Hurd, collector of Oxford, and escaped "through the insufficiency of the jail." [Court Rec.] . . . *Children*: RUFUS, b. 3 Feb., 1771; THOMAS, b. 23 July, 1772, d. soon; SOPHIA, b. 2 Oct., 1774, at Ox.; NATHANIEL, b. 4 Aug., 1776; ELIZABETH, b. 6 Oct., 1778; POLLY, b. 5 Oct., 1780; ALEXANDER, all removed from town with their parents.

CHARLES D., descended from Thaddeus of New Braintree, who m. 1764, at Lexington, Katherine Munroe, they had JOSEPH, b. 10 Sept., 1771, a leading man of the town, m. 26 Nov., 1797, Sally Penniman of New Braintree, their sixth and youngest child was CHARLES D., b. 12 Dec., 1816, was graduated 1838 at

Harvard College, family tutor in Georgia till 1842, when he began the study of law with Judge Washburn of Worcester, admitted to the Worcester bar 1845, soon after opened a law office at Ox. He was a man of exceptional ability and superior culture, precise and thorough in all his professional acts, and socially, genial and attractive. He m. 24 Nov., 1846, Almira L., b. 6 Aug., 1826, dau. of Elnathan Jones of Enfield; he d. 19 Jan., 1857, she d. aged 28, 9 Oct., 1854. . . . *Child: LOUISE JONES*, b. 10 Feb., 1849, m. Thomas George Walker, settled at Morristown, N. J., she d. 31 Dec., 1890, he d. 26 Feb., 1891, they had *Lucy*, b. 1874, d. 1877; *Edith*, b. 29 Jan., 1878; *Irene*, b. 21 April, 1880; *Bertha L.*

**BOYDEN, JONATHAN**, w. Esther, and family, resided at Ox. Aug., 1766.

**LUCIUS**, and Mary Ann Fairbanks of Holden, m. intentions, 31 May, 1827.

**ELLEN L.**, w. of Samuel, Jr., aged 29, d. 23 May, 1863.

**MARY**, dau. of Samuel, aged 34, d. 6 March, 1871.

**SARAH M.**, m. n. Capron, w. of Samuel, aged 78, d. 26 June, 1875.

**SARAH E.**, w. of Samuel, Jr., aged 48, d. 7 Nov., 1875.

**SAMUEL**, aged 85, d. 27 Jan., 1878.

**SAMUEL**, son of Samuel, aged 52, d. 18 Jan., 1884.

**BOYNES, LEVI D.**, son of Philip of Holden, aged 37, d. 23 May, 1881.

**BRACKETT**, Peter, son of David of Dudley, m. Polly, dau. of Nathan Upham, and had at Ox. **ALONZO**, b. 1831, d. 1833.

**LUCENA**, dau. of David of Dudley, aged 17, d. Jan., 1833.

**BRADBURY, DAVID**, w. Hannah, had **HANNAH J.**, b. and d. 1842.

**BRADLEY, JOHN** (English), aged 52, d. 9 March, 1877.

**BRAMAN, MARY**, widow, resided in Ox., Feb., 1792.

**BREEN, MARY** (Irish), aged 47, d. 19 June, 1882.

**BREWER, LEANDER W.**, aged 78, d. 12 Feb., 1887.

**BRIGGS, ABRAM**, b. about 1743, m. Catherine ——, was of Taunton 1770, removed to Sutton between 1777 and 1779, came to Ox. before 1781, lived in the southeast corner of the town, H. 6, where he d. aged 86, 9 March, 1830. . . .

*Children:* first four b. at Taunton, **ABRAM**, b. 8 June, 1771, m. intentions 7 Oct., 1797, Lucy Hill of Douglas, toll gatherer on the Douglas and Ox. turnpike, removed to Worcester, where he d., had ch.; **MERCY**, b. 10 April, 1773, d. 14 Sept., 1838, at Ox., unm.; **BOWARS**, b. 4 March, 1775, d. 1805 at Ox.; **ROXANA**, b. 20 Jan., 1777, m. James Davis; **POLLY**, b. 13 Jan., 1779, at Sutton, m. William Stiles; **JESSE**, b. 12 Dec., 1781, at Ox., unm., went into the U. S. army with his brother Stiles, d. near Buffalo of camp fever; **SAMUEL**, b. 12 Feb., 1784, left home for parts unknown; **OLIVE**, b. 26 Feb., 1786, m. 12 April, 1814, Abijah, son of Thomas Upham of Dudley, settled and both d. at Montague; **LUCINDA**, b. 5 March, 1788, d. at Ox., unm.; **RUFUS**, b. 22 July, 1790, m. 28 March, 1816, Martha, dau. of Simeon Upham of Dudley, settled at Charlton, soldier in the 1812 war, returned in ill health and soon d., they had *Simeon*; **GEORGE W.**, b. 31 March, 1793, settled at Fitchburg, where he d. 26 Dec., 1875, he m. (1) 2 April, 1820 Polly, dau. of Jonathan Briggs of Sutton, m. (2) Sarah Holmes. He had *George L.*, residence, West Boylston; *David E.*, residence, Worcester; *Roxana*, m. H. E. Ames, residence, Fitchburg.

**BRIGHAM, JOHN** of Grafton, unm., aged 80, d. 25 Nov., 1839.

SAMUEL C., and Sarah R. Williams of Worcester, m. intentions, 8 March, 1847.

ANNA, sister of John, unm., d. 18 April, 1847.

CHARLES L., and Martha A. Pike, m. 9 Dec., 1849.

**BROTHERS, JOHN** (Canadian), aged 68, d. 12 Oct., 1864.

**BROWN, WILLIAM**, of Ox. about 1730, bought land on Town's Plain, and later in north part of Ox. near Cedar Swamp, H. 149, m. Martha ——, he d. 1772. . . . *Children*: WILLIAM, d. 1729; MARY, b. 2 May, 1731, m. 3 Oct., 1754, John Adams of Brookfield (?); SARAH, b. 8 Feb., 1734: BEULAH, m. Jedediah Blaney; ZACHARIAH, d. 1737.

MARTHA, dau. of William and Mary, d. 1741.

JONATHAN, b. 1635, son of Abraham, one of the early settlers at Watertown, had WILLIAM, b. 1684, who had EBENEZER, b. 1705, m. Abigail Adams of Lexington; they had with others, DAVID, b. 21 Feb., 1732, m. 25 Nov., 1755, Mindwell Cummins and removed to Charlton, their eldest child was EBENEZER, b. 26 March, 1757, at Charlton, m. 11 Feb., 1782, Bathsheba, dau. of John Nichols of Ox., and widow of Abijah Conant, settled in Dudley near Ox. and Charlton, at the mill on Pierpont brook, later Ozias Cortis'. . . . *Children*: LAVINA, b. 19 March, 1783, m. David Munyan Thompson, Conn. and had ch.; ABILAH, b. 26 Nov., 1784, m. 15 Oct., 1804, Phebe Albee; ELCY, b. 1 Feb., 1786, m. 1806, Parley Fletcher; EBENEZER, b. 5 Jan., 1788: NATHANIEL, b. 24 Dec., 1789; JEREMIAH, b. 1 April, 1793; AMOS, b. 1796, m. 16 July, 1829, Mary W., dau. of Isaiah Rider of Charlton, he d. 1847, at Worcester, 1 dau.: BATHSHEBA, b. 1798, m. James Oldham of Spencer where he d., she m. (2) —— Bugbee of Webster, she d. at Charlton.

2. EBENEZER, son of Ebenezer (1), m. (1) Mehitable Spencer of Danville, Vt., settled at Danville or Peacham, where he lived many years, she d. there, he returned to Ox. about 1830, m. (2) Eleanor Edwards, his cousin, settled in northwestern part, H. 91, he d. 18 June, 1849, she d. aged 70, 11 May, 1857. . . . *Children*: by first m. LOUISA; HIRAM, m. at Worcester, removed to Lafayette, O., d. there; MARIA P., m. —— Harris, in Vermont, came to Ox. and d. aged 39, 19 April, 1855; MEHETABLE.

3. NATHANIEL, son of Ebenezer (1), m. 12 Dec., 1812, Ruth A. Needham of Charlton, where they settled, removed 1829 to Ox., bought, 1832, land west of Howarth's village and built house later Alfred Kingsbury's, made boots for the western market five years, removed about 1845 to Worcester, where both d., he d. Nov., 1861, she d. April, 1848. . . . *Children*, excepting the last two b. at Charlton: JOHN, b. 23 Sept., 1814, m. 22 Nov., 1838, Mary, dau. of Smith Taft of Charlton, she d. 17 Feb., 1885, he was a soldier in the late war, fell from the roof of his house in Ox. and was killed 16 Dec., 1887; they had SAMUEL, b. April, 1842, m. July, 1875, Augusta, widow of W. Freeman Rosebrook, dau. of Lewis A. Johnson, no ch.; MARY, b. Aug., 1844; FRED, b. Dec., 1851; ARTHUR, b. Oct., 1857; MARIA A., b. 1 Dec., 1815, m. intentions, 16 March, 1842, George T. Collins of Killingly, Conn., had ch.; HARRIET, b. 30 June, 1819, m. Elijah McKnight, carpenter, residence, Worcester, 3 ch., he d. aged 40, 1 Sept., 1854; NATHANIEL, b. 15 June, 1821, m. Elizabeth Greenwood of Grafton, settled at Buffalo, N. Y., where he is a boot manufacturer and wealthy, had LOUISE, m. John Adsit of Buffalo, N. Y., had ch., ALBERT, m. and had ch.; RUTH ANN, b. 1824, at Dudley, m. William Stedman

of Southbridge, carpenter, had ch.; SARAH, b. 1832, at Ox., m. Fred. Townsend of Lancaster, had ch.

4. JEREMIAH, son of Ebenezer (1), m. (1) 14 April, 1817, Clarissa Mixer of Charlton, resided at Sutton, Charlton, Oxford and Worcester, lived on the Elisha Davis farm, H. 14, from 1838 to 1851, she d. 2 Oct., 1854, he m. (2) 1858 Almira, widow of David Hall, he d. 24 Nov., 1875, at Charlton. . . . Children, by first m.: AMOS, b. 18 April, 1818, at Charlton, m. (1) 8 May, 1839, Betsey M., dau. of Dea. Marble of Sutton, they had *Eugene H.*, b. 30 June, 1845, she d. aged 30, 12 Oct., 1850; m. (2) Emeline B. Hutchinson of Sutton; he d. 29 May, 1869, at Charlton; CLARINDA, b. 29 Oct., 1823, at Sutton, m. 21 May, 1850, James M. Follansbee of Enfield, N. H., residence, Worcester, where she d. 8 June, 1851.

JOHN, of Cambridge, reputed Scotch, b. 1631, m. 1655, Esther Makepeace, had with others JOSEPH, b. 1677, resided at Watertown, m. Ruhamah Wellington, removed to Lexington, had with others JOSEPH, b. 2 Sept., 1708, at Watertown, resided at Holliston, m. (1) Katharine ——, m. (2) Hepsibah Leland, had by first m. JOSEPH, b. 23 Feb., 1733, at Holliston, m. 4 Nov., 1756, Lydia Twichell, resided at Holliston, removed to Thompson, Conn., whence he came about 1816 to Ox. with a grandson, William Cargel, removed 1818 to Woodstock, late in life returned to Ox., and d. aged 89, at the house of his son Joseph, H. 88, 22 April, 1822. His will names sons EPHRAIM, HENRY, JOSEPH, AMOS and 3 daughters. JOSEPH, the third son, b. 31 Jan., 1763(?), went young with his father to Thompson, thence to Dudley, and came 1791 to Ox., residence, west part, H. 88, m. (1) 25 Oct., 1787, being then of Thompson, Jemima, dau. of John Larned, she d. 3 June, 1796, m. (2) 19 March, 1797, Anna Davis of Newburyport, she d. 3 Oct., 1847, aged 76, he d. aged 86, 4 March, 1849. . . . Children by first m.: JOHN L., b. 3 Aug., 1788, d. 1795; JOSEPH, b. 15 Aug., 1790; MIRIAM, b. 25 Nov., 1792, m. 6 April, 1817, Martin Wheelock of Spencer, where they settled; ch. by second m.: SALLY, b. 25 March, 1798, d. 1803; SUSAN, b. 17 Aug., 1800, d. 1803; LARNED, b. 11 May, 1803; JASPER, b. 21 Oct., 1805; DANIEL and DANFORTH, b. 20 March, 1808; JAMES, b. 11 April, 1812.

2. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (1), m. (1) 9 Jan., 1814, Polly, dau. of Phinehas Parker, she d. 6 Feb., 1823, m. (2) intentions 18 Oct., 1823, Lydia, dau. of Josiah Gleason, settled after second m. in the east part of Ox., H. 22, lived to old age, was deaf and killed by a train of cars while walking on the railroad, 17 June, 1871, his w. Lydia d. 22 June, 1868. . . . Children by first m.: JOSEPH, b. 28 Aug., 1814, m. (1) 2 April, 1834, Lydia Davis of Holden, 2 ch., she d. about 1863 at Providence, R. I., m. (2) Mrs. Eliza Kent of Providence, m. (3) Mrs. Amy Knight, residence, Providence; POLLY, b. 1 July, 1816, m. (1) Daniel V. Childs, he d. 1852, m. (2) Russell Arnold; ETHAN L., b. 7 Aug., 1818, m. Mary A. Sibley of Sutton, 1 dau.; AMASA, b. 11 April, 1820, d. at Leicester, unm.; CYRUS WILSON, b. 9 Sept., 1822, went to sea at 16, not heard from; ch. by second m.: JOSIAH G., b. 21 July, 1824, m. (1) Mary Twiss of Charlton, she d. aged 32, 22 Aug., 1853, m. (2) Sarah Williams of Lawrence and had ch., soldier in the late war, d. in the service; LYDIA ANN J., b. 4 Nov., 1826, m. 15 Oct., 1847, W. Dexter Barrows of Worcester, had ch.; J. LARNED, b. 14 June, 1828, m. (1) 19 Aug., 1850, Lucy A., dau. of Jacob Bond, m. (2) Mary Gay of Thompson, had ch., m. (3), and 1884 resided in R. I.; SUSAN M., b. 10 May, 1831, m. Nov., 1852, George Barton of Leicester, no ch.

3. LARNED, son of Joseph (1), m. Sally Rice, dau. of the w. of Jonathan Flagg by her first husband, removed to Natick, tavern keeper until near his

decease, about 1832. . . . *Children*: MARIA, b. at Natick, m. George Dyer of Worcester and had a son, in U. S. service at Washington; ANN, b. at Natick, d. unm., at Worcester; JOSIAH, b. and d. at Worcester, unm.

4. JASPER, son of Joseph (1), m. intentions 3 Feb., 1827, Lucina, dau. of David Morse of Charlton, she d. 31 May, 1834, aged 29, m. (2) 28 May, 1839, Augusta Lumbard of Sturbridge; prominent man of the town, a democrat, justice of the peace, land surveyor, moderator, selectman and representative, a large land owner, he d. aged 80, 10 March, 1886. . . . *Children* by first m.: SARAH, b. 22 Aug., 1828, m. (1) Cooledge, son of Nahum Pratt [See Pratt], m. (2) 11 Sept., 1858, Otis B. Chaffee, son of Joel of Thompson, Conn.; they had *Alfred M.*, b. 16 Aug., 1859; *Herbert V.*, b. 3 May, 1863; *Erminia E.*, b. 5 April, 1865; *Walter S.*, b. and d. 1868; by second m.: CAROLINE, b. 9 June, 1840, d. young; ELIZA M., b. 26 Nov., 1842, m. John C. Hammond of Charlton, lawyer, residence, Northampton; they had *Robert B.*, b. 1874, d. 1875; *Thomas J.*, b. 22 Dec., 1876; *Maud* and *May*, b. 19 Sept., 1874; *Ethel*, b. 6 Sept., 1884; EMILY M., b. 21 June, 1844, m. J. Edward Nichols; FANNY, b. 8 June, 1848, d. 28 Nov., 1862.

5. DANIEL, son of Joseph (1), blacksmith and machinist, m. (1) 28 Feb., 1829, Sally, dau. of Amos Batcheller of Sutton, where they settled, she d. 14 May, 1832, m. (2) 27 Jan., 1833, Abigail T., dau. of James Collier. . . . *Children* by first m.: SUSAN A., b. 13 July, 1830, m. 15 March, 1850, at Worcester, William H. Day of Killingly, Conn.; SARAH E., b. 28 April, 1832, m. Henry Greenleaf; ch. by second m.: ABIGAIL A., b. 6 Oct., 1833, at Sutton, d. young; MARY JANE, b. 4 March, 1835, at Sutton, m. at Chicago, 12 March, 1854, Richard O. Hunt, 8 ch., residence, Santa Barbara, Cal., Daniel, the father, removed 1836 to Sturbridge; CHARLOTTE E., b. 11 Sept., 1836, at Sturbridge, m. 22 June, 1855, at Chicago, George Baird, residence, Chicago, had ch., the father removed to Ox.; DANIEL, b. 16 April, 1838, d. young; TAMAR H., b. 30 April, 1839, m. 1 June, 1859, at Bristol, Wis., Loring E. Buck of Racine, Wis., had ch., residence, Belmont, Wis.; HAMLET R., b. 1 May, 1841, m. 22 June, 1867, at Austin, Anna Parker, had ch., was in the late war, three years in the 3d Wis. Regt., in 1885 commission merchant at Los Angeles, Cal., deacon of Baptist Church; AMOS B., b. 12 Nov., 1842, d. young; the father removed to Worcester 1844; CELIA A., b. 1 June, 1844, at Worcester, d. aged 14; HENRY, b. 7 Sept., 1846, d. young; CHARLES D., b. 13 Oct., 1847, d. young; MICO MELISSA, b. 17 July, 1849; ANGIE F., b. 5 Sept., 1852; the father removed 1853 to Burlington, Vt., and 1854 to Chicago, Ill.; IDA MARIA, b. 22 June, 1854, at Chicago, d. young; the father removed 1855 to Racine, Wis., built a house and shop; HARRIET L., b. 26 May, 1856, d. young; A SON, b. 14 Jan., 1858, d. young.

6. DANFORTHII, son of Joseph (1), m. (1) 14 Feb., 1830, Betsey, dau. of David Stone, she d. 1 Dec., 1839, m. (2) Jane M. Parkhurst. . . . *Children* by first m.: CHARLES, b. 1831, d. young; ELIZABETH, b. 13 April 1834, m. 3 Nov., 1866, Edmund Converse of Worcester, where she d. 15 June, 1869; by second m.: ABBIE, d. unm.; the family removed to Beaver Crossing, Neb.

7. JAMES, son of Joseph (1), m. 27 Nov., 1834, Martha, dau. of Joseph Childs of Ox., he d. 2 Oct., 1889, at Ox. . . . *Children*: MARY A., b. 30 Jan., 1836, at Worcester, d. 12 Aug., 1851; LUCY M., b. 16 Feb., 1839, m. 4 July, 1856, Julius N., son of Calvin Bellows, he d. in the late war, she m. (2) Lawson Upham of Dudley, m. (3) Elbridge Kimball of Worcester, m. (4) Dr. John C. Johnson of Providence, no ch. except by first m. [See Bellows];

**OSCAR H.**, b. 28 Dec., 1842, m. 5 Sept., 1866, Eliza Dimon; had *Lilian*, b. 10 Nov., 1868; **JOSEPH W.**, b. 31 Jan., 1844, m. 4 July, 1872, Miranda Thompson of Douglas; **JAMES A.**, b. 25 April, 1847, m. 5 Oct., 1870, Jenny McCoy(?) of Nova Scotia, had ch.; **FRANK J.**, b. 14 Feb., 1859, d. 6 May, 1875.

**PHILIP**, of South Gore, of Dudley in 1780, bought, 1786, 200 acres east of the pond, part of the Roxbury School Grant, there kept a tavern, sold in 1806 to his sons Philip, William C., and Marvin. He had business ability and energy, was known as "King Philip," in 1798, with John Healy of Dudley, purchased the water power at East Village where a forge or trip-hammer shop was built the same year, sold to Healy Nov., 1799; he d. 24 Feb., 1827, aged 77; he m. Lois, and had at Dudley, **AARON**, b. 1779; **LOIS**, b. 1781; **CHLOE**, b. 1783, m. intentions, 6 April, 1802, Ebenezer Emerson of Thompson, Conn.; **MARVIN**, b. 1785, m. intentions, 19 March, 1807, Lilles Logee of Burrillville, R. I.

**JAMES**, tailor, from Boston, was in Ox. Aug., 1765, m. 16 Feb., 1768, Mary, dau. of John Shumway, resided a half-mile west of North Common, H. 90, perhaps on a part of her father's farm, she d. 5 Oct., 1826; James Brown, aged 79, d. 9 Oct., 1822 [Ox. Rec.]. . . . Children: **SARAH**, b. and d. 1768; **WILLIAM**, b. 27 Dec., — [Record defaced]; **SARAH**, b. 23 May, —, m. James Coller; **MARY**, b. 22 Feb., 177—, m. Solomon Walker; **JAMES**, b. 19 Feb., 177—; **EBENEZER**, b. 12 Nov., 1777, d. unm. 9 May, 1857(?); **JOSEPH**, b. 17 May, 1786; **ABIGAIL**, b. 19 Sept., 1788, m. Benjamin Tuel, residence, Weathersfield, Vt.; **ALICE**, b. 3 May, 17—, m. James Coller, second w.

**EPHRAIM** of Spencer, and Hannah Edmunds, m. 21 Feb., 1755.

**LYDIA**, and Noah Hall of Killingly, Conn., m. 24 April, 1759.

**SAMUEL** and Hannah Marsh, both of Sutton, m. 2 Jan., 1782.

**WALTER** of South Gore, and Phila Jepherson of Uxbridge, m. intentions 26 Jan., 1811.

**POLLY** of South Gore, and Paraclete Morris, m. intentions 30 March, 1811.

**NANCY**, and Jabez Green, m. intentions 19 Dec., 1814.

**SUSANNA** of Smithfield, and William T. Taft, m. intentions 15 May, 1824.

**LUCINDA** of Dudley and Reuel Moffit, m. 14 June, 1825.

**LAVINA** and John Emerson, both of South Gore, m. 21 Nov., 1826.

**JAMES** of Sutton and Laura Tiffany, m. intentions 6 Jan., 1827.

**WILLARD**, and Elizabeth Stowell of Boston, m. 22 April, 1827, and had **WILLARD A.**, b. 25 Feb., 1828.

**LOVISA** of Dudley, and Benjamin A. Corbin, m. 9 Dec., 1836.

**CAROLINE**, and Simeon R. Marble of Sutton, m. 29 May, 1844.

**MARY D.**, d. 1 Sept., 1849, aged 61.

**NATHAN**, aged 54, d. 8 June, 1850.

**ISAAC**, of Worcester, aged 41, d. 9 March, 1852.

**Mrs. MARY**, m. n. Twiss, aged 32, d. 22 Aug., 1853.

**TURNER**, m. Sophia Stockwell, she d. aged 53, 13 Nov., 1857.

**SALLY**, w. of James, m. n. Woodcock, aged 76, d. 30 Jan., 1861.

**JAMES**, of Dudley, her husband, aged 85, d. 8 March, 1865.

**HENRY** of Woodstock, aged 66, d. 3 April, 1885.

**BRUCE**, **WARREN**, and Eliza Leach, m. intentions 17 Aug., 1836, he d. aged 45, 6 Aug., 1847.

**Miss** —, d. 21 Sept., 1838.

**JOHN** (Scotch), son of William, aged 29, found frozen dead 31 Dec., 1855, near Centre, verdict, "intoxicated."

**ANTIPAS**, North Brookfield, d. 18 Feb., 1865.

JULIA A., dau. of Smith of Pomfret, unm., aged 68, d. 9 Sept., 1873.

BUCK, SAMUEL, of Sutton, and Elizabeth Blunt, m. 27 April, 1742.  
JONATHAN, with family, resided in Ox. Nov., 1762.

**BUFFUM, MOSES**, son of Joshua and Sabra (Ballou), b. 10 July, 1800, at Smithfield, R. I., went in boyhood into a mill at Slatersville, began business at making hats at 18 years of age, and two or three years later became partner with Esek Pitts, at Millville, in trade and the manufacture of satinets, continuing until 1834 when his partner died and he assumed the whole business. He was prospered and enlarged his operations, going on until 1849 when his mill was burned and he lost heavily. Other reverses overtook him and most of his earlier accumulations had been swept away, when in 1852 he came to Oxford. Here, with Edward Thayer as partner, he began the manufacture of fine cassimeres. In 1855 Thayer left and Mr. Buffum continued successfully until his death in 1874. He had good business ability and tenacity of purpose, was conscientious and careful for the rights of others, early an anti-slavery man and a Free Soil voter, and was highly respected by all. At Millville he was Colonel of Militia and a prominent Freemason. During his last long and painful illness he exhibited the higher virtues which marked him as of uncommon fortitude and amiability. He was among the most successful business men of the town, and died wealthy. He m. 24 July, 1823, Louisa Pitts, b. 30 Oct., 1805, he d. 20 Nov., 1874, she d. aged 79, 18 Jan., 1885. . . . Children, b. at Millville: MARIA L., b. 26 Sept., 1825; MOSES II., b. 15 May, 1827, d. young; FANNY P., b. 26 Sept., 1829, d. 8 June, 1865; MOSES II., b. 29 Jan., 1832, d. young; JOSEPHINE A., b. 17 Nov., 1833, m. 11 June, 1862, George Mason, residence, Washington, D. C., they had *Harry B.*, b. 22 Feb., 1867, at Ox., *George E.*, b. 28 Oct., 1872, at Washington; CAROLINE E., b. 1 April, 1836; MOSES II., b. 10 July, 1839, m. 12 June, 1867, Lucy M. Freeman of New Salem, they had *Ralph F.*, b. 16 Jan., 1876, *Grace L.*, b. 8 Oct., 1878; LUCY A., b. 30 Oct., 1841, d. young; ELLEN J., b. 24 April, 1844, d. 14 July, 1865; CHARLES H., b. 21 Nov., 1846, m. 29 Jan., 1880, Eva A. Southwick of Millville, who d. aged 30, 31 May, 1883; ELLEN A., b. 1 July 1850, m. 20 Feb., 1889, Anthony G. Hanna of Holbrook.

FANNIE P., dau. of Paul, aged 35, d. 8 June, 1865.

**BULLEN, STEPHEN**, m. 3 Sept., 1767, Elizabeth Rich, then both of Sutton, taxed here 1771.

JOHN, son of Stephen and Ruth, b. 2 July, 1791, at Douglas.

**BULLOCK, MRS. LYDIA**, dau. of Warren Balcom, aged 22, d. 29 June, 1855.

MRS. HANNAH E., aged 44, d. 30 May, 1883.

STELLA A., aged 26, d. 20 Jan., 1885.

**BURDON, MOSES**, descendant of John, of Durham, Eng., who went to sea and engaged in the slave trade, landed with a cargo at Salem, left the vessel, m. and settled at Danvers, and when his son John (b. 1726) was fifteen months old removed to Sutton.<sup>1</sup> A son of this child, JOHN, b. 1747, had SALMON, b. 1779, m. 1799, Polly Taylor, they had with others MOSES, b. 29 April, 1811, at Sutton, came to Ox. in 1833 as a millwright; he m. (1) 22 Feb., 1836, Betsey Pierce of Sutton, she d. 10 Jan., 1846, m. (2) 4 Aug., 1847,

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Sarah Packard of Upton, she d. 15 Nov., 1849, m. (3) 6 April, 1852, Harriet N., sister of Sarah Packard, she d. 25 Dec., 1860, m. (4) 3 June, 1868, Mrs. Hannah Hagar, m. n. Upham, of Dudley, he d. aged 74, 3 Jan., 1886. . . . *Children*, by first m. EMILY, b. 23 Aug., 1838, d. 22 Nov., 1853; JAMES T., b. and d. 1845; by second m. SARAH, b. 6 Nov., 1849, m. Eugene Wetherell; by last m. HARRIET A., b. 12 June, 1872.

JOHN and wife resided at Ox. Aug., 1759.

DR. ASA of Scituate and Hannah Gleason, m. intentions 23 Oct., 1794.

**BURKE, PATRICK** (Irish), aged 70, d. 10 May, 1882.

JOHN, aged 72, d. 4 Sept., 1886.

MRS. BRIDGET, aged 64, d. 22 Nov., 1888.

**BURLEIGH, JOHN O.**, b. June, 1809, son of Rinaldo of Plainfield, Conn., long principal of academy there; came to Ox. 1834 as teacher, Oct., 1836, succeeded Orlando Chester in select school, continued till spring of 1842, removed to Brookline, taught one or two years, removed to Grafton and soon to Plainfield, and thence to East Douglas, where he was in the stove trade. He was a superior teacher, had more than ordinary ability and was progressive in his ideas, a zealous anti-slavery and temperance man; d. 20 July, 1848, at East Douglas; he m. 31 July, 1837, Evelina, dau. of Richard Moore, she d. 4 Oct., 1882, at Ox. . . . *Children*: MARY, b. 25 Aug., 1839, d. 26 Sept., 1863; of uncommon endowments; CHARLES H., b. 20 March, 1842, m. 5 Jan., 1869, Emma G. Freeman of Worcester, residence, Worcester, patent solicitor, soldier in the late war, had ch.; AGNES M., b. 18 Jan., 1846, at Grafton, d. 18 May, 1861; ELIDA F., b. 28 Sept., 1847, at East Douglas, d. 31 Aug., 1861.

**BURNAP, EBENEZER**, son of Ebenezer of Sutton, came to Ox. 1803 from Ward, blacksmith, bought the estate near Town's Pond, once Daniel Elliott, Jr.'s. H. 139, had a shop on west side of the road, previously Jonas Pratt's, returned to Ward about 1810; he m. (1) Thankful Singletary, she d. aged 45, 25 June, 1808, m. (2) intentions 5 Aug., 1809, Ruth Tucker of Charlton, he d. 12 March, 1820, at Ward; in the division of his estate are named widow Ruth, daughters Lavinia, Sabrina, Syrena, and Mary, Erasmus L and Ebenezer T., the 3 ch. by second m. . . . *Children*: EBENEZER, b. 9 June, 1785, d. 22 Sept., 1803, at Ox.; LAVINIA, b. 8 March, 1788, m. John Pratt, Jr.; POLLY, b. 2 Jan., 1791, d. 9 Nov., 1803; SABRINA, b. 1 Aug., 1795, at Sutton, m. —— Haynes, tavern-keeper at Leicester; SYRENA, b. 9 June, 1798, at Ward; SALLY, b. 1 Nov., 1803, at Ox., d. young; EBENEZER S., b. 23 Jan., 1805, d. young; ch. by second m. b. at Ox.: MARY H., b. 18 July, 1810; ERASMS L., b. 17 Dec., 1813, at Ward; EBENEZER T., b. 2 July, 1818.

ABIJAH, of Ox. 1797, brother of Ebenezer, b. at Sutton, owned land north of North Ox. railroad station, H. 149.

HANNAH, of North Gore, and William Eddy, Jr., m. 18 Dec., 1797.

CALVIN F., and Harriet Ball, m. 28 April, 1845.

**BURNETT, BURNET, JOHN**, w. Sarah; had MARY, b. 26 May, 1741; JOHN, b. 1 Oct., 1742; SARAH, b. 16 Aug., 1744.

LUTHER, b. 14 Feb., 1764, at Hampton, Conn., son of Jonathan, m. 2 April, 1794, Cynthia Durkee, b. 5 Feb., 1772, he d. 28 Dec., 1844, at Ox., she d. 4 Aug., 1866, at Worcester. He lived at Worcester before coming to Ox., bought Nov., 1821, a farm on Long Hill, H. 166, where he d., farmer. . . . *Children*, first seven b. at Hampton: LUTHER, b. 18 June, 1796, m. 2 June, 1823,

Eliza, dau. of William Chamberlain of Worcester, where both d., he d. 19 June, 1856, she d. 12 July, 1832; they had *Dolly C.*, b. 2 Jan., 1825, m. Chas. F. Wilson, 1 ch.; *Elizabeth*, b. 25 Sept., 1826, m. Marshall Flagg of Worcester, 3 ch.; HARVEY, b. 4 Feb., 1798; WARREN, b. 18 Feb., 1800, m. Nancy Edwards of Boston, where they resided, and had *Warren B.*, m., d. in Melrose; *Edward*, m., d. near Boston; DOLLY, b. 20 March, 1802, m. 11 June, 1827, Fred A. [or Eurotis] Graves, who d. 9 Sept., 1847, at Worcester, she d. there 17 Oct., 1855; they had *Walter D.*, b. 16 May, 1828; *Caroline E.*, b. 1830, d. 1849; *Mary B.*, b. 1832, d. 1866; CALVIN A., b. 29 Jan., 1803(?), m. 29 June, 1830, Harriet, dau. of Simon Knowles of Hardwick, he d. 30 April, 1858, at Leicester, she d. 20 April, 1865; they had *Calvin*, b. 19 Nov., 1834; *Luther P.*, b. and d. 1843; *Emeline*, b. 1836, d. 1837; SARAH P., b. 1805, d. 1806; MARY, b. 21 Nov., 1807, m. 14 April, 1831, Jonas Bartlett, Jr., of Northboro', b. 16 April, 1805, he d. 28 Aug., 1877, she d. 21 Jan., 1858, both at Worcester; they had *Charles A.*, b. 28 July, 1828; *Albert F.*, b. 4 Sept., 1833; EMELINE, b. 22 Dec., 1809, at Worcester, d. 8 March, 1885, unm.; CHARLES C., b. 16 Oct., 1813, at Worcester, m. 10 May, 1842, Maria M., dau. of Abner Cooley of Springfield, b. 13 May, 1818; they had *Charles J.*, b. 14 Feb., 1843, at Suffield, Conn.; *William E.*, b. and d. 1847; *Nella M.*, b. 5 May, 1850, at Worcester; *Martha E.*, b. 27 Oct., 1855, at Middleboro'; *Mary E.*, b. 26 July, 1859, at Middleboro'; *John C.*, b. 12 Jan., 1862, at Middleboro', d. 1864, at Springfield.

2. HARVEY, son of Luther (1), m. intentions 14 Sept., 1828, Louisa, dau. of Nahum Pratt, he d. 8 May, 1872, she d. 29 Aug., 1868, both at Dudley. . . . Children: SARAH P., b. 21 June, 1829, d. 21 Aug., 1854; MARSHAL S., b. 6 May, 1830, at Charlton, m. 22 Jan., 1882, Adaline A., dau. of Samuel Burrill, b. 25 April, 1860, in Ga., residence, Highlands, Macon Co., N. C.; ELIZABETH C., b. 11 Oct., 1832, d. 20 June, 1848; AUSTIN C., b. 11 Nov., 1834, at Ox., m. 31 Dec., 1857, Emma, dau. of George N. Perry of Dudley, b. 20 Nov., 1837, settled at Dudley, rem. to Webster; they had *Frank G.* and *Fred N.*, b. 30 May, 1860; *Emma J.*, b. 12 March, 1866; *Elizabeth L.*, b. 6 Sept., 1870; LUCY ANN, b. 6 June, 1836; FRANCIS E., b. 4 Jan., 1838, at Ox., H. 84, m. 7 March, 1867, Mary A., dau. of John Haskell, b. 22 Sept., 1842, was graduated 1867 at Amherst College, a successful teacher, principal at Dudley and Woodstock academies, Putnam high school, superintendent of schools at Auburn, Me., 1890 principal of McGaw Institute, Reed's Ferry, N. H.; they had *Mary L.*, b. 1871, d. 1873; *John E.*, b. 24 Nov., 1873; *Florence E.*, b. 22 Sept., 1879; *Clarence A.*, b. 7 May, 1883; EMELINE J., b. 16 April, 1842, at Worcester, m. (1) Charles F., son of Chad B. Carey, m. (2) 6 Nov., 1870, Harvey F. Newton, b. 2 May, 1838, at Vernon, Vt., residence, Worcester; they had *Charles II.*, b. and d. 1874; *Arthur T.*, b. and d. 1877; *Minnie A.*, b. 23 Aug., 1880.

Widow Burnet, in 1761 was allowed the use of Mr. Rogers' (the schoolmaster's) house.

DR. ROBERT, had cattle-mark recorded Oct., 1762.

HENRY, and Ruth Merriam of North Gore, m. 26 March, 1765.

WILLIAM, and Lucy Gleason, m. 22 Jan., 1767; had LUCY, b. 6 July, 1767.

ISAAC, of Warwick, and Esther Merriam of North Gore, m. 15 Oct., 1767.

CAPT. ISAAC, of Dummerston, Vt., and Lydia Eddy, m. 28 May, 1800.

BURNEY, THOMAS, w. Mary, had BETSEY, b. 29 April, 1822; MARY ANN, b. 23 Aug., 1824; SARAH, b. 20 Dec., 1826; THOMAS, b. 28 June, 1828.

BURNS, JOHN, aged 24, d. 13 Dec., 1852.

**BUTLER, STEPHEN**, of Boston, 1652, came from England about 1640, while a child, with his mother Mary, a widow, who m. (2) Benjamin Ward, shipwright, of Boston [see her will, Boston Records, July, 1667], m. Jane, had with others JAMES, b. 2 Aug., 1665, m. Grace —, and had with others JAMES, b. 21 Aug., 1688, m. Abigail Eustace, and had with others JAMES, b. 4 Dec., 1713, m. 17 May, 1739, Elizabeth, dau. of Humphrey Davie, niece of Sir John of England, whose descendants reside at Creedy Park. He was a royalist in the Revolution and went with a company from Boston to Halifax, returned and spent his last days at Sutton, now Millbury. They had JAMES, b. 15 Feb., 1740, at Boston, entered the Boston Latin School 1749, hatter. His occupation brought him much in contact with Maine people of whom he bought furs. When the Revolutionary war came on, at the suggestion of his wife, who was an earnest patriot, the family removed to Arrowsic Island, where they continued until 1779, and removed in Oct. (tradition) to Ox., her half-brother, Anthony Sigourney, having before settled here. In 1780 he bought the tavern estate at the North Common, continuing the hatting and fur business and keeping a country store in addition to the tavern business, having been licensed innholder from 1780 to 1805. He was a good citizen, respected and popular, a constant attendant on Sunday worship, but not a church member. A set of illustrations of the Prodigal Son hung in his house, which he declared set forth his religion.<sup>1</sup>

He m. 9 May, 1763 [Boston Records], Mary, dau. of Anthony and Mary (Waters) Sigourney, who had remarkable ability and force of character, he d. aged 87, 20 Dec., 1827, she d. aged 81, 14 April, 1823. . . . Children, except the last two, b. at Boston: MARY, b. 4 March, 1764, unm., resided at Rutland, Vt., where she d. 22 Dec., 1847; JAMES D., b. 5 Oct., 1765, teacher at Ox., removed 1788 to Rutland, Vt., where he was a merchant, and influential, he m. (1) 22 Aug., 1802, Rachel Maynard, m. n. Harris, m. (2) 15 March, 1827, Lois Harris, he d. 3 June, 1842; ch. by first m.: *Mary S.*, b. 11 Sept., 1804, m. Dr. Horace Green, a noted physician of New York; *Sophia G.*, b. 16 Jan., 1807; *Chloe H.*, b. 22 March, 1810, m. Dr. John S. Cleveland of Cleveland, O., who d. 27 Aug., 1863, at Burton, 6 ch.; *James D.*, b. 15 March, 1815, was graduated at Middlebury College 1836, and tutor and acting professor there for five terms, studied at Andover Theological Seminary, after which he was elected an Abbott resident there, in 1842, 1867, 1878, 1884 made trans-Atlantic tours, visiting chief points of interest in Europe, travelled in the Holy Land, ascended the Nile above the first cataract, went in 1869 to the Yosemite, going on to Honolulu and Hilo, where he climbed the Volcano Kilauea. In 1883 he explored the geyser world of the Yellowstone, passing over

<sup>1</sup> He had a vein of quiet humor, and numerous witty remarks of his were repeated in town in bygone years. He and Gen. Learned were warm friends, and when the General raised his new house (now standing) at North Oxford he gave Mr. B. a special invitation to be present, which was accepted. After the frame was up, the punch, as was the custom, was brought on, and the General called on Mr. Butler for a toast, who responded in the hearing of the large company: "The frame of this house—may it rot to the ground!" Learned was much surprised at what he considered the harsh sentiment, and exclaimed, "Mr. Butler, what do you mean by proposing such a toast?" "I mean," said he

"may the winds of heaven and the devouring fire spare this house to shelter succeeding generations till the last beam in it shall rot away."

"Very good toast, Mr. Butler, very good toast," said Learned, and the good cheer went on.

When Mr. Moulton, the Congregational minister, was building his new house near the common (now Campbell's) Mr. Butler kindly offered to buy ornamental windows for the front door, and proposed one to be put over the door. Mr. Moulton, however, preferred side windows, and after their completion invited Mr. B. to see them, who expressed his approbation and then said pleasantly, "But, Ah sir, you are the minister who does not wish for light from above."

the Northern Pacific railroad to Portland, crossing to Puget Sound and thence to Victoria, Vancouver's Island. He was pastor at Wells River, Vt., from 1847 to 1850, at South Danvers, now Peabody, till 1852, and at Cincinnati, O., until 1854, professor in Norwich University from 1845 to 1847, in Wabash College, Ind., from 1854 to 1858, and in the University of Wisconsin, Madison, from 1858 to 1867. While abroad he wrote letters for several leading papers in this country, and his articles in the *Bibliotheca* and other periodicals are numerous. He is a man of remarkable intellectual abilities and rare and varied attainments. He m. Anna, dau. of Joshua Bates, D.D.; they had *James D.*, *Henry S.*, was graduated at Harvard College 1877; *Anna B.*, *Agnes C.*; *ANTHONY*, b. 8 Oct., 1767, m. (1) 29 July, 1790, Jerusha, dau. of James Hill of Dudley, settled at Hardwick, and in 1796 at Pittsford, Vt., where she d., m. (2) 20 Feb., 1797, Deborah, sister of his first w., had ch., she d. at Pittsford, he removed 1817 to Oxford, Butler Co., O., where he m. again and d. 13 March, 1847. He had literary tastes, was gifted with the peculiarity of the family, a remarkably retentive memory, and in his old age could repeat book after book of Milton's *Paradise Lost*. Ch. by first m.: *James*, *Mary*, *Hannah*, who came to Ox. and lived with her grandmother Butler, and m. Stearns DeWitt; *ELIZABETH*, b. 2 Feb., 1770, m. Jeremiah Kingsbury; *HANNAH*, b. 5 Dec., 1771, d. 6 July [Town Rec. say Feb.], 1792, betrothed to Jeremiah Kingsbury; *JOHN*, b. 4 July, 1773, m. 6 Feb., 1796, Sarah, dau. of Dr. Daniel Fisk. He was then of Rutland, Vt., was in 1804 in trade at Spencer, Mass., went in 1806 to St. Louis. In a letter to a relative he says:

"After parting with you the 9th of Nov. I pursued my journey on to Hartford and my horse was almost done there, and was two days in getting there and one day to Farmington, only nine miles. There I found I must give the horse to sell the saddle and bridle, I received one gold watch and five dollars for all. The watch I sold for \$30, and took the stage. In my route from Oxford I have travelled in the following States: through Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, North West Territory to this place, and I think of all the places in my travels no one equals this. It is without exception the finest country I ever heard of or saw for goodness, but the inhabitants are indolent, living from hand to mouth. Millions of acres of land in this territory as level as a floor without a tree on it, but grass as high as your head on horseback and very thick. One hundred bushels of corn to the acre, wheat good, but no good mills at present through idleness. Can keep 200 hogs, 100 cows, 50 horses here as easy as you can five hogs, seven cows and three horses. I have been to the lead mines and find there is made in this territory 3000 tons per year of lead."

In a letter dated Aug. 15, 1807, at Mine à Burton, he says:

"War has been declared and the Indians are very numerous and make a hostile appearance, and we expect to be driven off from the country."

He remained west until the War of 1812, enlisted, and 1814 was Lieut., acting Adjutant at Newport, Ky.; was Aug., 1814, in command of a company at the attack on Fort Mackinaw, later returned to Ox. and resided near his father. In 1818 he was innkeeper at Charlton, removed to Dedham, where his w. d. 23 May, 1823. He soon returned to Ox., where he d. 25 Sept., 1824. He was a man of good mind, and although of ordinary size was very athletic, and said to have been a champion wrestler in the western army. Ch. *Celia*, b. 22 Nov., 1796, m. Lament Bacon of Southbridge, removed to Chelsea, Vt., where both d., had ch.; *Susanna F.*, b. 21 Oct., 1798, m. 20 May, 1816, Capt. William Sears of Rochester, Mass., where they settled, had ch.; *Miry.*, b. 28 May, 1803, at Spencer, m. Capt. Blodgett of Southbridge, where they settled; had Fred; the father d., the widow and son removed to

New Orleans, where she d.; PETER, b. 16 Dec., 1774; SARAH, b. 29 Sept., 1776, m. Jeremiah Kingsbury, second w.; CELIA, b. 25 April, 1779, m. Archibald Campbell.

2. PETER, son of James (1), m. (1) 23 Nov., 1800, Mehitable, dau. of Samuel and Lucy (Larned) Corbin of Dudley, she d. 2 Dec., 1836, m. (2) 15 Dec., 1841, Abigail, widow of Abijah Davis, Esq., she d. 11 Feb., 1858, he d. aged 82, 30 Dec., 1856. As he was the youngest son he remained at home and engaged in business with his father. In young manhood he thought of settling at Utica, N. Y., then a frontier, in the fur trade, but was persuaded to remain with his aged parents. He built in 1800 the house next south of the tavern stand, H. 179, resided there until 1806, when he took the tavern and store of his father, was 14 years licensee, in 1821 rented the tavern and moved into the new brick store and house he had built on the corner opposite, where he continued trade. He was Adjutant of militia by appointment of Col. Sylvanus Learned. He had much strength of character, was highly respected by his fellow-townsman, active in church affairs, social, sympathetic, but indifferent to promotion. He had a remarkable memory, well stored with the productions of English writers and local traditions, rare powers of conversation, and for general intelligence was much above the average. . . . Children: JAMES, b. 17 Feb., 1802, m. 7 March, 1832, Ann G. Simpson of Newburyport, in his youth lived with his uncle James D., at Rutland, Vt., learned business and settled in the hardware trade in Boston, he d. 30 July, 1874, ch.: *Anna S.*, b. 30 Jan., 1833, m. George W. Grouard, had ch.; *Mary S.*, b. 17 March, 1835, m. Capt. Austin H. Wood, d. July, 1865, 1 dau.; *Lucy M.*, b. 4 Dec., 1836, m. Frank H. Smith of Reading, she d. 16 March, 1873, 1 son; *Katherine*, b. 16 Aug., 1839, m. Lieut. Sidney L. Smith, U. S. N., 1 son; *James*, b. 15 June, 1841, m. Carrie Orrall, had ch.; *Emily*, b. 5 Sept., 1843, m. Fred W. Flint; *William*, b. 9 March, 1846, m. Susan H. Nash; *Sarah*, b. 8 May, 1849; *Jennie*, b. 13 Sept., 1851, d. 12 April, 1870; SAMUEL C., b. 10 Jan., 1804, m. 22 Feb., 1825, Amy, dau. of Richard Olney, settled at Ox., removed to Webster, where he d. 16 Dec., 1837, she removed to Trempealeau, Wis.; they had *Amy A.*, b. 1825, d. 1826; *Mary*, b. 27 Feb., 1827, m. 27 Dec., 1850, Amasa P. Webb of Trempealeau, had ch.; *Samuel K.*, b. 29 April, 1829, d. young; *Lucy E.*, b. 1836, m. 1858, Charles Angell of R. I., residence, Trempealeau, had ch.; *LUCY L.*, b. 20 Dec., 1805, m. Andrew Sigourney, Jr.; *MARY S.*, b. 5 April, 1808, m. (1) 20 March, 1831, Samuel Stafford of Providence, R. I., removed to New Orleans, where he was a successful merchant. 1 son, d. young, he d. 30 Dec., 1866, she removed to Ox. 1867, m. (2) 17 Jan., 1872, Andrew W. Porter of Monson, who d. 4 March, 1877, aged 82, she d. 9 July, 1887, at Worcester; *ELIZA L.*, b. 28 Aug., 1810, m. Wilson Olney; *SARAH M.*, b. 13 Sept., 1815, m. 13 Sept., 1838, Edward M., son of Rev. David Holman of Douglas, civil engineer, settled at Worcester, removed to Holly Springs, Miss., where he d. in 1866; they had *Clara B.*, *Edward E.*, lawyer at Washington, D. C.; *Sarah H.*, *James D.*; *HANNAH H.*, b. 30 Sept., 1817, d. 8 Jan., 1864, unm.; PETER, b. 6 Jan., 1820; CHARLOTTE, b. 18 Aug., 1824, m. 28 May, 1850, William R. Shedd of Wells River, Vt., removed to Newbury, Vt., where she d. April, 1885; they had *Ruth A.*, b. 10 Feb., 1854.

3. PETER, son of Peter (2), was in youth in the store of his uncle James D., at Rutland, Vt., went thence into the employ of Mr. John C. Proctor, hardware merchant of Boston, was very efficient and while still young became a partner in, and later the head of, the house. The business very much

increased under the names of Butler, Keith & Hill, and Butler, Keith & Co., and he became a leading merchant in that line in the city; was very enterprising, and successfully competed with, and did much to supplant, English goods with American productions, and to build up Boston's then great foreign and domestic trade. He lost heavily in the great fire and thereupon went out of trade. He has extensive acquaintance with financial affairs; has resided for more than 30 years in Quincy, at the Quincy mansion, built 1635; has a choice library, and a large collection of rare and curious mementos of the past. He m. 5 Sept., 1843, Lucia, dau. of Dea. John C. Proctor, settled at Boston, removed to Quincy. . . . *Children*: LUCIA C., b. 25 March, 1846, d. unm. 6 Oct., 1868; MARY SIGOURNEY, b. 15 April, 1850, m. Peter B. Olney, her cousin; ISABEL J., b. 24 Dec., 1853; SIGOURNEY, b. 24 Oct., 1857, was graduated at Harvard College 1877, Harvard Law School 1879, lawyer in Boston, Second Comptroller of the Treasury under President Cleveland, administered his office with ability and success, his decisions being upon questions involving large sums of money and important rights of the government.

EMERSON, of Leicester, and Mary E. Nichols, m. intentions 18 Aug., 1832.

HORACE W., and Sarah J. Newell, m. 28 Nov., 1849.

MRS. MARGARET (Irish), aged 52, d. 2 March, 1871.

MRS. MARIA A., dau. of George W. Corbin, aged 26, d. 4 April, 1877.

MRS. SOPHIA S., m. n. Sargent, of Clinton, d. aged 74, 19 Sept., 1880.

CATHARINE (Irish), widow, aged 76, d. 5 July, 1886.

BUXTON, ANDREW, and Susanna, had SUSANNA, b. 16 Feb., 1808, m. 3 July, 1826, Thomas Barnes of North Brookfield, she d. 4 March, 1871.

FANNY, aged 20, d. 4 June, 1839.

BYRNES, THOMAS, and Susan Tillinghast of West Greenwich, R. I., m. intentions 28 Sept., 1835.

CABOT, JUSTUS, and Lydia Robinson, both of S. Gore, m. 29 May, 1787.

CADWELL, ERASTUS, son of John of Wilbraham, aged 70, d. 28 June, 1876.

AMORET, w. of ERASTUS, aged 46, d. 26 Oct., 1859.

ERASTUS O., son of Erastus, aged 23, d. 18 Sept., 1860.

SARAH, widow of Erastus, aged 66, d. 8 Oct., 1888.

CADY, EPHRAIM, of Athol, and Sarah Parker, m. int. 16 Dec., 1775.

ABIGAIL, and Barzillai B. Huse of Northbridge, m. int. 19 Aug., 1811.

AARON, d. 26 Oct., 1832; his son SAMUEL R., aged 58, killed on railroad 3 March, 1862.

Mrs. NANCY [Northbridge(?)], aged 105, d. 1 Aug., 1873, at Ox. almshouse.

CALDWELL, JOHN, son of Moses, aged 4, d. 5 Nov., 1827.

MARY, and John Stone of Providence, R. I., m. 9 June, 1828.

CALL, SAMUEL, of Malden, later of Leicester, bought 1731 the Livermore place, North Gore, H. 110, returned to Leicester, soldier in Col. Ruggles' Regt. in expedition to Fort William Henry, and perhaps in Louisburg expedition, heelmaker. In 1745 Israel Whitney sued him for "15 pounds or 300 dozen good heels for women's shoes," of wood probably. He m. Abigail, dau. of Capt. Nathaniel Green of Leicester. . . . *Children*: MARY, b. 16 Oct., 1730; MARTHA, b. 9 April, 1734; NATHAN, b. 24 Aug., 1736; JOHN, b. 16 April, 1739.

ABIGAIL, and Ebenezer Dike of Dudley, m. intentions 3 Dec., 1743.

Woodstock September 7<sup>th</sup> 1720

As the Subscribers having had acquaintance  
with the Revd Mr John Campbell now of Ox-  
ford, Do approve of him as a person endowed  
with singular accomplishm't; and hope he  
will have the blessing of heaven will send to  
the glory of God, & the spiritual Edification of  
the place where the divine Providence shall fix him in  
the work of the gospel ministry.

To the Selection  
of Officers

Joseph Buckler  
John Swift -  
Robert Briscoe  
John Gorstian  
Joseph Don -

REV. JOHN CAMPBELL'S HAND-WRITING.

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS.



**CAMPBELL, REV. JOHN**, b. "in the North of Scotland," the first minister of Oxford, was doubtless the most influential man in the town in its earlier years, not only in religious but in civil and social affairs. This he owed to his official position, his tact and knowledge of human nature, his firmness of character, sympathetic temperament and diversity of acquirements. He was very efficient in business matters, his name appearing often in the records, and his operations in land were considerable. He received at his settlement 40 acres as a homestead with all the rights of a proprietor to other lands, 20 acres additional on the east, and 140 acres in the northwest corner of the town, in which there appears to have been liberal measurement, as he sold in 1757 to his son Alexander 230 acres in that locality. In 1721 at the sale of North Gore lands he bought 300 acres, which he sold in 1747. In 1736, "on account of difficult circumstances in the ministry at Oxford," he received a grant nominally of 300 acres on the east shore of Chaubunagungamaug, which Mr. Wigglesworth, later owner, sold for 400 acres. He also owned several large lots in the west part of the town, and was proprietor, probably, at one time of 1,000 acres at least.

He was in numerous cases adviser in probate matters, the writer of many wills, deeds and other legal documents, and administrator of estates. When the Papillon tract of 8,000 acres was, in 1736, divided among the heirs, he was one of the three to whom the matter was entrusted. In 1749 he was administrator on the estate of James Coller, and had for nine years kept his accounts. He was the friend and adviser of the widow and orphan, and at times accepted the guardianship of minor children. As a peacemaker he was widely known. Possessing a judicial mind and the full confidence of the people he was able to adjust many cases of difference, thus avoiding the expenses and vexations of the law. He was also physician as well as minister and judge. Hints have come to us by tradition that his sway over his people smacked somewhat of autocracy, but in those days the public universally owned a fealty to religious institutions, those who for any length of time absented themselves from public worship were brought to account for their delinquency, and the minister was honored and revered in a manner very rare at the present day.

Rev. William Phips, then minister at Douglas, in his discourse at the funeral of Mr. Campbell, said:—

"Duty and gratitude call me, I conceive, to say something concerning what he was; of his extraordinary endowments, and of the extraordinary diligence and integrity with which he appeared to improve them. . . . He was esteemed one of penetrating and discerning understanding, of a peculiarly sagacious and enterprising genius, and of a very retentive memory. . . . It was thought by some that were likely to know that few gentlemen of his opportunity could excel him . . . in the management of family affairs, and secular concerns, with dispatch and prudence, so as to consist with a diligent application to his ministerial duties. Where is the man that could order and manage well so much business in so little time?

"In common conversation he was peculiarly free and pleasant. . . . He became your pastor when it was the day of small things with you, and then and ever since he manifested no small love and concern for you. When did you ever find him unwilling to serve and promote your true interests? . . . Has he not ministered to your bodies in distress, as well as to your souls? And when was the day, when was the night, what was the weather, what were the storms, or what the way which hindered him from being quickly with you in your distress? . . . Surely you will own, many of you, that he has been a father to you in civil kindness, as well as in his ecclesiastical ministry. . . . He has also been a peacemaker . . . among you . . . and moreover, abroad in the land, and has been abundantly improved and blessed

as a healer of difficulties . . . in various parts of the country, for which God had given him an extraordinary talent."

A communication from Oxford, published in the *Boston News Letter*, soon after his decease, says:

"With great wisdom and fidelity he continued to discharge the several parts of his office for more than forty years. In his preaching he was strictly Orthodox, much improved in ecclesiastical councils, and happy in the peace and harmony of the church. The funeral was attended not only by the people of this town but by great numbers from adjoining towns. His death is a general loss; but especially so to the town, who may well be supposed to tremble when such a pillar fell."

Rev. Mr. Batcheller in his discourse at the funeral of Maj. Archibald Campbell in 1818, referring to the grandfather, said:

"A distinguished trait in his character was that of a peacemaker. In his day the people were united like a band of brothers, and were happy in each other's society."

A writer in the *American Quarterly Register*, X., 135, says he was "considered a man of respectable talents and well cultivated."

As a preacher he was not remarkable. He was Orthodox in theology, stood firmly by the old Scotch standard and was impatient of innovations, a thorough Bible student, and in his sermons used very frequent and copious scripture quotations.

An accomplished member of the family, a few years since, wrote thus of him: "I remember several intelligent persons, who had received his teachings, who delighted to repeat the little traditions of his sayings and doings. The most profound veneration for his memory lingered about the scene of his ministerial labors, and I was taught to look with reverent affection upon his tomb. . . . My grandmother could give little anecdotes of his gentle but firm sway over his household, and his constant affection to her as his daughter-in-law. . . . She told me he was large in person, not very tall, but portly, with a heavy brow and penetrating black eyes. His deportment was usually grave but cheerful, and the sadness, almost gloom any allusion to his early life threw over him had taught his family to avoid the remotest reference to it."

Of his ancestry and early years very little is known. It is the belief of his descendants that it was his firm purpose that they should remain a mystery. It is said on the best authority, that on a certain time his son John wished to visit Scotland to get information concerning the family but was decidedly opposed by his father, who refused to give letters when asked. "The North of Scotland" was the nearest his best friends could attain to a knowledge of the place of his birth. Doubtless he studied at the University of Edinburgh, but there is mystery even here, for the catalogue of that institution embraces no graduate of the name between 1700 and the time of his coming to America. The date of his arrival at Boston, given on his tombstone, was 1717. The generally accepted opinion among his descendants was that he was a political refugee, having espoused the failing cause of the Stuarts in the contest of 1715—that he was a relative of Lord Loudon who, when in authority in America, made an official visit to Boston and on his way from New York stopped at Worcester and with a single attendant made a friendly visit at Oxford, spending the night with Mr. Campbell and passing on the next day to Boston. It is said on good authority that Loudon on that occasion declared his kinship with Mr. Campbell.<sup>1</sup> Circumstances indicate that he was educated

<sup>1</sup> The people of the town seem to have been aware that their minister was a proscribed man, watched all movements with solicitude, and were prepared to resist by force any attempt at his arrest.

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for the army, and in the French and Indian war he not only aided in filling the ranks, but personally fitted the soldiers for the service by drill.<sup>1</sup> His choice of the ministry as a profession is believed to have been made after his arrival at Boston.

On 24 Nov., 1737, John Hamilton, alias Hugh Henderson, was executed at Worcester for housebreaking. Mr. Campbell preached a sermon on that occasion the text of which was at 1 Peter iv. 5, "who shall give account to Him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead." This discourse was printed and fills about thirty twelvemo. pages. It closes with an address to the criminal thus:—

"I must hasten to say a few words to the distressed prisoner. Poor man, we pity you, we have frequently and fervently prayed to God for mercy to your immortal soul; and I hope that our prayers and labors have not been in vain. . . . Consider that you are in a few minutes to give an account to Him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. Behold the judge standeth at the door. Your case is as it were called, and the sentence preparing ready to be pronounced upon you, this, 'Give an account of thy stewardship for thou shalt be no longer steward.' Consider the present state of your soul. How are you furnished to receive and entertain the righteous sentence to be pronounced upon you at the tribunal of God at the expiration of a few moments? Most earnestly we beseech the Almighty Creator of all persons and things, which made waters flow out of the rock, to smite thy flinty heart and to take thy stony heart out of thy body, to open thy heart as he did Lydia's, to put a new spirit within thy bowels, to anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that so thou mayest see and feel thine own wretchedness, and mayest freely acknowledge with Paul that in thy flesh dwelleth no good thing."

"What are your supports? Where do you find comfort? . . . Can you with humility and most sincere affection take your good deeds and your bad deeds and lay them all at the feet of a Glorious Christ and say in the warmth and ardor of your soul, 'Blessed Jesus, in thee alone I find rest, comfort and support.' So then you highly honor the purity of God's nature when you charge yourself with folly, acknowledge yourself to be unclean and accept of that righteousness which alone gives a full contentment to God's infinite purity even the righteousness of Jesus Christ, in whom all the promises of God are yea, and in him, amen to the glory of God by us. . . ."

As showing his ability to deal with secular affairs, we quote his memorial to the authorities in the matter of his executorship of the will of Richard Williams. John Ballard of Boston married Martha (Papillon) the widow of Williams, and was the guardian of the minor children. He objected in the Probate Court to Mr. Campbell's account, the judge having allowed him £40 for his services, and he appealed to the State executive in Boston.

"Whereas his Excellency William Shirley, Governor, and the Honorable His Majestie's Council upon the 27 of February, 1755, were pleased to accept the report of the Committee of this honorable board upon the appeal of John Ballard from the decree of the Judge of Probate of Worcester County, expressing their opinion upon the several reasons of said appeal; and, whereas, the honorable Committee have candidly and justly considered and pronounced the groundlessness of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth of the said reasons, I thankfully acquiesce therein; but inasmuch as the committee in my humble comprehension have not so determinately and particularly expressed themselves on the last reason of the said appeal as I would wish, and expected, viz., the article of allowance for trouble, toil and expenses in settling the estate of said Williams which occasions this address. Wherefore, I beseech the honorable the Lieut.-Governor and this honorable board in your great clemency to hear me in a few words, shewing wherein my grievance lies.

<sup>1</sup>He was an accomplished swordsman. It is related that on a time a teacher of the art of fencing was in town, and meeting Mr. Campbell

the latter proposed a little practice for diversion, and soon astonished the professional by dexterously plucking his sword from his hand.

" And may it please your honors to observe, 1. that my original account amounted to £791. 3s. Id., also an additional account of £33. 6s. 8d. which I sold the real estate for more than the appraisement. These two sums amount to £824. 9s. 9d. lawful money as appears by my account settled by the judge of probate. 2. That there was not one farthing of cash that I could find belonging to the said estate and but one bond containing about nine pounds beside Madam Mary Wolcott's land [bond?] conditioned for 140 acres of rough and uncultivated land in Killingly, in Connecticut, which could not procure a title to said land, both which appears by the inventory and that part of my apology formally forwarded to his Excellency the Governor and your Honors relative to them; that therefore this large sum must be made of the real estate and a few moveables; accordingly the effects were sold, the several considerations secured, the money in a great measure collected, the debts paid to the creditors, dispersed almost all over the province and part of Connecticut, receipts and other vouchers obtained in order to settle with the judge of probate, and all at large expense of time and money, and the risk of the whole estate to be borne by me from the beginning of my administration until all is paid and the time of my servitude expired. The deliberate and just consideration of the premised reasons induced the judge of probate to make me the allowance of 40 Pounds, as may be seen in the settlement. Add to these that I was obliged in the months of February and March last to travel to Boston, first, to answer the reasons of said appeal, and next to answer two writs served on me by Messrs. John Ballard and his Attorney, at the great expense of my health, which was then much impaired, and my purse which was not very heavy; but nevertheless I must bear all charges in this affair. Now may it please the Lieut.-Governor and your Honors to permit me to persuade myself that after so clear a representation made of facts and so well supported, you will be pleased to explain that part of the honorable Committee's report which relates to the article of allowances to the better understanding of yourselves and your most humble memorialist.

" Surely your honors will not think that a loose receipt dated Sept. 26, 1743, containing £4. 6d. old tenor with depreciation and interest can be satisfaction proportionable to such extensive and expensive services and sufferings as I have been obliged to undergo in discharging my trust. But if, after all I have most humbly offered, your Honors should remain of the opinion that the loose receipt as above delineated is sufficient satisfaction for the trouble and expense I have been and am still exposed to in the administration of said Williams' estate; and as it is said in the report of the Honorable Committee that the saving has been to my pupil Mr. Josiah Wolcott and that therefore the greater part of the allowance should lie upon him, I beseech your Honors that said Wolcott be expressly subjected to the payment thereof, since he utterly refuseth to pay or allow any part thereof on my account with him, although he received in cash what saving there was some time before the appeal. Doubtless, your Honors will easily see how much I stand in need of your relief in this dilemma.

" In fine, I most humbly beg your Honors favorable consideration and direction respecting the payment of two dividends of the residue of my Testator's estate that it be deferred to some distant period, since the debts and legacies are already discharged — for these reasons: 1. Because it is the express will of the Testator that the two said dividends be kept on interest till his only son arrives at a lawful age. 2. Because it is almost impossible for your memorialist to collect so large a sum in so short a time as Mr. John Ballard, Guardian, has set him; considering that several debtors to the estate have been and some are yet in his Majestic's service, who owe at least to the amount of 1,000 pounds old tenor. 3. Because the present almost universal distress of New England makes it very difficult for most men to make speedy payment of a large sum in silver and gold, and Mr. Ballard seems unwilling to take anything else of me.

" Your Honor's resolution and determination upon the premises (as in your great wisdom and goodness you think reasonable) is earnestly solicited by your most humble memorialist, which will oblige him as in duty bound ever to pray.

(Signed) JOHN CAMPBELL."

[This petition was dismissed on the ground that the case was out of the jurisdiction of the Lieut.-Governor and Council.]

Many incidents of his life have been narrated in the past. The story of his having been plunged into the river while being taken across a foot-bridge one evening on the back of Ebenezer Coburn, against whom, in favor of William Hudson, he had that day decided a case, comes through Mr. Peter Butler on the authority of Abial Lamb, an eye-witness. His wife was long an invalid and somewhat hypochondriacal. On a certain spring morning, she being unable to walk, was carried in her chair to the sunny side of the house to be refreshed by the air. After sitting for a time she called for help to be taken indoors. No one responded. She called again and again, without avail, her patience failed, and in a passion she rose and walked into the house. Mr. Archibald Campbell, on whose authority we have the story, remarked, this was a plan of Mr. Campbell's to convince his wife she was not as ill as she thought. It is related on the same authority that at the time of the Indian hostilities they came around his house, on which he began making noisy demonstrations, running up and down stairs, slamming doors, upsetting furniture, calling out to John, Henry, James, to "hurry down and bring those guns," and opening a window fired a blank cartridge, all which so alarmed the marauders that they left at once.

His will bears date 1 Aug., 1760. He gives to his wife Esther one moiety of all his household movables and furniture, excepting bonds, notes, accounts, clothing, library and gun, also his spoons and gold rings: to be used and improved by her during her life and afterward to go to Mary Twiss and Isabella Wolcott, his daughters; also a comfortable home in his house with full provision for her support, with what wool and flax she may need, and eight pounds annually of money for incidental expenses.

To his son Duncan he gives 40 shillings, as he had received at setting out in trade his share of the estate.

To his son Alexander he gives a lot in the Cedar Swamp which, with a farm formerly given and his expenses of education as a physician, is his portion of the estate.

To his son William he gives a deed of one-half his home farm, with other out lands, bearing the same date as his will, and in his will gives him the other half, with his farming tools, stock, etc., and also his negro, "Will," to be kindly used and improved and supported by him during his life.

To his son Archibald he gives £133. 6s. 8d. lawful money, to be kept on interest until he settles in some business in the world, also his apparel, library, watch, gold wrist buttons, knee and shoe buckles, and a young horse, and provision for payment of all his bills at college "till after the next commencement."

To his daughter Mary Twiss he gives 40 pounds to be kept at interest for her benefit and a house and lot near the north end of the Plain, one cow and five sheep.

To his daughter Isabella Wolcott he gives one cow and five sheep; also 60 pounds to be kept at interest for her benefit, . . . "which with what I gave to her at her marriage and some articles since, with a considerable sum of money I paid for Mr. Josiah Wolcott her husband in consequence of the decree of the Governor and council in my favor against him, which he hath neglected and refused to pay makes up her full portion of my estate."

To his granddaughter Esther Town and his grandsons John and William Town he makes small bequests.

To his grandson John (son of John, Jr., who had then gone from town) he

gives 10 pounds, and to his grandsons, John, son of Duncan, and Edward R., son of Alexander, he gives his land in the South Gore, "provided that the said farm may be sold . . . for their education." To his grandson John, son of Josiah Wolcott, he gives the gun which was his great-grandfather Wolcott's, and "which I purchased out of the estate of Capt. Richard Williams."

He appoints his sons Alexander and William his executors.

On 26 May, 1761, the town voted £10 to pay the expenses of his funeral.

The following is inscribed upon his tombstone:

"In toom'd here lieth y<sup>e</sup> body of y<sup>e</sup> Rev'd Mr. John Campbell who died May, 25, 1761, in y<sup>e</sup> 71 yr. of his Age. he was born in y<sup>e</sup> north of Scotland. Educated at Edinburgh & had y<sup>e</sup> benefit & Honors of y<sup>e</sup> University came to N. England A. D. 1717 & was Ordain'd Pastor of y<sup>e</sup> Church in Oxford A. D. 1721 where with great wisdom & fidelity he continued to Execute y<sup>e</sup> several parts of his office for more than 40 years. in his last sickness he sustained y<sup>e</sup> prospect of his approaching death with great serenity as knowing him in whom he had believed.

"The sweet remembrance of the just  
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust."

He m. 6 Feb., 1722, Esther Whittle, Wheatly or Whately, of Boston. The record of his publication is as follows: "Mr. John Campbell and Ester Whetly"; that of his marriage: "John Campbell and Ester Whittle, by Wm. Waldron." He d. 25 May, 1761, she d. 11 March, 1777. . . . Children: MARY, b. 11 Feb., 1724, m. (1) Jacob Town, m. (2) Joseph Twiss; JOHN, b. 7 Feb., 1725, left town in young manhood, subsequent history unknown, his reputed son, John, by Mary Hunkins, was b. 13 Nov., 1744; ISABEL, b. 29 March, 1726, d. young; DUNCAN, b. 27 March, 1727; ISABEL, b. 26 July, 1728, m. Josiah Wolcott; ELIZABETH, b. 14 Aug., 1730, d. young; ALEXANDER, b. 22 Feb., 1732; WILLIAM, b. 2 April, 1734; ARCHIBALD, b. 6 Aug., 1736.

2. DUNCAN, son of John (1), m. 27 Jan., 1750, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Stearns of Worcester, b. 7 Dec., 1730, settled opposite the North Common, where he built the house now standing, and was innkeeper and trader. Before 1754 he began building the mansion at the South Common, which he sold unfinished that year to his brother-in-law, Josiah Wolcott. He appears to have been unsettled in his business relations, removed often, was prominent in public affairs, justice of the peace, collector under the excise law, and many years licensed retailer of liquors. He lived in Dudley from 1766 to 1770 and removed thence to the north part of Oxford, now Auburn, and was 1785-1787 in Worcester, where he kept a tavern, and later at Putney, Vt., where he was a farmer. He spent his later days in Oxford. On 13 June, 1795, as he was crossing from the centre tavern to his residence on the opposite corner he was taken suddenly ill, fell in the street and soon died. Joseph Hurd was administrator of his estate. His wdow d. 18 Nov., 1821, aged 91. . . . Children: ELIZABETH, b. 7 Nov., 1750, m. Ezra Bowman(?); SAMUEL, b. 5 Aug., 1752; JOHN, b. 7 Aug., 1754, Revolutionary soldier, m. 16 Jan., 1777, Mary [Wor. Rec. say "Martha"] Stevens of Worcester, he was of Ox. in 1782, and March, 1783, with w. Martha and sons John and Archibald, removed before 1786 to Putney, Vt., where he d. 15 Jan., 1820, a physician, prominent professionally and civilly;<sup>1</sup> MARY, b. 3 March, 1757, m. intentions

<sup>1</sup> John and Archibald Campbell of Putney, Vt., Worcester Court, March, 1808.  
traders, as "Campbell & Son," had a case in

2 April, 1774, John Walker, and had *John*, b. 1774, d. 1786, she d. 16 Dec., 1780, nothing is known of him before his coming to Ox. He was an Englishman of some means, resided at Dr. Cushman's place, H. 225, and lived in style. He was in Crafts' Cavalry Co. and marched on Lexington alarm, joined the Continental army, became dissolute; his w. d. broken hearted. Works of art which adorned their house, and later hung in the tavern at the centre, are remembered by persons now living. THOMAS, b. 7 April, 1759, Revolutionary soldier, m. intentions 20 Sept., 1783, Rebecca Felshaw of Killingly, Conn., removed to Vt., where they d.; LUCRETIA, b. Dec., 1762, m. 12 Nov., 1792, John T. Hurley of Boston; had *Harriet* and others; she m. (2) —— Gray; PATTY, b. 5 Feb., 1765, m. intentions 10 June, 1784, Capt. William Moore, U. S. Army; OLIVIA and SOPHIA, b. 4 Dec., 1767, at Dudley, Sophia d. young; OLIVIA m. (1) Benjamin Witt, m. (2) Daniel Bacon of Charlton; ALEXANDER, b. 17 Dec., 1769, settled at Putney, Vt., physician, d. 15 Dec., 1839; had a son *John*, a physician and highly esteemed at Putney, d. 4 June, 1866; ARCHIBALD, b. 22 Aug., 1776.

3. SAMUEL, son of Duncan (2), m. 15 Dec., 1774, Ruth, dau. of John Nichols, resided in west part of the town, removed, probably 1783, to the tavern on the Plain, continuing until his failure in 1807. He carried on hatting business at a shop on the corner south of the tavern, was trader also in tavern building and first postmaster of Oxford. He removed 1812 to Chelsea, Vt., where he was taverner, and thence to Montpelier where he was landlord of the Pavilion, leading house of the town, d. there July, 1827. He was a good citizen. . . . Children: JOHN, b. 24 Sept., 1775, resided in Me., m. and had ch.; SAMUEL, b. 11 April, 1777, d. 19 Jan., 1796; HENRY, b. 4 Jan., 1779, m. intentions 10 Dec., 1808, Sarah Blake of Franklin, no ch., she d. aged 24, 8 May, 1811, at Ox., he removed to Vt. with his father and d. at Montpelier; ABIJAH, b. 25 Sept., 1780, m. intentions 27 July, 1803, Patty, dau. of Samuel Davis, resided at Eddington, Me., was a hatter in his father's employ in Ox.; they had *Ruth N.*, b. 28 July, 1804; *Mary Davis*, b. 16 Nov., 1805, both at Ox.; *Samuel D.*, b. 27 Dec., 1809; WILLIAM, b. 24 Dec., 1782, m. 16 Feb., 1805, Lucinda, dau. of Col. Sylvanus Learned, b. 3 Feb., 1785, d. 1 Dec., 1807, aged 22; they had *Alexander C.*, b. 2 Aug., 1805, d. 1826; *Samuel C.*, b. 27 Aug., 1807, m. Elvira Smalley; after his wife's decease, William, the father, and two sons removed to Vt., m., d. at Waitsfield, farmer, miller and distiller; RUFUS, b. 29 Sept., 1784, said to have been the first teacher in the school-house on the Charlton road, removed young to Montpelier, and was an active business man, brick-maker and tavern-keeper; STEARNS, b. 25 May, 1786, saddler, in business 1807 in the shop his father previously used for hatting, removed to Thompson, there m. Prudence, he d. 15 April, 1825; they had *Maria E.*, b. 25 May, 1818, d. 1826; ALEXANDER, b. 30 June, 1790, m. 27 Nov., 1811, Patience Hammond of Charlton, removed to Vt., in a few years returned to Ox., d. here 10 July, 1830, she d. 7 Oct., 1833; they had *Sally B.*, b. 3 April, 1813, m. Charles C. Wood; *Louisa*, b. 8 Aug., 1815, m. (1) 30 Sept., 1833, Otis Moffitt, m. (2) Simeon Lamb of Charlton; BETSEY, b. 21 Dec., 1793, went to Vt., with her father, m. (1) —— Fullerton, m. (2) ——.

4. ARCHIBALD, son of Duncan (2), m. 13 July, 1800, Celia, dau. of James Butler, went young to Hardwick, learned saddler's trade, was journeyman in Vt., returned to Ox., carried on business at the site of Episcopal Church and also at a shop on the common, later succeeded his brother in centre tavern, was the second postmaster of Ox., a popular and esteemed citizen, appointed by Gen.

Jonathan Davis inspector of powder-houses with the rank of Major, by which title he was widely known, in 1802 and 1805 deputy sheriff, and four years town clerk. He d. 5 Oct., 1818, she d. 20 May, 1851. . . . Children: MARY B., b. 1800, d. 1803; BENJAMIN F., b. 1802, d. 1803; ARCHIBALD, b. 3 May, 1804; BENJAMIN F., b. 6 July, 1806; JAMES B., b. 27 Oct., 1808; MARY B., b. 26 May, 1811, of unusual ability and strength of character, teacher at Oxford, Springfield and New York city, resided many years at Charleston, S. C., with her brother James B.; CELIA E., b. 18 Aug., 1818, m. 4 Oct., 1849, Samuel H. Higgins, physician, of Boston, later a preacher, she d. 14 June, 1854, a person of great worth and lovely character; they had *Cecil C.*, b. 28 Aug., 1850, at Roxbury, was graduated, 1871, at Princeton, studied law at Columbia Law School, New York city, where he settled, 1873, and continues successfully, 1890, m. 1886, Susan, dau. of Richard Henry Rush of Philadelphia; *Mary C.*, b. 1852, d. 1854.

5. ARCHIBALD, son of Archibald (4), m. 20 Feb., 1828, Artemesia, dau. of Aaron Wheelock of Charlton, settled at Ox., removed to Vermont, returned to Ox., was 8 years in California, much respected, social, large-hearted and popular, of very decided character, representative to General Court. He d. aged 80, 28 May, 1884, she d. aged 72, 16 Dec., 1881. . . . Children: ARCHIBALD, b. 27 Feb., 1830, went with his father to California 1850, and 1890, resided there; JAMES B., b. 27 Sept., 1833, marketman at Ox., m. 21 Feb., 1877, Elvira Raymond of Ashburnham, she d. 1890, they had *James R.*, b. 14 Dec., 1881; CELIA RUTH, b. 20 May, 1840, d. 17 June, 1861; WILLIAM A., b. 29 Jan., 1844, m. July, 1866, Medora, dau. of Oscar F. Morris, she d. aged 34, 10 May, 1882; they had *Archibald*, b. 23 April, 1868, m. 25 Dec., 1886, Mary O'Connell, had ch.; *Mary*, b. 7 June, 1871, *Celia*, b. 21 April, 1874, *John W.*, b. 18 Nov., 1877.

6. BENJAMIN F., son of Archibald (4), m. 21 Sept., 1831, Mary, dau. of David Lilley, an able business man and much esteemed, town clerk from 1829 to 1836 inclusive, for a number of years in trade at the old Witt & Dowse stand, in thread manufacture in the west part of the town for a time and in 1848 engaged in partnership with Sanford Gilmore and Daniel Harwood and afterward with his son Benjamin F. in wholesale shoe trade in Boston, in which he was successful, he d. 29 March, 1874, at Boston, she d. 7 May, 1884, at Brookline. . . . Children: HELEN L., b. 7 Jan., 1833; BENJAMIN F., b. 9 Aug., 1837, residence, Boston; MARY L., b. 19 Feb., 1843, m. William Humphrey, Boston, master mariner.

7. JAMES BUTLER, son of Archibald (4), one of the noblest sons of the town, fitted for college at Nichols Academy (Dudley), completed 1826 a course of study at Brown University, went to Edisto Island, S. C., taught four years, in the meantime reading law, and began study in 1830 with Hon. Hugh S. Legare at Charleston, in 1832 established himself in practice in that city, and for many years stood in the front rank in the State in his profession. As a lawyer "he had no peer in breadth and subtlety of intelligence, and his dialectic skill was conspicuous on all occasions. . . . A man of power, of energy, of tenacity, he enjoyed the controversies in which quarter is neither asked nor given." He was a debater of great eloquence, sarcasm and ingenuity. His practice became extensive, and the most important causes were committed to his management.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> He in one instance received a retaining fee of fifty thousand dollars.

On the occasion of his death Col. C. H. Simonton, a colleague at the Charleston Bar, said :—

"Having been a member of this Bar for many years it has been my fortune to be thrown into conflict or conference with some of the best intellects of this region, I must say here that never in my time have I met a man superior to Mr. Campbell in the great qualities that constitute an excellent lawyer. When he was roused in any prosecution or defence where his feelings were enlisted—and at times I have seen him engaged in behalf of the poorest and most humble—then his intellect rose with giant strength, and the blows he struck in the court room were those of a Titan, and all within his reach felt the force of a mind of extraordinary power."

In the Nullification contest of 1830 to 1834 he took an active part on the Union side, and by his efforts the vote of Edisto Island was given for the Union candidate for Congress. He was made the confidential agent and correspondent of the Union State Committee at Washington and while there resided for a time at the White House, where he was often in conference with President Jackson, Livingston, Louis McLane, Cass, and other eminent men among whom was Daniel Webster, with whom he renewed an acquaintance begun in previous years, which ripened into a friendship which continued while Webster lived.

In 1850-52 political excitement again ran high in South Carolina, and he being in the legislature fought the disunion sentiment and was largely instrumental in carrying measures which resulted in the defeat of the discontents. When the secession movement culminated in that State, he stood entirely aloof and declined all office, and while he was at heart a sympathizer with his southern brethren and believed their cause was just, he still opposed most strenuously the arbitration of war, deplored the attack on Sumter and predicted defeat when hostilities began. The *Charleston News and Courier* in an obituary notice of him—to which we are indebted for many of the facts of this sketch—said : "In a word, Mr. Campbell was a Union man from first to last. His sympathy with the South was ardent, but none loved the Union more sincerely than he." In December, 1866, under the Provisional government he was chosen United States Senator, his views of public affairs being of course well known. His election to this high position, under the circumstances, was considered in the greatest degree complimentary. But in common with other southern members at that period he was refused his seat. In 1877 he was unanimously nominated for State Senator from Charleston district by a Democratic Convention and elected without opposition. In 1878 the name of another was substituted for his, upon which he announced himself as an independent candidate, but was defeated, having been, as he claimed, defrauded of his election by the use of tissue ballots. This condition of affairs confirmed him in his opposition to the prevailing southern sentiment and his disapproval of dishonorable methods in politics, and resulted in his withdrawal from political life.

He invested his means largely in the Charleston and Savannah railroad of which he was for a time the manager, and lost heavily in that enterprise.

Personally he was of a fine aspect, with a ruddy countenance in which could be plainly traced his Scotch descent, of strongly marked character, a steadfast friend to those he loved or trusted, and decided in his bearing toward his enemies. There was no middle ground in his likes and dislikes. In serving a friend he stopped at nothing. His heart was tender and he was generous and kind. Of course such a man had many friends who adhered to him through all his varied fortunes. Socially he moved in the highest circles of Charleston, and was brilliant, genial and attractive. He was many years president of the

New England Society in that city, which in 1881 celebrated in an impressive manner the fiftieth anniversary of his membership. Of that meeting, in Feb., 1884, Dr. Vedder, then president, said: "Presiding over the festivities of that occasion was one whose inimitable grace and dignity had lent a peculiar charm to like occasions for many years, but whom we were never again to see in the chair which will be inseparably associated with his name." A portrait of Mr. Campbell, executed at the order of the society, adorns its rooms.

Mr. Campbell's health had become enfeebled several years before his decease. In the autumn of 1883 he came north to visit old friends and old scenes, and returned as far as Washington. Here he grew worse, declined rapidly and died on the eighth day of November. He m. 19 Jan., 1837, Anna Margaret, dau. of Ex-Governor Bennett of Charleston, she d. 12 Dec., 1850; they had MARY BENNETT, residence, 1889, at Charleston; CELIA, d. unm., at Charleston.

8. ALEXANDER, son of John (1), m. intentions 14 May, 1757, Lydia, dau. of Thomas Stearns of Worcester, b. 7 Jan., 1735, lived on Sutton road near the mill brook, H. 195, where his new house was burned, 1 Nov., 1771, afterward lived at H. 205, now Israel Sibley's heirs, and d. there 28 Dec., 1782. Later his widow resided with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Learned, at North Ox., where she d. 19 March, 1816. He was a man of good ability, stood well as a citizen, and was somewhat in public life. In 1776, when the question of forming a State Constitution was before the town, he was chosen chairman of committee to report on the subject. He was for many years the leading physician of the centre of the town, did a thriving business, and had numerous pupils studying under him. In person he was short, thick set, dark complexioned and socially free and attractive. . . . Children: EDWARD RAYMOND, b. 17 June, 175-, physician, resided at Ox., 1782, removed to Westminster, Vt., m. and had *Edward*, *Frazer*, *Sidney*, *John*, physician, d. at Surrey, N. H.; the father removed to Pittsfield, Mass., and d. there, descendants now reside in that vicinity; LYDIA, b. 13 Oct., 17--, residence, Westminster, Vt., m. —— Wright, no ch., a widow many years, d. there; ALEXANDER, b. 1761, d. 1762; ALEXANDER, b. 20 Dec., 1762, physician at Rockingham, Vt., very successful, removed to Grafton, Vt., where he d.; he had *Edward*, trader; *Alexander*, graduated 1811, at Dartmouth, lawyer, probate judge; *John*, deputy sheriff, and another son; ESTHER, b. 9 March, 1765, removed to Rockingham, m. (1) —— Day, and had ch., m. (2) —— Marsh, no ch., d. at Rockingham; ANNIS, b. 26 Dec., 1766, m. 7 April, 1787, Dr. Jonathan H. Learned; SALLY, b. 19 June, 1769, m. 3 Nov., 1786, Nathan Thurston; the two youngest children were POLLY, m. —— Simonds of Rockingham, and had two sons; MIRIAM, m. —— Wilcox, settled at Woodstock, Vt., and had ch. [one of these was b. 28 Oct., 1771, perhaps Polly, the other 18 April, 1774 (record defective)]; Miriam Campbell and Aaron Newell m. intentions 11 May, 1793, Ox. Rec.].

9. WILLIAM, son of John (1), m. 25 Oct., 1759, Mary, dau. of Uriah Stone of North Gore. He was an energetic man of good business capacities, the owner of the homestead after his father's death, executor with his brother Alexander of the estate, was in the Louisburg expedition, Capt. of the Oxford company in the Revolutionary war, lived for a time after the war at Brookline, returned about 1783 to Oxford, soon after removed to Putney, Vt., and thence to Castleton, where he d. His widow removed to Lanesboro, Mass. SARAH, her dau., m. a son of Dr. Shaw of Castleton, surgeon in the U. S. army

1815 at New Orleans; *Hon. Henry Shaw* of Lanesboro, a prominent citizen, was their son. Mrs. Shaw was living recently at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. . . . Children: SARAH, b. 15 Dec., 1760, d. 1768; WILLIAM, b. 29 May, 1762, d. 1768; DANIEL, b. 5 Feb., 1764; MARY, b. 21 Feb., 1766; JOSIAH, b. 8 Nov., 1767; SARAH, b. 5 Sept., 1769; LUCY, b. 22 June, 1771; ISABEL, b. 6 June, 1774; WILLIAM, b. 18 Aug., 1776, d. young(?); and baptized at Brookline: NABBY, b. 29 Nov., 1778; WILLIAM, b. 23 Dec., 1781; supposed all to have gone to Vermont with their parents.

10. ARCHIBALD, son of John (1), m. 15 Nov., 1762, Hannah, dau. of Isaac Barnard of Sutton, she d. 24 May, 1814, he d. 15 July, 1818, and both lie in unmarked graves on Stockbridge, Vt., common. . . . Children: JOHN, HANNAH, both b. and d. young at Easton; ARCHIBALD, b. 16 Jan., 1765, m. 26 Nov., 1788, Martha Laflin of Charlton, where she d. 25 April, 1792, aged 24; they had *Barnard*, b. 1790; *Martha B.*, b. 1792; he left home and when last heard from was a soldier at Detroit; BARNARD, b. 21 Nov., 1766, d. 11 Feb., 1789, at Charlton; JOHN, b. 1770, d. 1775; HANNAH, b. 1772, d. 1775; SOPHIA, b. 7 Aug., 1774, m. Walter Pollard, resided and d. at Stockbridge.

A sketch of his peculiar and sad experiences is given by Rev. W. L. Chafflin, in his history of Easton. He began life with bright prospects, but they were soon overclouded and his later years were spent in penury and seclusion. He was graduated at Harvard 1761, studied theology and was ordained pastor at Easton 17 Aug., 1763. Matters progressed quietly until toward the close of 1782, when some dissatisfaction arose resulting in his dismissal. "He was forced in his later years to reflect upon the mystery of that Providence which ordains that years of anguish and trouble should follow a youthful folly." Dissatisfaction increased and in April, 1779, he made a public confession and was forgiven. Other troubles existed, the precise nature of which are unknown, but which are believed to have grown out of the fact that his wife was entirely out of sympathy with him in his life work, and a serious hindrance to his success. All efforts to harmonize affairs in the Church failed and on 26 May he left the pulpit, and 4th of July asked a dismission, which was consummated by a council on 31 July "on account of disaffection and alienation." Mr. Chafflin says "it is evident that no objections of a serious character had been sustained. . . . He left the town with a good record." He removed from Easton to Charlton, where he was installed 8 Jan., 1783. Here, says our author, "his life was in some respects a repetition of his experience at Easton."

There appear, however, no indications of dissatisfaction until the excitement arose concerning the notorious Stephen Burroughs, in which he unwisely took a part as an apologist if not an active partisan for him, and thus brought upon himself the censure of many of his people as well as the public reproof of the Court before which Burroughs was arraigned. As the years passed his children grew up, not to be a source of comfort but to bring dishonor upon the family, and his Charlton ministry proved "one of ten unhappy years." Resigning his pastorate in April, 1793, "too heart-broken and discouraged to seek another parish," he removed to N. H., preached for a time at Cornish and at Putney, Vt., and later found a home at Stockbridge, Vt. Here the town being new there was no Congregational Church, but he preached occasionally as a matter of courtesy, and his ministrations are said to have been very acceptable.

Rev. T. S. Hubbard writes:—

"He was esteemed, but the inhabitants were poor and money scarce and it

is presumable that he had little enough to live on. As he became blind his wants were supplied by his friends, or he was thus helped. . . . I have made many inquiries respecting him and believe he was a good man and strove to live a respectable life."

Concerning his character Mr. Chaffin says: "After the most diligent and patient search, with one exception, I have found no stain upon his record."

He was of full average mental endowments, and of a temperament which no doubt keenly felt the sadness of his fortune. Upon the back of one of his sermons were found a few lines of poetry from his pen, which Mr. Chaffin prints, from which we give a short extract. They doubtless give us his honest estimate of life as viewed from his own stand-point.

#### "THE VALE OF TEARS."

"A path it is of joys and griefs,  
Of many hopes and fears;  
Gladdened at times by sunny smiles,  
But often dimmed by tears.

"Green leaves there are—they quickly fade,  
Bright flowers—but soon they die,  
Its banks are laved by pleasant streams,  
But soon their bed is dry.

"Fancy is but a phantom found,  
And Hope a dream appears;  
And more and more our hearts confess  
This life's a vale of tears."

11. JOHN, son of John and grandson of John (1), m. 26 Nov., 1767, Elizabeth, dau. of Uriah Stone of North Gore, settled at Ox., removed soon after the Revolutionary war to New York State and d. there. Ammidown says the Otsego Campbells are descended from him. . . . *Children*, b. at Ox.: JEREMIAH, b. 15 May, 1770; JOHN, b. 7 Feb., 1772; ABIJAH, b. 1774, d. 1776; ABIJAH, b. 13 Sept., 1778.

WILLIAM, w. Eleanor ——, blacksmith, was in Ox. 1738, owned 1744-1749, Sigourney corner, H. 192, d. before 6 Oct., 1758. . . . *Children*: ELIZABETH, b. 26 Dec., 1738; AGNES, b. 13 April, 1741; LUCY, b. 8 Dec., 1742, all untraced; WILLIAM, b. 23 Sept., 1744, d. 6 Oct., 1768; SARAH, d. 11 Oct., 1768.

JOHN, perhaps son of William, blacksmith in Ox. 1767 to 1786. A John Campbell marched from Ox. as soldier on the Lexington alarm, whether the above or John son of Duncan is uncertain.

JOHN, of Ox., m. 16 Jan., 1777, Patty Stevens of Worcester.

WARREN, of Grafton, and Augusta A., dau. of Ira Cook, m. 3 Nov., 1846.

CANNON, BERNARD (Irish), aged 86, d. 1 March, 1876.

PHILIP, aged 60, d. 11 Jan., 1884.

CATHARINE, widow, aged 48, d. 12 May, 1886.

CAREY, CARY, WILLIAM, from Spencer, residence, west of North Common, H. 84, m. Mary ——, she d. 5 July, 1823, aged 69. [*The Spy* has notice of death of Mary Carey of Ox., 10 July, 1824.] . . . *Children*: PHINEHAS, b. 5 Dec., 1778; SALLY, b. 30 Aug., 1780, m. intentions 3 March, 1803, Nathan McIntire of Charlton; POLLY, b. 25 Nov., 1782, m. 27 Aug., 1804, Gideon Walker, Jr., of Croydon, N. H.; HANNAH, b. 5 July, 1785; CHARLES, b. 13

April, 1788; **PATTY**, b. 21 Oct., 1790, m. intentions 27 April, 1822, Abner Putnam of Worcester; **WILLIAM**, b. 8 May, 1796; **GEORGE W.**, b. 23 Jan., 1799, m. intentions 3 Jan., 1824, Elizabeth H. Caldwell of South Hadley.

**CHAD B.**, b. 17 April, 1813, m. 14 July, 1831, Emily A. Field of Killingly, came before May, 1841, to Ox., tailor, he d. aged 42, 29 March, 1855, family removed to Worcester. . . . *Children*: **GEORGE A.**, b. 1832, at Killingly, d. 3 Jan., 1858, at Ox., unm.; **ALBERT**, d. young; **CHARLES F.**, b. 1 April, 1839, at Killingly, m. 10 June, 1862, Emeline J., dau. of Harvey Burnett, he d. 14 Dec., 1865, at Worcester; **FRED E.**, b. 6 April, 1841, d. 5 Oct., 1860, at Worcester; **HELEN E.**, b. 1 Feb., 1843, m. Oct., 1867, Joseph Moore, residence, Concord, N. H.; **EMMA J.**, b. 3 June, 1845, m. Nov., 1864, George E. Murdock, she d. May, 1868, at Worcester; **FRANCES A.**, b. about 1847, d. April, 1866, at Worcester; **EDWARD D.**, b. about 1849, d. 1 May, 1865, at Worcester; **MARIA A.**

**CARGEL, CARGILL, WILLIAM**, probably a descendant of Rev. Donald, of Scotland, and Benjamin, who came 1760 from South Kingston, R. I., to Pomfret, Conn., bought 500 acres embracing the Great Falls at Putnam, long known as Cargel's mills. **WILLIAM** was grandson of Joseph Brown, who came with him from Thompson, Conn., to Ox. about 1816, resided near the North Common on the Sutton road, removed 1818 to Woodstock, later lived at various mills in Windham Co., d. about 1847 at Willimantic, he m. Lorama Cunningham of Windham, 7 ch.; **JOEL W.**, his son, b. 7 July, 1814, at Thompson, m. 1840, Olive W. Lindley of Leicester, resided there and at Ox.; d. aged 60, 27 Feb., 1875, she d. 11 Jan., 1877, both at Rochdale; had *Albert W.*, b. 18 June, 1844, m. 12 Dec., 1864, Caroline M. Whiting; had Arthur A., b. 2 Jan., 1866; Clara O., b. 19 March, 1868; assessor, school committee, soldier in the late war; *Frank W.*, b. 16 May, 1860; **MARY LUCY**, b. 26 May, 1817, at Ox., m. Lucian Chaffee of Ox.; **HANNAH S.**, unm.; **LORUMA C.**, unm.

**CARLTON, CHARLES R.**, son of Silas of Millbury, b. 16 Sept., 1813, came to Ox. before May, 1838, carpenter, undertaker, removed 1874 to Clinton, m. Mehitable H., dau. of William Larkin, he d. 21 June, 1880, at Worcester. . . . *Children*: **MARY**, b. Sept., 1851; **CHARLES**, b. 1 April, 1853; **SARAH E.**, d. aged 3, 1859.

**CARNEY, MICHAEL**, aged 59, d. 17 April, 1884.

**CARPENTER, SIMON**, of Sutton, and Fanny Rich, m. int. 15 Oct., 1814. **CYNTHIA**, and Palmer T. Bowen, m. intentions 14 Oct., 1832.

**NANCY**, of Charlton, and Sumner King, m. intentions 1 March, 1841.

**REBECCA**, m. n. Moulton, of Middleboro, aged 75, d. 1 Feb., 1875.

**JENNIE**, m. n. Clark, aged 38, d. 30 April, 1887.

**CARROLL, ABIGAIL**, of Sutton, and Ebenezer Gould, m. 2 Sept., 1744.

**SARAH**, of Killingly, Conn., and Andrew Walker, m. int. 30 July, 1774.

**SAMUEL**, of Sutton, and Elizabeth Shumway, m. 31 Dec., 1778.

**EPHRAIM**, w. and ch. **SERVIAH, EPHRAIM, ELIZABETH** and **MARY**, resided at Ox., March, 1780.

**AARON**, of Sutton, and Sally Woodbury, m. 11 May, 1784.

**ELIZA**, and Daniel Munyan of Dudley, m. intentions 10 June, 1826.

**KIRON**, of Charlton, and Mary Clark, m. intentions 14 April, 1837, he d. Feb., 1889. [See Collier.]

**JOSEPH F.**, and Susan B. Harrison of Smithfield, R. I., m. intentions 2 Dec., 1887.

**CARTER, DANIEL**, granted by the town in 1752 privileges near Samuel Baker's.

MARY, and Elisha Knight, m. intentions 4 Oct., 1800.

MARHTA, and Elisha McKnight, m. 4 July, 1801.

JOSEPH, JR., and Elmira Fenno of Leicester, m. 1 Dec., 1829; they had FRANCIS N., b. 1830.

JOSEPH, and Mrs. Sally Gleason, m. 25 March, 1834.

JOEL, and Harriet M. had HELEN M., b. and d. 1840.

**CASE, THOMAS**, Esq., aged 61, d. 14 Dec., 1825.

**CHADWICK, JAMES**, and Zilpah Dunham, m. intentions 12 Oct., 1827.

JAMES, and Mary A. Richardson, m. 29 June, 1828.

**CHAFFEE, ALPHEUS**, b. 9 April, 1789, at Thompson, Conn., son of Chester, m. 5 May, 1813, Nancy Evidon, resided at Thompson, Putnam, Webster and Ox., where he d. aged 79, 25 Oct., 1868, carpenter, she d. aged 66, 2 Aug., 1859. . . . Children: SCHUYLER B., b. 25 July, 1815; IRENE M., b. 16 Aug., 1817, m. 30 May, 1841, William, son of Obadiah Stone of Thompson, and had Irene Elizabeth, b. 5 Sept., 1843, m. Danforth L., son of George Miller; PHILo W., b. 5 May, 1819, unm., was deaf and killed by railroad train at Worcester, 11 Oct., 1862; ORRIN W., b. 14 April, 1821; ALAVENA N., b. 17 May, 1824, m. 6 Feb., 1862, Elisha M. Smith, residence, Athol, no ch.

2. SCHUYLER B., son of Alpheus (1), m. Marietta Faulkner b. 10 May, 1816, at Richmond; he came to Ox. 1842, where he d. 28 June, 1866, she d. 14 Sept., 1890. . . . Children: ORRIN B., b. 27 March, 1842, m. Sarah Doughty, no ch.; JOHN B., b. 10 Aug., 1845; MARIETTA E., b. 24 April, 1853, m. Frank Bannon of Athol, residence, Orange, had ch.; GEORGE B., b. 1855, d. 1871; MARTHA A., b. 31 Oct., 1857, m. Alonzo Richardson of Athol, no ch.; FRED. A., b. 1859.

3. ORRIN W., son of Alpheus (1), m. April, 1846, Temperance E. Cutler of Thompson, Conn., many years constable and collector at Ox., deputy sheriff from 1855 to 1875. . . . Children: ELLEN S., b. 1848, d. 1851; FRANK E., b. 12 May, 1851; ELLA L., b. 24 Nov., 1854, m. 18 April, 1888, Archibald W. Turner of Willimantic, Conn.

EUNICE, and Andrew Smith, m. intentions 18 July, 1830.

LORING D., of Thompson, Conn., and Nancy C. Hall, m. 2 Jan., 1845.

LAVINA M., m. n. Moore, aged 66, d. 6 Feb., 1863.

OTIS B., son of Joel of Thompson, Conn., aged 57, d. 4 Nov., 1886.

ABEL M., his brother, aged 57, d. 22 Jan., 1888.

**CHAMBERLAIN, RICHARD**, of Braintree 1642, removed to Roxbury, where he had baptized 4 June, 1665, with others, BENJAMIN and JOSEPH, who both settled at Sudbury. Richard, the father, d. 1673, will proved 15 April. Benjamin and Joseph came to Oxford with the other settlers in 1713, the first being then about 70 years of age, and Joseph a little younger. In 1696 Benjamin sold 80 acres of land on the east side of the Sudbury River, now in Wayland, adjoining land of Joseph, and in 1712 (deed acknowledged 28 March, 1713), Joseph, wife Hannah, sold 60 acres, a dwelling-house, orchard, etc., with "all his rights of land or commonages in the town of Sudbury." DANIEL and JOHN, sons of Benjamin, are all of his children known to have been here, they removed about 1720 to Colchester, Conn., where they had relatives. From the Woodstock Church records we learn that in 1734 John

Chamberlain of Hebron, Conn., had children Sarah and Ruth baptized at W. on his wife Ruth's account, "as member of the Oxford Church now cohabiting with us."

The home lot of Benjamin was on the west side of the main street and included the old tavern property. This he sold in 1723 and we lose trace of him. He may have removed to Conn. with his sons. He was one of the most venerable and honored of the first proprietors and stood with John Town as foremost in influence. In Nov., 1713, he was chosen one of a committee to lay out a minister's lot and a burying-ground, was the chairman of a committee to confirm to the settlers their home lots when surveyed, selectman in 1714, and in 1720 at the organization of the Church was the second on the list, John Town being first. John, his son, was not named with the original settlers, but was voted in on the rights of Edmund Taylor, which included the lot next south of his father's on Main street. In 1716 he was of Woodstock. Daniel as appears owned no estate here.

2. DANIEL, son of Benjamin (1), m. 15 April, 1718, Elizabeth Brown of Mendon, and had ELIZABETH, b. 18 March, 1720; he was constable in 1720 and soon removed to Colchester, where were b. EASTER, b. 18 Oct., 1722; MEHETABLE, b. 9 April, 1725; DANIEL, b. 2 Nov., 1727; RICHARD, b. 5 July, 1730; WILLIAM, b. 10 March, 1733.

3. JOSEPH, brother of Benjamin (1), chose his home lot on Bondet Hill, including the "great house," H. 38, had with him at least eight ch., of whom NATHANIEL, EBENEZER and JOSEPH, JR., were of age and took up house lots with the first proprietors. He was a member of the first board of selectmen, soldier in the Narragansett war.<sup>1</sup> He d. 8 Aug., 1721, his w. had d. previously. On 22 Feb., 1731, Ebenezer Chamberlain, Joseph Rockett with wife Hannah, Benjamin Chamberlain and Simon Chamberlain conveyed to their brother Joseph of Keekamoochaug, all their rights in their father's lots laid out or to be laid out to "y<sup>e</sup> soldiers which were in y<sup>e</sup> Fight commonly called y<sup>e</sup> Narragansett or Swamp Fight." His will, dated 4 March, 1721, names his sons Benjamin and Simon as executors. Valuation £304, 19s. 6d. No record of his family has been found. NATHANIEL and JOSEPH are supposed to have been among the eldest ch., EBENEZER, HANNAH m. Joseph Rockett, BENJAMIN, SIMON, REBECCA m. Nathan Kannie.

4. NATHANIEL, son of Joseph (3), m. 31 March, 1714, Elizabeth, sister of Thomas Hunkins, baptized 24 Feb., 1706, at Boxford, being then adult. He took up his house lot adjoining his uncle Benjamin on the north, H. 240, which he sold in 1722 and probably left town. He was a constituent member of the Church. . . . Children: RICHARD, b. 9 July, 1714; MOSES, b. 30 March, 1716; NATHANIEL, b. 3 Jan., 1718; ELIZABETH, b. 30 Aug., 1719; SARAH, b. 31 May, 1721.

5. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (3), m. Patience, took up his home lot adjoining on the west that of his father on Bondet Hill, H. 39, sold in 1717 to Philip Amidown and later was of Keekamoochaug. In 1731 his brother Benjamin had also bought land there, and ten years later we find Joseph settled on Province land in Oxford South Gore, then a wilderness.<sup>1</sup> He had chosen a spot of great natural beauty near the Connecticut line, overlooking the lake, and his son Ebenezer and also Josiah Balch, who m. his dau. Patience, were with him, Ebenezer having settled about a half mile northerly from him, and

<sup>1</sup> For many years after this date dwellers in this vicinity were often designated as of Douglas, they being nearer to the line of that town than to any other.

Balch living with him. On 14 Dec., 1744, a committee of the General Court deeded to Josiah Balch, housewright, and Ebenezer Chamberlain, "living on Province land near a place called New Sherborne" [Douglas], 320 acres of land, "including all the land that hath been improved by the said Balch and Chamberlain, or their father, Joseph Chamberlain, in regular form encompassed with four lines only . . . bounded on every side by Province land." Of this tract Balch had the southern half, on which he and Joseph Chamberlain lived, and which Chamberlain quitclaimed to him. Here Chamberlain spent his later years. In 1762, being in want, he petitioned the Court of Sessions for relief, "living between the Government and Douglas District, 80 years old, and wife 64, dependant on charity," on which 60 shillings were granted, to be paid to Edward Davis, Esq., for them. He probably d. before 19 Aug., 1766, as at that date widow Patience was warned against settlement at Ox. The order for appraisal of his estate was 4 Dec., 1783, Sarah Chamberlain, administratrix. His estate was valued, real, 80 acres, £50, all other effects £8, 8s. 9d.

Only ch. recorded at Ox.: PATIENCE, b. 28 Dec., 1720, m. Josiah Balch; EBENEZER, m. 14 March, 1749, Abigail Marsh of Thompson, Conn., and d. before June, 1759 [see deed, Josiah Balch to his son Wor. Rec., 42, 105]; Elizabeth, their dau., d. aged 16, said to have been very beautiful. Her grave is on a knoll overlooking the lake, about a fourth of a mile southwest from the site of her Father's house, but nothing marks the spot. HANNAH, m. Jonathan Marsh, received land from Josiah Balch for services.

6. BENJAMIN, son of Joseph (3), m. 8 July, 1728, Mary, dau. of Philip Amidown, removed about 1732 to Keekamoochaug, where he had bought 21 Oct., 1731, of William Dudley of Roxbury 255 acres of land, a part of which he sold to Clement Corbin and his own brothers, Joseph and Simon. He died there in 1746. . . . Children, b. at Ox.: JOSEPH, b. 11 Dec., 1728, who 2 Sept., 1746, after the death of his father, chose Joseph Allen of Hardwick as his guardian. Paige in History of Hardwick gives "Joseph Chamberlain of Hardwick m. 1753 Sarah Cook of Douglas." There is a tradition that he d. in the Revolutionary war, she d. 1813; they had *Molly*, 1756, *John*, 1757, *Sarah*, 1759, *Asahel*, 1762, *Phebe*, *Calvin*, *Luther*, *Reuben*; ITHAMAR, another son, b. about 1740, was among the pioneers at Chesterfield, N. H. in 1770, where he m. that year Hepzibah Farr, and had *Samuel*, 1773, and *Benjamin*,<sup>1</sup> ICHABOD, probably son of Benjamin, m. 19 March, 1767, Sarah Gale, bought in 1768 the farm in South Gore, lying between Kingsbury's estate and the Roxbury School grant, known as the Leonard grant, 100 acres, sold in 1783; they had *Abigail*, b. 29 Jan., 1768; *Sally*, b. 11 Dec., 1770; *Henry*, b. 6 Oct., 1772; *Sabra*, b. 10 Sept., 1774; *Ichabod*, b. 16 April, 1784; *Polly*, b. 13 May, 1786; *Clarissa*, b. 3 May, 1788; others b. between 1774 and 1784 perhaps not recorded.

7. SIMON, son of Joseph (3), m. 27 Dec., 1735, Abigail Taylor of Sutton, resided near his brothers Joseph and Benjamin at Keekamoochaug. On 14 Dec., 1744, the State's committee deeded to him 160 acres near New Sherburne with all the improvements, lying at the southwest corner of the lot laid out to the first minister of the town.<sup>2</sup> He d. 1747 in Dudley, order for appraisal of estate 25 Feb. Joseph Chamberlain [his brother?] was administrator. We find no record of his family.

<sup>1</sup> Letter of O. E. Randall of Chesterfield, N. H. Douglas about half a mile east from his father's residence in the South Gore.  
<sup>2</sup> This farm on which Simon lived was in

8. EBENEZER, son of Joseph (3), of him little is known. He was one of the 30 original proprietors, his home lot being at the northern extremity of Johnson's Plain, adjoining Isaac Larned on the north, and probably including the Johnson house and meadow in the rear. He sold soon. Richard Moore later owned his home lot. He d. 1746 at Ox. Joseph Chamberlain [his brother?] administrator. No record of family.

There is reason to believe he m. Sibyl, dau. of Richard Moore. We give extracts from a letter which are of interest in this connection:—

**"SIBBEL CHAMBERLAIN OF OXFORD TO JOSEPH STARR OF  
MIDDLETOWN, CONN."**

**"OXFORD, May 25, 1750."**

"Loving Son and dafter, these are to inform you that I am yet at Father Moore's and am not well, I have the fever and ague, I have not been well all this Spring if you would come down next fall if I am able I will com up with you, I have sent by the barer hereof som camlet to make you a quilt, and a pair of stokins, I desire above all things that you mind the good of your souls, more than for the things of this world, and I desire the same of your two sisters, and be often thinking of your diing day, and let not the world steal your hearts from God—for I know not that whether I shall ever see you again.

"And hannah I desire that you be very careful that you do not keep bad company, but studly the word of God, which is able to make you wise to salvation. Do not mis to read a chapter every day, my daughter Star, remember how God has raised you even from the mouth of the grave, and give God the prayes and never forget his mercy to you, and to make thankful returns to God for the same. Son Star I desire that you right to me by Mr. Shadtruck, and tell me how your wife does, my harts desire and prayer is that you may be saved—and Rest your loving

**"mother SIBBEL CHAMBERLIN."**

"The camlet and stockings is for Routh Mather."

On the same sheet was a letter from Richard Moore, her father, to Mr. Starr, requesting him to urge Abijah, Richard's son, then living at Middletown, to "com down for Doct Cannady to see if he [could] get any help," for a physical trouble he was experiencing.

**EDWARD**, and Hannah Edmunds of Dudley, m. 22 Jan., 1746.

**MARY**, and Joseph Robbins of Douglas, m. 3 Nov., 1748.

The Chamberlains, although the most numerous family at the beginning of the settlement, became nearly or quite extinct here in 40 years.

**CHANDLER, WINTHROP**, aged 37, d. 9 Feb., 1840.

**CHAPMAN, THOMAS W.**, b. 4 Nov., 1793, in R. I., removed early with his parents to Pomfret factory, at 18 went to Springfield to learn the machinists' trade, returned at 21 to Pomfret, remaining until 1826, when he began business at North Ox. as manufacturer and trader, continuing until 1835, removed 1836 to Franklin Mills, now Kent, O., bought water power and made steam engines, d. 21 Feb., 1859, from injuries in his saw-mill. He was a good man, assessor in 1832; his mother was Sally Williams, descendant of Roger, his father a Baptist deacon, and himself a lay preacher. He m. 28 Nov., 1816, Abigail May of Pomfret. . . . Children: **ITHAMAR M.**, b. 10 Jan., 1819, studied at "Manual Labor School," Worcester, teacher in Ohio, studied at Granville College, ordained over Baptist Church, Streetsboro', O., 6 Aug., 1846, remained 12 years, later pastor at Meadville, Pa., three years: at Wilmington, Lima and Troy, O.; Grand Rapids, Mich., five years; later at Berlin and Dowagiac, Mich., and Bloomsbury, Ont., 1885 at Beamsville, Ont.,

since has been home missionary two years in northwest of Mich., and agent for American Bible Union for Kentucky and Illinois. He m. (1) 26 March, 1840, Amy A. Holden of Kent, O., she d. 31 March, 1848, m. (2) 10 Jan., 1849, Martha U. Jenkins of Streetsboro'; she d. 1 May, 1876, m. (3) 2 May, 1877, Jane DeWitt of Port Rowan, Ont.; ch. *W. Scott*, b. 1841, d. 1845; *Alice A.*, b. 17 Dec., 1843, at Kent, d. 18 Sept., 1855, at Streetsboro'; *Adelbert D. L.*, b. 21 May, 1846, at Streetsboro'; residence, 1888, Cincinnati; ch. by second m. *Ella G.*, b. 19 Nov., 1849, at Streetsboro'; *Norman J.*, b. 1858, d. 1865; *SARAH A.*, b. 11 May, 1820, d. 23 Aug., 1852, unm.; *LUCY M.*, b. 1 Dec., 1821, m. 15 March, 1837, James H. Stoops, she d. 10 March, 1846; *THOMAS W.*, b. 14 Aug., 1823, m. 18 April, 1849, Lucy A. Sawyer, residence, Fort Scott, Kan., farmer; *AUGUSTA A.*, b. 1825, d. 1827; *AUGUSTUS R.*, b. 26 June, 1827, m. 14 May, 1852, Lillie H. Mott, machinist and agricultural implement maker, Wooster, O., and later at Lima, O., d. 14 Nov., 1866; *FAITH A.*, b. 1829, d. 1832, at Ox.

**RHODES B.**, student from South Ox., 1831–34 at Brown University.

**CHARIVAN, HENRIETTE** (Canadian), aged 46, d. 29 Sept., 1876.

**CHASE, ESEK**, and Ruth Hill of Dudley, m. 27 March, 1805.

**ELIZA S.**, and Miletus S. S. Taft of Mendon, m. 16 Aug., 1831.

**ADALINE F.**, and William F. Willis, m. intentions 28 April, 1833.

**THOMAS, W.** ——, had **EMELINE**, b. 31 May, 1844.

**CHATTERTON, JOSEPH** (English), aged 64, d. 7 Oct., 1881.

**CHEENEY, ASA**, and Lois Dispan of Ward, m. intentions 22 July, 1815.

**HANNAH**, of Charlton, and Thomas Sweet, m. intentions 21 July, 1832.

**CHESTER, ORLANDO**, in 1834 succeeded Richard C. Stone as principal of select school, remaining two years, of good abilities and acquirements, but did not sustain the reputation of the school. He m. Mrs. Susan Black, m. n. Osborn, of Edgartown. . . . *Children*: *ELLEN*, *GEORGE C.*, both baptized 3 April, 1836. On 3 July, 1836, Mr. and Mrs. C. were dismissed and recommended to the Church at Haverhill.

**CHILDS, JOSEPH**, b. at Watertown, came to Ox. from Sutton, settled at North Ox., H. 120, he m. 20 Dec., 1810, Mary, dau. of Timothy Sparhawk, he d. 26 Oct., 1848, aged 60, she d. 22 May, 1840, aged 54. . . . *Children*: *LUCY A.*, b. 1811, m. Franklin F. Ryder; *DANIEL V.*; *MARY*, m. Andrew Adams of Worcester, she d. at Auburn, 3 ch.; *RUFUS*, residence, Leicester, d. 19 Jan., 1846, aged 28; *MARTHA*, b. 15 May, 1815, m. James Brown; *Moses*, b. 1822(?), d. 7 July, 1842.

2. **DANIEL V.**, son of Joseph (1), m. 22 Dec., 1834, Polly, dau. of Joseph Brown, he d. aged 41, 3 Sept., 1854, she m. (2) Russell Arnold. . . . *Children*: *MARY*, b. and d. 1835; *MARTHA L.*, b. 15 Nov., 1836, at Worcester, m. 2 Jan., 1855, Frank White of Worcester, she d. 13 June, 1864; *DANIEL V.*, b. 23 Feb., 1839, at Ox., m. 1 Jan., 1857, Frances M. Bond; had *Harry D.*, b. 1860, m. 1880, Carrie L. Stoddard, residence, North Brookfield; Daniel V. was a soldier in the late war, killed 6 May, 1864, at the Wilderness; *JACOB L.*, b. 24 Oct., 1845, soldier, d. in hospital, Covington, Ky., 4 April, 1864; *HENRY A.*, b. and d. 1849; *POLLY H.*, b. 1850, d. 1857; *ANN J.*, b. 21 Oct., 1853, m. 25 March, 1875, J. Clinton Nichols of West Thompson, Conn.

**BENJAMIN W.**; **SAMUEL**, probably killed by Indians, had **RICHARD**, b. 1624, m. Mary Linnet of Barnstable, and had **RICHARD**, b. 1653; who had **SAMUEL**, b. 6 Nov., 1679, removed from Barnstable to Deerfield, deacon of Congregational Church; he had **JONATHAN**, m. Rebecca Scott, who d. 1809, aged 101. Their fifth child was **EBENEZER** who m. Abigail Willis, and had with others **BENJAMIN WILLIS**, who m. Anna Washburn, resided at Hardwick, deacon; their first child was **BENJAMIN W.**, b. 6 Nov., 1799, residence, Ox., mason, m. 24 Jan., 1827, Elizabeth Southworth, b. at Ward. He d. 31 Dec., 1866, she d. aged 54, 7 Aug., 1853, both at Ox.<sup>1</sup>. . . . *Children*: **ANN E.**, b. 19 Dec., 1827, unm., d. 29 July, 1888, at Worcester; **FRANCES M.**, b. 21 March, 1834, m. Bernard B. Vassall; **BENJAMIN W.**, b. 15 Jan., 1839, m. 20 Sept., 1865, Olive M. Chamberlain of Templeton, residence, Ox., thriving trader, removed to Worcester, where he became wealthy in wholesale shoe trade, highly esteemed, democratic candidate for mayor; they had *Thomas S.*, b. 13 Aug., 1866, at Ox.; *Fannie M.*, b. 3 Jan., 1868, at Ox.; *Alice L.*, b. 23 Aug., 1873, at Worcester; *Mabel W.*, b. 12 Nov., 1875, d. 2 Jan., 1885; *Agnes C.*, b. 29 Sept., 1877; *Gertrude*, b. 6 March, 1883; *Breta W.*, b. 10 Feb., 1888.

**ELIZABETH**, dau. of Nathaniel, Sutton, d. 21 June, 1767.

**FISHER H.** of Upton, and Adaline Turner of Leicester, m. 28 May, 1823.

**DANIEL W.**, aged 22, d. 2 June, 1828.

**MRS. CHILDS** d. 28 April, 1841.

**SARAH**, m. n. Hersey, widow, aged 77, d. 24 May, 1868.

**CHLOE**, m. n. Robinson, dau. of Eliakim, aged 91, d. 27 Jan., 1870.

**CHUBB, HANNAH**, of Belchertown, and Nathan Shunway, m. intentions 7 Sept., 1771.

**CHURCH, SARAH**, of Holden, and William Williams, m. intentions 15 Aug., 1797.

**CISCO, REVERSE** (colored), and Hadassah, had **LUCY**, b. Feb., 1792.

**CLAFLIN, JOSHUA**, was of Dudley, among its first inhabitants, m. Mary ——. . . . *Children*: **JOSHUA**, b. 17 April, 1733, settled in north part of Ox. east of river near the "mines," tailor; **SARAH**, b. 10 April, 1735, at Dudley, m. Hezekiah Merriam; **MARY**, b. 10 June, 1737, m. 9 Dec., 1762, Andrew Crowl of Leicester; **ABNER**, b. 31 Aug., 1738, at Dudley, housewright, bought in 1762 the Hezekiah Merriam, Jr., place in the North Gore, H. 106, removed to Rowe before 1769, at which time he sold his estate in Ox., he m. Hannah ——, and had *Sarah*, b. 1764, d. 1767, *Joshua*, b. 1765, d. 1767, *Joshua*, b. 24 Nov., 1767; **RACHEL**, m. intentions 9 April 1757, Jesse Pratt of North Gore.

**ABNER**, of Sandisfield (son of Abner?), m. 29 June, 1791, Persis Merriam.

**CLAPP, GEORGE**, and Betsey Bartlett, m. intentions 1 Jan., 1827.

**CLARK, THOMAS**, from Freetown about 1780, large family, had been whale fisherman, resided first on Crowl Hill, bought 1794 land in northwest part of Ox., H. 101; in 1800 bought the Nathaniel Ide place, H. 125, set the elms there growing, d. there 21 Feb., 1816, aged 87. His widow, Mary Braman, d. 27 June, 1824, aged 91. . . . *Children*: **THOMAS**, residence, Providence; **SALLY**, b. 1758, d. unm. 5 April, 1854, at Ox.; **JOSEPH**, residence, Hudson, N. Y.; **DAVID**, residence, Herkimer County, N. Y.; **POLLY**, m. —— How-

<sup>1</sup> Paige, History of Hardwick, gives descent differently. This is from Child's Genealogy.

ard, residence, West: LYDIA, m. Abijah Lamb; ALICE, PHEBE, both d. young; BETSEY, b. 1771, m. Reuben Cummings of Charlton, and d. 1865; EBENEZER, b. 22 May, 1776.

2. EBENEZER, son of Thomas (1), m. 17 May, 1801, Elizabeth Parker of Brighton, succeeded his father as owner of the homestead where he lived till 1827, and removed to the house on the Worcester road, H. 114, removed 1859 to East Brookfield where he d. 29 Nov., 1864. His wife d. 29 April, 1841. . . . *Children:* RELIEF, b. 6 Oct., 1802, m. 30 March, 1828, Elisha Muzzy of Oxford, Me., she d. 10 Feb., 1835; POLLY, b. 10 Oct., 1804, d. young; THOMAS, b. 10 April, 1806, m. 1 Feb., 1836, Sarah B., dau. of Joel Howe of Spencer. In 1835 he kept the tavern at North Ox., the same year he bought H. 114 of the executors of the will of his brother Hammond, and in 1847 sold and built a house at the lower, then Barton's, village, and opened a store which he sold in 1851 and removed to Spencer, where he has since resided, no ch. He was a good citizen, selectman in 1847. PHEBE, b. 8 June, 1808, m. 31 March, 1829, Ansel Whitecomb of Townshend, Vt., she d. 23 March, 1880. He succeeded Thos. Clark in the tavern at North Ox., keeping it a short time; HAMMOND, b. 6 Aug., 1810, d. 10 May, 1834; MARY, b. 18 July, 1816, m. 21 July, 1839, John M. Metcalf of Sutton; SARAH E., b. 22 Nov. 1823, m. 23 March, 1847, William Baker of Douglas.

RUSSELL, was of Middletown, Conn., came in 1813 to the Merino factory, Dudley, and 1814 to Ox., where he was a clothier at the south end of the Plain, returned in the spring of 1818 to Middletown; he m. Sally Cotton of Haddam. . . . *Children:* LUTHER, b. 23 May, 1814, at Dudley; ROSILLA, b. 16 April, 1816; JOHN, b. 9 Dec., 1817, both at Ox.

MARTHA W., of Grafton, and Thomas Welch, Jr., m. int. 24 Aug., 1822.

FRANCIS, and Wealthy Hewett, m. intentions 5 Feb., 1830.

SARAH, and William R. Baker of Millbury, m. intentions 6 March, 1847.

ELIZA A., m. n. Taft, aged 33, d. 9 Jan., 1874.

CLEMENCE, LUTHER, m. Matilda Clark, he d. aged 43, 17 Feb., 1859, she d. aged 52, 15 Sept., 1866; they had ALBERT L., b. 1841; PHILIPINE, b. 1845; both d. 1846.

— JOSEPH, and Damaris Dennis of Dudley, m. intentions May, 1750.

PETER D., and Lucinda White of Oakham, m. intentions 21 Nov., 1830, removed to Southbridge.

ALBERT, son of Doliver, aged 11, d. 6 Aug., 1856.

CLEAVELAND, CHARLES, practical cotton manufacturer, came about 1814, as agent at the first mill started at North Oxford, was here but a year or two and left on the failure of the company; m. intentions 12 Jan., 1815, Elizabeth Adams of Grafton.

CLINTON, JOHN, JR., and Sally A., had HENRY A., b. 26 April, 1841; GEORGE E., b. 16 Nov., 1844.

CLOSSON, MARY T., w. of Harrison, aged 29, d. 12 March, 1855.

CLOUGH, LAURA, and Augustus W. Perrin of Pomfret, Conn., m. intentions 10 Feb., 1828.

CLOYES, MARY E., m. n. Butler, aged 29, d. 25 March, 1883.

COBB, GEORGE, aged 28, d. 9 Dec., 1852.

DINAH (colored), d. 7 May, 1829.

**COBURN, EBENEZER**, in 1752 bought the Richard Williams estate of 477 acres, southwest part of the town, H. 75, resided there until 1759 at least. In 1777 he had removed to Woodstock, Conn.—19 July, 1778, was dismissed from the Church and recommended to Woodstock. He m. Phebe —— and had EBENEZER, sergeant in Revolutionary war, m. 10 Nov., 1768, Dorcas, dau. of Amos Shumway, settled on the homestead and had *Ruth*, b. 17 June, 1769; *Lucey*, b. 22 April, 1771; *Perley*, b. 13 April, 1774; *Alexander*, b. 13 May, 1776; family removed from town; RICHARD, b. about 1744, and b. at Ox.: JONATHAN, b. 9 April 1755, Revolutionary soldier, m. intentions 5 July, 1777, Mary, dau. of Jeremiah Shunway; DAVID, b. 23 Dec., 1758, m. 31 March, 1781, Experience Wyman. He was then of Woodstock, having with Jonathan removed there with his father.

2. RICHARD, son of Ebenezer (1), Revolutionary soldier, m. intentions 31 Oct., 1767, Sarah Edwards of Charlton, he d. 25 July, 1818, aged 74, she d. 12 Feb., 1820, aged 72. He succeeded his brother Ebenezer on the homestead. . . . Children: POLLY, b. 1 Jan., 1769, d. young (?); BATHSHEBA, b. 1 May, 1773, m. Joseph Marsh of Dudley; SAMUEL, b. 1 June, 1775; DOROTHY, b. 6 June, 1777, m. Jeremiah Nichols; ELEANOR, b. 4 Jan., 1779, m. 16 March, 1800, Lot Marsh of Dudley, no ch.; SABRA, b. 1 Aug., 1781, d. young (?); SYLVANUS b. 17 Nov., 1788, m. Phebe, dau. of Joel White, and had *Emily*, b. 17 April, 1811; *Andrus*, b. 2 Jan., 1814; *Sarah A.*, b. 18 Feb., 1818. He d. 2 Feb., 1820, at Worcester.

3. SAMUEL, son of Richard (2), m. 29 Nov., 1798, Elizabeth, formerly w. of Jonathan Kingsbury, dau. of Peter Shumway, resided on the homestead, removed before 1820 to Holland Purchase, N. Y., d. 3 Oct., 1840. . . . Children: AMASA K., b. 8 Jan., 1799, m. 21 Nov., 1825, Sophia P., dau. of John Nichols, residence, Charlton, they had *Samuel*, residence, Sturbridge; *John*, residence, Oxford; *Ellen E.*, m. Albert Stevens, Charlton; *Andrus*, residence, Sturbridge; *Otis*, residence, Sturbridge; *Nancy*, m. Elbridge Allen, Charlton, she d. 1872; *OTIS*, b. 1801, d. 1803; SALLY E., b. 18 Jan., 1803, d. unm.; NANCY K., b. 4 March, 1805, m. —— Brewster; RUFUS, b. 9 May, 1807; SYLVANUS, b. 4 April, 1810; all but the first resided in N. Y.

BETHIA, and Paul Rich, Dudley, m. 10 Feb., 1734.

ANDREW of Ox., weaver, from Woodstock, Conn., had cases in Court 1734 and 1743.

JOHN, and Sarah Dresser of Charlton, m. 22 Feb., 1759.

CLEMENT, taxed 1771.

MOSES, and Hannah Davis, m. intentions 5 April, 1777; Revolutionary soldier 1775.

PAUL, in Oxford, Feb., 1792.

JOSEPH of Charlton, and Polly Learned, m. 6 April, 1796.

ROBERT, d. 27 July, 1803.

WILLIAM, w. Julia Ann, had GEORGE LITCHFIELD, b. 15 Oct., 1833; JOHN, b. 12 Dec., 1836; MERRICK, b. 14 March, 1839.

CODY, PHILIP, taxed, 1771.

JOHN, Revolutionary soldier.

NATHAN of Dudley, and Rhoda Wakefield, m. intentions 9 Dec., 1810.

COGGSWELL, BETSEY J., m. n. Doughty, aged 27, d. 25 Aug., 1860.

LUCINA, m. n. Wicker, aged 53, d. 25 March, 1861.

**COIT, ACHSAH P.**, and William Barrows of Worcester, m. intentions 26 Sept., 1840.

**COLES, WILLIAM**, residence, Oxford, 1776.

**COLLER, COLLIER, OLIVER**, sold to Benoni Twichell his rights granted to soldiers in the Narragansett war, was probably in that expedition. We first find him in Ox. between 1707 and 1713 as tenant of Gabriel Bernon. When the English settlement began he took up his house lot on the north-east corner of the main and Sutton roads, H. 192, sold in less than three years to Joseph Dana, who was voted in on Coller's rights. We next find him in Mendon, where he was warned 1724 against a settlement. In 1736 he had settled on country land, in no town, near Manchaug Pond, adjoining Ox. line. He m. Lydia ——, and had **WILLIAM**, b. 17 Sept., 1715, at Ox. In 1736 Oliver, Isaac and Lydia Coller were before the Court of Sessions at Worcester for absenting themselves from public worship, pleaded poverty and living in no town, and promising reform were dismissed. About 1736 Oliver and wife removed to Newport Co., R. I. In April, 1736, he sold to William, his son, his rights in "a lot of country's land adjoining Manchaug pond and all my labor which I have done thereon." In 1739 Isaac Coller, living thereon, deeded the improvements on said land to Thomas McKnight of Stow. [See McKnight.]

THOMAS, perhaps son of Oliver, had a case in court Aug., 1739.

**JAMES**, probably son of John, of Framingham in 1696, nominally one of the 30 settlers in Ox. The records indicate that he did not live here until several years after the settlement. He was at Framingham in 1718 the time of the sale of his Ox. estate. The first known of him here was in 1735, when he bought the Mayo farm, H. 38. He is seldom named in the records. He m. (1) Elizabeth ——, m. (2) 22 Dec., 1746, Hannah Twichell, and d. in 1749, will approved 29 May. . . . *Children*: **JAMES**, b. 1696 at Framingham, settled at Framingham, removed 1727 to Hopkinton, m. 5 July, 1722, at Boston, Patience Gleason [Boston Records], and d. before March, 1747; **JOSEPH**, b. 1702, resided at Hopkinton; **ELIZABETH**, m. Daniel Tombs; **JONAS**, b. 1713.

2. **JONAS**, son of James (1), m. (1) 14 Feb., 1740, Susannah Pratt, m. (2) 4 March, 1779, Mrs. Elizabeth Persons of Spencer, lived many years on the homestead, d. 26 Feb., 1795, aged 82. . . . *Children*, all by first m.: **EBENEZER**, b. 8 Jan., 1741, m. intentions 1 June, 1771, Sarah Town; **EUNICE**, b. 1 May, 1742, m. 1 Dec., 1772, John Ives; **JASON**, b. 5 Jan., 1744; **EZEKIEL**, b. 5 April, 1745, Revolutionary soldier, m. and lived at Googin's place, H. 84, from 1777 to 1784, and removed to Ashford, Conn., 2 sons: **JONAS**, b. 5 Jan., 1747, m. intentions 6 Jan., 1776, Mary Rich of Weston, he d. about 1824, at East Thompson, Conn., no ch.; **MERCY**, b. 7 Oct., 1750, unm., d. 1 April, 1838, at Ox.

3. **JASON**, son of Jonas (2), Revolutionary soldier, m. (1) 24 Nov., 1768, Sarah, dau. of John Bogle, residence, H. 188, she d. 13 Feb., 1813 [1811, Ox. Records], m. (2) 23 Jan., 1814, Hannah Farrington, b. 6 Dec., 1765, he d. 14 Oct., 1840, she d. aged 92, 15 Jan., 1857. A grandson of Jason recently wrote:—

"I feel proud of my ancestors. My grandfather raised, by one mother, 19 children to be men and women, and only one ever saw the inner walls of a poor-house, and not one filled a drunkard's grave. I have visited him a great many times on old Oxford Plains and eaten at his table, and I don't believe

there was ever a day passed over his head (only when he was away) when he did not have fresh boiled potatoes and fried salt pork for breakfast. My father, when he was within 60 days of being 21 years of age, gave him twenty dollars for his time and packed his shoemaker's kit and started and landed in Boston [50 miles] at sunset the first day.

"If they are all dead they are not forgotten."

*Children*, all by first m.: JOHN, b. 16 Oct., 1769; JAMES, b. 6 Oct., 1770; ELIZABETH, b. 6 Oct., 1771, m. (1) Abel Avery from N. H., he left soon for parts unknown; they had Lucy, b. 1801, d. 1821; Jonathan, b. 1802, d. young; William, b. 11 Jan., 1803, said to have been bound out to service, ran away and lived under an assumed name, Ira Gay(?), at Ashburnham, where he m., had ch. and d.; Elizabeth, b. 27 Dec., 1804, at Ashford, m. (1) 16 June, 1823, Thomas H. Wallace of Leicester, and had Louisa, she m. (2) Foster Bond of Sturbridge, where they settled and had 9 ch., a son Harrison was killed in battle in the late war; Bond, the father, d. Dec., 1856, at Southbridge, his widow d. May, 1858, at Wauwatosa, Wis.; [ELIZABETH AVERY m. (2) intentions 20 April, 1815, Maj. Nathan Dexter of Charlton]; ESTHER, b. 27 Dec., 1772, m. William Prentiss of Boston, resided and d. there; they had James, Edward, Esther; EZRA, b. 28 May, 1774; SARAH, b. 1775, d. 1788; JONATHAN, b. 9 Jan., 1777, m. Olive Cummings of Sutton, where they settled, removed to Ox. 1818, d. 2 Oct., 1820, saddler; RUFUS, b. 30 Aug., 1778; WILLIAM, b. 1780, d. young; WILLIAM, b. 5 Sept., 1781, d. 7 Feb., 1813, unm.; RUTH, b. 11 May, 1783, d. 14 April, 1809, unm.; MARY, b. 1 Jan., 1785, m. Edward Leeds of Boston, where she d.; EBENEZER, b. 10 May, 1786; LUCRETIA, b. 24 Sept., 1787, m. (1) Joseph Sawtell of Boylston, where they settled, he d. 23 Oct., 1817, m. (2) Sept., 1822, Henry Brewer of Boylston, he d. 1852, she d. 13 March, 1867; ch. by first m. Jason, b. 2 March, 1808, m. Comfort Wilcox of Fall River, settled there and had Joseph H., Sarah L., Almira E., he left home and was last heard from in Texas about 1840; Joel, b. 15 May, 1809, m. (1) 6 Dec., 1831, Miriam Gibbs, she d. 1840, no ch., m. (2) Miranda Derby of Leominster, settled in Clinton, comb maker; had Jane L., Mary L., Ann E., Susan S., Joseph H., Joel W.; Eunice H., b. 9 March, 1811, m. (1) 12 April, 1834, Lewis Smith of Shrewsbury, where they settled, he d. 1850; had Marion, Ellen L., Harriet E., Charles L.; she m. (2) 1852, James Flanigan of Shrewsbury, and had Joel S.; Flanigan d. 1873, she in 1882, resided at Whitinsville; Joseph W., b. 6 Feb., 1813, d. young; Lucretia, b. 15 Sept., 1816, m. Addison Allen of Worcester, removed to Cambridge, had Sarah, Edmund; ALEXANDER, b. 24 April, 1789, unm., d. 19 Sept., 1852; JASON, b. 2 Aug., 1791, m. (1) at Troy, N. Y., Lucretia Van Orden, she d. 1841, he m. (2) 1844, lived at Troy, removed 1820 to Rochester, and thence about 1833 to Alton Sodus, N. Y., where he d. 1857, tanner and shoe manufacturer; ch. Alfred, settled at Circleville, O., removed about 1859 to Columbus, O., where he d. 1881; Norris, living 1882 at Saginaw, Mich., m. and had ch.; NEHEMIAH, b. 30 March, 1793; HANNAH, b. 30 Jan., 1795, m. 1820, John A. Wood of Boylston, settled at Wrentham, removed to Boylston, she d. 9 July, 1890, at Nashua; they had Hannah F., John A., Mary E., Harriet A., Almira L., Henry L.; JOEL, b. 22 April, 1797.

4. JOHN, son of Jason (3), m. Sally Warren of Cambridge, b. 20 Feb., 1779, d. 30 April, 1815, he d. 9 March, 1813, at Ox. . . . *Children*: JOSEPH W., b. 29 Jan., 1796, at Providence, R. I., lived at Ox. till his father's death, m. Rhoda Green and settled near Concord, N. H., d. about 1850, 3 sons and 2 daughters; SALLY, b. 19 Aug., 1797, at Newton, d. 1808; HARRIET, b. 16 Feb.,

1799, at Charlton, m. Marcus Smith of Wrentham, where they settled and d., had ch.; MARIETTA, b. 13 Jan., 1801, at Charlton, m. Almon Bickford; JOHN, b. 24 Jan., 1803, lost at sea about 1815; SUSAN P., b. 6 Dec., 1805, at Ox., m. Samuel Andrews, settled at West Bloomfield, Mich., where she d. May, 1876; AUGUSTA, b. 19 Dec., 1807, at Ox., m. 27 Nov., 1828, Harry W. Harris, residence, Millbury, he d. 10 April, 1868; they had *Warren*, b. 1829, d. 1833; *Charles*, b. 12 Nov., 1831, m. 1853, d. March, 1866; *Anne*, b. 10 Dec., 1832, m. 1855; *Maria* and *Sophia*, b. 12 Oct., 1834; *Maria*, d. young; *Sophia*, m. 1852; *Warren*, b. 26 July, 1839, m. 1860; *Stella*, b. 5 March, 1850, d. 2 July, 1870; JONAS, b. 31 Aug., 1809, at Ox., m. 1836, Hannah M. Case of Sodus, N. Y., lived at Rochester, removed 1837 to Ohio, thence 1858 to Bay City, Mich., where he resided 1883, a citizen in good standing and prosperous, engineer; ch. *Arthur*, b. 1838, soldier in the 7th Mich. Cavalry in the late war, d. 1863 at Washington, D. C.; *Martha B.*, b. 1840, m. John Harding; *Ann M.*, b. 1843, m. Henry B. Huff; *John II.*, b. 1845, soldier in the late war; *Robert J.*, b. 1849, mechanic in Chicago; *George E.*, b. 1852.

5. JAMES, son of Jason (3), m. (1) 20 Jan., 1793, Sarah, dau. of James Brown, she d. 30 Dec., 1796, m. (2) 18 April, 1806, Alice, sister of his first w., she d. 27 Feb., 1839, m. (3) 18 Aug., 1839, Persis B. Mellen, he d. 7 April, 1857, she d. 22 Jan., 1873, aged 86. . . . Children: JAMES, b. 17 June, 1795; by second m. MARY S., b. 19 Nov., 1806, unm., d. 3 Jan., 1831; ALICE B., b. 26 Sept., 1808, m. 7 Sept., 1840, Kiron Carroll of Charlton, second w., she d. 16 Sept., 1876; they had *James*, d. young; *Charles*, m. Elizabeth Battle; AUSTIN, b. and d. 1810, at Sutton; SARAH B., b. 21 Feb., 1812, m. Calvin Bellows; ABIGAIL T., b. 7 March, 1814, m. 27 Jan., 1833, Daniel, son of Joseph Brown; ELIZA MINERVA, b. 16 Dec., 1815, m. 27 June, 1837, Shadrach Ham of Holliston, and had *A. Augusta*, m. Charles Eddy of Leominster; EVERETT, residence, Dracut; she m. (2) William Smith of R. I., and resided, 1885, at Dracut; JASON S., b. 7 Oct., 1817, m. 1 Jan., 1843, Susanna Crandall, settled at Worcester, he d. 25 Nov., 1847; they had, one ch. d. young, and *Samuel*, soldier in the late war, d. of wounds; EBENEZER F., b. 1820, d. 1822; CELIA ANN, b. 17 July, 1823, m. William, son of George Brown, residence, 1882, Uxbridge; they had *William*, m. and settled at Naugatuck, Conn., cutlery business; *George*, m. residence, Uxbridge; WILLIAM F., b. 14 Jan., 1826, m. Mary Ann Ballard, settled at Ox., removed to Webster, where she d.

6. JAMES, son of James (5), m. 6 May, 1819, Narcissa Bond of Leicester, he d. 6 Feb., 1853, she d. 2 Sept., 1886, at Worcester. . . . Children: NARCISSA E., b. 22 Nov., 1819, at Leicester, m. 1 Jan., 1845, Charles F. Martinette of Trenton, N. J., residence, Elmira, N. Y.; had *Fred*, who was killed in the late war at Fort Fisher; JAMES M., b. 27 Jan., 1822, at Winsted, Conn., m. 18 Sept., 1845, Julia A. McIntire of Fitchburg, had ch., he d. 18 Nov., 1862, in California; LYMAN N., b. 30 April, 1823, at Winsted, Conn., m. (1) 12 April, 1849, Julia A. Bevans, settled in Conn., had 2 sons; m. (2) Lomisa Martin of Canada, had 1 dau., residence, West Farnham, P. Q.; LOUISA C., b. 13 May, 1828, at Palmer, m. 9 March, 1852, Elijah W. Bigelow of Wilmington, Vt., resided, 1883, in Worcester, pattern maker; they had *Horace E.*, b. 1857, m., residence, Worcester; *Ella L.*, b. 1862, d. 1869; WILLIAM H., b. 14 May, 1830, at Palmer, d. 1838; MARY J., b. 6 May, 1833, at Leicester, m. 14 Feb., 1852, George W. Valance of Troy, N. Y., where they settled and where he d., had ch.; CAREY H., b. and d. 1837, at Fitchburg.

7. EZRA, son of Jason (3), m. (1) 5 March, 1799, Fanny Warren, b. 12 Jan., 1781, d. 23 Sept., 1804; m. (2) 21 July, 1805, Patty, widow of John

Downs, m. n. Howard of Paxton, she d. 10 May, 1843, aged 63; he d. 8 June, 1844. . . . Children by first m.: EZRA, b. 22 Dec., 1799, m. 16 March, 1823, Mary Shaw Atwood of Plymouth, residence, Portland, Me., removed 1834 to New York city, bookseller and publisher for many years, of good business abilities, and very efficient member of the Reformed Dutch Church, he d. 6 May, 1854, at Brooklyn, N. Y.; they had 10 ch. of whom 5 d. young. A dau. m. L. S. Bannister of Rochester, N. Y. The eldest son *Ezra W.*, b. 1827, at Plymouth, was a minister of the R. D. Church, settled in New York, Freehold, N. J. and Coxsackie, N. Y., and d. in 1869, aged 43, leaving one son; *Joseph A.*, the second son, b. 1828 at Plymouth, was also a minister and was pastor at Greenville, Bronxville, Geneva, and Kingston, N. Y., d. 1864, aged 36, leaving two sons lawyers at Hudson, N. Y. He was a man of rare talents, and wrote very valuable books for the young. Corwin's Manual says, "Few young men among our ministers ever rose more rapidly by the simple force of unostentatious merit. His ministry was a model of pastoral fidelity." *Edward A.*, third son, b. 1835, at New York, successful pastor of the church at Kinderhook, N. Y., where he has been for nearly 20 years; *Catherine E.*, residence, Brooklyn, N. Y.; *FANNY W.*, b. 19 Feb., 1802, m. Andrew Walker, settled in New York city, removed to Lombardville, Stark Co., Ill., no ch. now living; ch. by second m. *WARREN*, b. 1 Jan., 1807, m. (1) 31 Oct., 1830, Abigail S., dau. of Jona Davis, she d. 22 Sept., 1840, m. (2) 8 April, 1844, Rhoda M. Goodell of Charlton, she d. 21 Oct., 1854, m. (3) 26 Dec., 1855, Louisa Gleason of Worcester, he d. 8 June, 1877; ch. *Abner W.*, b. 23 Jan., 1832, m. Sarah M., dau. of Oliver Pierce, settled in Worcester, carpenter, no ch.; *Asher W.*, b. 1834, d. 1838; *Anson J.*, b. 27 Sept., 1836, m. Lucy A. Holman of Spencer, where they settled, had ch.; *Lovisa L.*, b. 21 Aug., 1838, m. Josiah C. Woodis, settled at St. Paul, Minn., had ch.; *CHERAPINA*, b. 25 Oct., 1808, m. Calvin Shaw, lived at Springfield, New York, and Worcester, where she d. about 1863, no ch.; *EUNICE H.*, b. 1810, d. 1813; *POLLY H.*, b. 14 April, 1813, m. Benj. Heath, settled at Boylston, removed to Thompson, Conn., where she d., had ch.; *WILLIAM B.*, b. 2 Sept., 1815, m. Mrs. Mitchell, settled in Grafton, where he d. 4 Oct., 1841; *PATTY*, b. 9 Nov., 1817, m. Eliel Cutting, lived at Sterling and Northboro', she d. 22 June, 1839, at Boylston, had ch.; *CHARLES HENRY*, b. 1820, d. 1826; *THOMAS*, b. 23 June, 1823, m. 7 May, 1848, Ann Chapman (English), lives in New York city, had ch.

8. *RUFUS*, son of Jason (3), m. 31 March, 1800, Betsey Warren of Charlton, b. 25 Oct., 1779, settled at Bennington, Vt., removed about 1820 to Rochester, N. Y., where he d. 31 Oct., 1836, boot and shoe maker; she d. Sept., 1848. . . . Children: *BETSEY W.*, b. 11 July, 1801; *RUFUS*, b. 10 Sept., 1803, d. 4 July, 1852; *LUCY*, b. 23 Jan., 1805, d. 15 Sept., 1837; *FANNY*, b. 1807, d. 1809; *OREN*, b. 31 July, 1808, d. 1881, at Ann Arbor, Mich.; *MARY*, b. 24 July, 1810; *SARAH*, b. 2 Dec., 1811, m. —— Tear, d. Oct., 1844; *JASON*, b. 23 Nov., 1814, m. (1) 13 June, 1834, Mary A. Ellison, she d. 10 April, 1838, m. (2) Oct., 1839, Harriet L. Arthur, banker at Lockport, N. Y., the only survivor of the family; *JUDY*, b. 5 Oct., 1816, m. William Walker, Rochester, N. Y., she d. 21 March, 1850; *FANNY M.*, b. 20 March, 1819, d. 2 Feb. 1839; *LUCRETIA*, b. 22 June, 1821, m. 21 June, 1842, Alonzo Robinson, she d. 19 July, 1848, had ch.

9. *EBENEZER*, son of Jason (3), m. 7 June, 1809, Martha, dau. of Rufus Flagg of Worcester, b. 20 July, 1786, settled at Charlton, where all his ch. were b., removed to Worcester, where he died 1868, she d. 1860. He was

proficient in music and a very superior bass singer; in boyhood played the organ in the Universalist Church, Ox., many years teacher of singing in Worcester and vicinity . . . Children: JASON, b. 23 May, 1810, m. (1) 23 May, 1833, Adelaide, dau. of Capt. Samuel Newell of Southbridge, she d. 10 April, 1849; he resides at Albany, N. Y., dealer in musical merchandise; ch.: *George N.*, b. 16 Feb., 1834; *Julia*, b. 29 Nov., 1835; *Adelaide*, b. 4 March, 1838; *Susan*, b. 4 Jan., 1840; *Martha*, b. 4 Aug., 1841; *Adelaide N.*, b. 26 Feb., 1843; *Sarah*, b. 23 Sept., 1844; *John E.*, b. 19 Dec., 1848; he m. (2) 18 Nov., 1850, Sarah A. Hermans, m. n. Scovel, and had *Anna L.*, b. 7 Aug., 1856; *FRANCIS F.*, b. 6 Oct., 1811, lived at Austin, Nevada, unm.; *DARIUS*, b. 6 May, 1813, d. young; *SARAH B.*, b. 19 May, 1815, lived in Worcester, prominent music teacher, unm.; *ADALINE*, b. 25 March, 1817, d. 1859, in Worcester, unm.; others d. young.

10. NEHEMIAH, son of Jason (3), m. 26 May, 1816, Mrs. Mary, widow of Benj. Pratt, m. n. Holley, lived in Ox. till 1861, removed to Leicester, and both d. there; he d. 26 Feb., 1873, she d. 5 May, 1872. . . . Children: JOEL, b. 9 Jan., 1823, m. 24 Sept., 1846, Jemima Brown of Webster, and had *Ellen S.*, m. Edward F. Bolster; *William H.*, m. Mary Stanley; *Emma J.*, m. William Wilson; *Erelyn L.*, m. William Belcher of Spencer; JONATHAN R., b. 3 Nov., 1824, m. (1) 3 Nov., 1847, Amanda Wood of Webster, and had *Adelaide*, *Jenny*; he m. (2) Mrs. Lucretia Laws of Athol, settled in Cherry Valley, Leicester, and had *Charles R.*, *William*, *Lilla E.*; he d. 26 March, 1872; ELI, b. 28 Dec., 1826, m. 15 Sept., 1847, Mary A. Davoll, b. 21 Oct., 1822, at Little Compton, R. I., settled at Cherry Valley, woolen manufacturer; had *Eli F.*, m. Clara L. Sibley of Leicester; *Etta*; DAVID B., b. 8 Aug., 1835, m. 10 Nov., 1854, Rachel Earle of Leicester, and had *Matilda A.*, m. Decatur Mollit, Ox.; *Jessie F.*, b. 25 Dec., 1857, m. George, son of Levi Fitts of Ox.; *Alfred L.*, b. 6 March, 1865.

11. JOEL, son of Jason (3), saddler and harness maker, m. (1) intentions 3 June, 1823, Laura Green of Leicester, she d. aged 49, 14 April, 1852 [4 March, Ox. Rec.], m. (2) 25 March, 1853, Mrs. Sarah Stevens, m. n. Everett, dau. of Pelatiah, of Westminster; he d. 18 Sept., 1876, she d. aged 78, 6 Aug., 1882. . . . Child by first m.: S. DEXTER, b. 30 May, 1825, m. (1) 14 Oct., 1852, Sarah G. Ware, b. at Franklin, she d. 23 April, 1880; m. (2) 4 March, 1881, Edith Monroe of Nova Scotia, residence, Danbury, Conn., superintendent of Danbury and Norwalk R. R., ch. by first m., b. at Bridgeport, *Thomas P.*, b. 1854, d. 1862; *Alice V.*, b. 19 Dec., 1862; *George W.*, b. 26 Dec., 1863; by second m., *Ralph M.*, b. 23 Jan., 1885, at Danbury.

**COLLINS, EBENEZER**, and Mrs. Susan Tyson, m. intentions 9 Nov. 1823.  
**STEPHEN** and Anastasia Murphy, m. intentions 29 March, 1835.

**STEPHEN**, and Ann S., had **JOHN**, b. 14 Dec., 1841.

**COLTON, FANNY**, of Medway, and Ephraim Niles, m. int. 23 April, 1825.  
**JOHN**, aged 29, d. 14 Sept., 1864.  
**JOHN B.**, son of John, d. 21 Aug., 1878.

**COMINS, CUMINS, CUMMINGS, JOHN**, of Charlestown Village (Woburn), wife Mary; Jan., 1709, bought 150 acres at Mashamuckituck, now Pomfret, Conn., and in 1713 was one of the twenty-three first townsmen; Jan., 1717, bought land at Thompson Parish, and later at Chestnut Hill, in 1719 came to Ox., having purchased the "old mill" at the south end of the

Plain. He is believed to have improved this property and to have raised or rebuilt the dam, as by an agreement 29 Dec., 1719, Richard Moore, Thomas Hunkins and Ebenezer Humphrey, owners of the meadows above, bound themselves to allow him to raise the water over their land for the use of the mill each year from 1 Sept. to 1 May, so long as he saw fit. [Recorded at Worcester in 1794, proving it to have been valid 75 years afterward]. In 1723 he deeded land on Prospect Hill to his son Jacob, and in 1724 to his son Stephen another lot adjoining. He was a man of character and intelligence, a constituent member of the Church, active in public affairs, chairman of selectmen and also town clerk in 1721, 1723 and 1724. On 20 Oct., 1724 or 1725, his w. Mary d., and in 1726 he sold his mill and returned to Thompson, Conn. There in 1728 he was improved to be the master workman in hewing and framing the first Meeting-house [Miss Larned]. He was styled John, Senior in 1719. He d. April, 1751, aged 83. His son Stephen appears to have been with him at the mill, and returned with him to Killingly, Conn. John and Stephen Comins were witnesses of the will of Joseph Chamberlain in March, 1721. . . . *Children of John and Mary.* [Woburn Rec.]: JOHN, b. 1692, d. 1693; MARY, b. 31 July, 1694; JOHN, b. 12 July, 1696: CATHARINE, b. 31 Aug., 1698; JACOB and JOSIAH, b. 14 July, 1700; STEPHEN, b. 12 Jan., 1702; JAMES, b. 7 May, 1705.

In 1733, John Comins, supposed to have been son of John, resided at Sturbridge and there built the first Meeting-house. In 1734 he had a case in court at Worcester which was appealed by Jacob Comins. He was a loser in his building and in May, 1740, the proprietary voted him a gratuity of land on that account. On 7 April, 1742, he having deceased, a committee was instructed to sell this land and to give the proceeds to his heirs according to their discretion. Some of the children were then under age. [Sturbridge Rec.]. John Comins, Jr., probably the same, d. 9 Nov., 1741, at Ox. There is no record of his family at Sturbridge. On 6 Aug., 1732, Keziah, Patience, Dinah, Sibyl, and John, children of John Cummins, Jr., were baptized at Thompson, Conn., by Rev. — Cabot.

2. JACOB, son of John (1), housewright, m. (1) 27 July, 1723, Martha Learned of Framingham, sister of Col. Ebenezer, of Ox., settled at Ox., she d. 17 Sept., 1732; m. (2) 24 May, 1733, Huldah, dau. of Dea. John Coolidge of Watertown, she d. 25 Nov., 1736; m. (3) 22 Feb., 1737, Elizabeth Eddy, she d. 26 April, 1749; m. (4) int. Aug., 1750, Deborah Hinkley of Willington, Conn. He lived first at the corner of Main and Sutton roads, H. 194. In 1730 bought a farm on the hill east of the old common, which he sold in a year or two, and later removed to the north part of the town and in 1736 bought the saw-mill at the Lamb place, now Nathaniel E. Taft's, H. 121, owning until 1742; soldier in French war. He bought and sold land in different parts of the town and appears to have removed from place to place in Ox. and finally settled on wild land in Charlton where he d. 1762. His will was executed 7 April, and approved 17 May, 1762. In it are named w. Deborah, sons William, Reuben, daughters Mindwell, Martha, Elizabeth, and sons Lemuel and Jacob, and recites "though I have no legal title to the land I now live on, yet the housing, and fence and all the labor I have done on it are mine." This he gives to his two sons Lemuel and Jacob; Ebenezer Learned, Jr., Executor. His estate was rendered insolvent. . . . *Child,* by first m.: JACOB, b. 21 Sept., 1724, d. 1 Dec., 1745; ch. by second m.: WILLIAM, b. 15 Feb., 1733 (4?), supposed to have settled at Eddington, Me., had ch.; MINDWELL, b. 11 Dec., 1735, m.

David Brown of Charlton: ch. by third m.: REUBEN, b. 4 Dec., 1737 [Hon. Linus B. of Roxbury, and Edward L. of Worcester, are his descendants]; MARTHA, b. 25 July, 1739, m. intentions Nov., 1754, Joseph Laffin of Charlton; SOLOMON, b. 1 May, 1741, was at 18 in the French war; LEMUEL, b. 20 May, 1743, d. 1744; LEMUEL, b. 21 Feb., 1745, supposed to have settled at Greene, Me., had ch.; JACOB, b. 21 Jan., 1747, d. at Charlton 1812, 10 ch.: ELIZABETH, b. 14 March, 1749, m. —— Dow, and resided at New Braintree.

3. STEPHEN, son of John (1), m. Mary ——, settled at Killingly, Conn., they had SARAH, b. 27 Aug., 1729; KEZIAH, b. 7 Feb., 1731; MARY, b. 27 April, 1733; MARTHA, b. 1 April, 1735; STEPHEN, b. 20 June, 1737.

4. JAMES, son of John (1), m. 19 March, 1724, Sarah Jennings, settled at Willington, Conn., was living there in 1732 and 1755, he d. 17 May, 1776, she d. 29 Nov., 1774, both at Willington. No record of the family at Willington. JAMES, JR., of that town m. Sarah and had Francis, 1747; Priscilla, 1750, d. 1754; James, 1752; Isabel, 1755, d. 1760; Katharine, 1757; Alexander, 1760; Jerusha, 1762.

Jacob Comins, perhaps brother of John, Sen., resided at Killingly, Conn., from 1719 to 1739, removed to Ware, where he d. 27 Feb., 1776, aged 83.

Jacob, of Sutton, was of another family, the son of Joseph and Abigail (Estey) of Topsfield.

PRESTON, b. 10 June, 1818, son of John of Ward, bought 1846 the farm in the west part of Ox., late Japheth Cortis', II. 66, removed 1850 to the Plain, for several years kept a livery stable, removed in 1856 to Berlin, Ill., and thence to Sidney, where he d. He m. Cynthia, dau. of Bradford Marcy. He d. 14 Sept., 1868. . . . Children: MARIA, m. Charles C. Robinson of Worthington, Mass., residence, Lafayette, Ind.; HARVEY P., b. 15 April, 1848, m. Sarah E. Bates of Ohio, residence, Springfield, Mo.: FRANK P., d. young; CYNTHIA.

MARY, and Abraham Adams of North Brookfield, b. 1701, m.

SOLOMON, b. about 1740, soldier in Canadian expedition, 1758.

NATHANIEL, and Molly Robbins, m. 11 Dec., 1766.

JONAS, Revolutionary soldier.

EBENEZER, and Alice Chase of Dudley, m. intentions 3 June, 1791, with w. and son William were in Ox. 1792.

ABNER, of Sutton, and Polly Sibley, m. 14 Sept., 1794.

ELISHA, of Montpelier, Vt., and Rachel Eddy, m. 3 Feb., 1796.

REUBEN, of Charlton, and Betsey Clark, m. 23 Oct., 1796.

JOHN, of Montpelier, Vt., and Betsey Eddy, m. 21 Jan., 1798.

LUCY, dau. of John and Catherine, aged 9, d. 9 April, 1818.

LUCY, d. 28 Sept., 1821.

SUBMIT, and Otis W. Hunt of Douglas, m. intentions 27 March, 1823.

LORING, son of Silas, aged 3, d. 28 Sept., 1823.

MARY E., and William Wheeler, m. 1 March, 1829.

MOSES, and Alma Lamb of Charlton, m. intentions 25 March, 1832.

REUBEN, and Chloe Stockwell, m. 28 April, 1833.

MARTHA K., and Abraham Parmenter, m. intentions 28 March, 1846.

JASON G., and Lucy A. Ellis, m. 20 May, 1847.

HARRIET, aged 30, d. 5 Dec., 1852.

JOHN (Irish), aged 23, d. 7 March, 1863.

CATHERINE, m. n. Holman, of Auburn, aged 74, d. 11 Aug., 1864.

MOSES, aged 62, d. 17 Oct., 1873.

**CONANT, ASA**, bought in 1760 the clothier's works at the Lamb mill, North Ox., where he for many years carried on the business. He m. 30 March, 1761, Sarah, dau. of Joseph Edwards. He d. 22 Dec., 1800. . . . *Children*: MARY, b. 9 April, 1762, m. Timothy Sparhawk; SARAH, b. 19 Oct., 1763; ASA, b. 14 Aug., 1770, m. 29 June, 1791, Lydia Read Mower, and had *Polly*, b. 17 Jan., 1792; he d. 28 Dec., 1793.

EZRA, b. 1751, physician, resided 1773 at Warwick, came about 1780 to Ox., where he d. 9 May, 1789, aged 38. He m. 27 Oct., 1773, Ruth, dau. of Samuel Davis. She m. (2) Joseph Healy of Dudley. . . . *Children*: RUTH, b. 1775, d. 1777, at Warwick; SALLY, b. 15 May, 1777, m. Elias Pratt; SAMUEL, b. 29 Aug., 1780, at Ox., drowned 5 Aug., 1805, at Roxbury; LEARNED, b. 27 Sept., 1784, unm., he had good abilities and in 1805–6 was deputy sheriff, became intemperate and d. at the almshouse.

JOHN, Revolutionary soldier.

LYDIA, and Obadiah Rhodes of Middlefield, m. 10 Jan., 1796.

Widow CONANT, d. March, 1818, aged 94.

**CONNERS, ROSE**, aged 42, d. 16 Jan., 1875.

**CONROY, CATHERINE**, w. of Thomas, aged 24, d. 27 March, 1837.

**CONVERSE, BRIGHAM**, and Betsey Parker, m. intentions 6 Nov., 1841; they had MARY E., b. 29 Oct., 1844.

**CONWAY, MICHAEL**, aged 66, d. 17 April, 1886.

**COOK, SOLOMON**, Revolutionary soldier, m. 29 March, 1775, Sarah Hancock; they had GARDINER, b. 16 June, 1776.

IRA, son of Ebenezer of Douglas, m. 24 Feb., 1822, Rachel, dau. of Samuel Crossman of Sutton, owned H. 1, he d. 25 Aug., 1882, she d. aged 69, 25 Feb., 1869. . . . *Children*: AUGUSTA A., m. 3 Nov., 1846, Warren Campbell of Grafton; FRANCES A., m. 1 Feb., 1852, Charles V. Putnam, residence, Worcester; two others, both d.

MARY, and Benjamin Fitts, both of Sutton, m. 19 Oct., 1762.

ASAHEL, of South Gore, and Lucretia Gleason, m. intentions 4 Aug., 1775.

SARAH, with ch. THANKFUL, MITTEE, MARY and LYMAN, resided at Ox. March, 1780.

PATIENCE, and Stephen Ward, both of Charlton, m. 4 Nov., 1780.

MITTEE, of Charlton, and Jonathan Blanding, m. intentions 23 Dec., 1782.

MRS. LUCRETIA, and Joseph W. Gabriel, both of South Gore, m. intentions 16 Sept., 1791.

ROBERT, and w., with son LYMAN, resided at Ox. Feb., 1792.

RACHEL, and Lewis Mellen, m. 11 Jan., 1808.

EBENEZER, JR., of Sutton, and Mary Stafford, m. intentions 5 June, 1821.

**COOLEGE, JONATHAN**, Revolutionary soldier.

**COONEY, MICHAEL**, and Lucy Potter, m. intentions 22 March, 1842.

ELLEN, w. of Daniel, aged 27, d. 16 Feb., 1855.

DANIEL, aged 45, d. 10 Sept., 1866.

FRANCIS, aged 25, d. 7 Nov., 1885.

**COOPER, Widow HANNAH**, 21 Sept., 1721, voted an inhabitant on rights of Joshua Whitney, H. 26; HANNAH, probably her dau., m. 8 July, 1728, Joseph

Curtice of Boxford; ZERUBBABEL, a son, resided with his mother. In Nov., 1731, Hannah of Ox. had a case in court. In 1732 Hannah and Zerubbabel sold H. 26 to Jacob Wilson. MOSES, a son, removed to Gloucester, R. I., where he resided 1733.

**COPP, DAVID**, of Killingly, Conn., m. (1) 9 June, 1776, Mary Spaulding, m. (2) 22 Dec., 1793, Elizabeth Torrey; had by first m. WILLIAM, b. 20 May, 1777, at Killingly, m. 25 Dec., 1803, Celinda Whipple, settled as early as 1822 at North Ox., where he d. aged 65, 7 Nov., 1842. A worthy man, deacon of the Baptist Church. She d. 11 March, 1881, aged 99 yrs. 3 m. 17 d. . . . Children: SALLY, b. 18 Jan., 1805, d. 13 Sept., 1826; MARY ANN, b. 1805, d. 1810; FRANCES, b. 3 May, 1809, d. 5 March, 1834; WILLIAM O., b. 1811, d. 1816; ELIZABETH W., b. 7 May, 1813, m. John Stafford; ANDREW J., b. 11 July, 1815, m. (1) 1839, Malvina T. Morgan of West Boylston, she d. 1841, leaving *Celinda M.*, m. 1871, J. W. Salisbury of Weymouth; he m. (2) 5 Sept., 1842, Harriet A. Eddy of Auburn, removed 1851 to Grafton, was a soldier in the late war in the 32d Regt. Mass. Vols., d. in the service 5 Oct., 1862; ch. by second m. *William A.*, b. 30 Nov., 1843, at Ox., graduated at Yale College 1869, studied law and is in practice in New York city, left his studies at college and entered the army, 51st Regt. Mass. Vols., served 9 months; *Andrew J.*, b. 26 May, 1846, at Auburn, graduated at Yale College 1869, studied law and was admitted to the bar, later engaged in iron mining in New York State, residence, 1889, Los Angeles, Cal.; *Harriet A.*, b. 29 Dec., 1848, at Ox., d. soon; JESSE W., b. 9 March, 1818, m. 6 Sept., 1842, Lurana Perry of Charlton, and had *M. Lurana*, b. 5 May, 1843, d. young; *Emma F.*, b. 5 Feb., 1845, m. Willis H. Wellington; *James O.*, b. 22 Feb., 1847, m. 3 May, 1881, Elizabeth I. Sweetser of Worcester, settled at North Ox., removed to Charlton City; Jesse W., the father, d. 28 Sept., 1847, she m. (2) 10 Nov., 1850, H. G. O. Taft; **FREDERICK A.**, b. 16 Oct., 1820, painter at Ox., unm.; **HENRY S.**, b. 14 May, 1823, unm.; **SARAH C.**, b. 1826, d. 1829.

LYDIA, "one of the poor of Boston," 1779.

**CORBETT, DANIEL** (Irish), aged 43, d. 21 Feb., 1862.

CATHERINE, widow, aged 34, d. 27 April, 1863.

**CORBIN, JONATHAN**, of Woodstock, Conn., m. 24 Dec., 1781, Abigail Wight of South Gore, where they settled. . . . Children: POLLY, b. 27 Nov., 1782; LUCY, b. 18 April, 1785; SARAH, b. 7 Dec., 1787, m. 17 Oct., 1813, Daniel Whittemore of Thompson, Conn.; ANNA, b. 9 Feb., 1790, m. intentions 11 Dec., 1814, John Emerson, second; JOHN, b. 26 April, 1792, m. intentions 3 April, 1815, Mary Stone of Thompson; JABEZ, b. 28 Aug., 1794, m. intentions 18 May, 1818, Miriam McIntire of Charlton; ESTHER, b. 27 Oct., 1796, m. 12 July, 1818, Asa Handy of Burrillville.

JEDEDIAH, son of Jedediah and grandson of Philip of Dudley, a descendant of Clement of Boston, b. 1780, at Dudley, m. 1 June, 1830, Hannah, sister of John Rich, wool carder, of Charlton, settled at Charlton, removed 1837 to Ox., returned in a few years to Charlton, where he d. 2 Dec., 1840, she d. 18 Sept., 1853, aged 55 [head-stone]. . . . Children b. at Charlton: ARTEMAS H., b. 24 Jan., 1831, m. 11 March, 1856, Elmira J. Kenney of Putnam, Conn., where they settled, shoe manufacturer; CALVIN R., b. 12 Feb., 1833, m. Caroline Fairfield, b. 9 Nov., 1835, at Pomfret. He lived in his youth at Ox. and Thompson, Conn., went West in 1855, and after assisting in the survey of the route for the Chicago and Northwestern R. R., settled in 1857 in

Chicago, where he became a successful merchant and a prominent citizen. She was a graduate of Brooklyn Female Academy, now Packer Institute, a teacher there, and a talented writer as her published works attest. They had *Grace*, b. 1862, d. 1863; *Frank Nichols*, b. 22 Dec., 1864; *Calvin D.* and *Caroline F.*, b. 15 May, 1867, the latter d. 18 March, 1870; *John Rich*, b. 2 May, 1870; *Lawrence Paul*, b. 27 June, 1876; *CLARISSA L.*, b. 18 May, 1836, lived with Samuel Mayo of Ox., m. (1) 18 Sept., 1855, Daniel, son of William Rowland, m. (2) 5 Oct., 1881, Simon P. McIntyre, of Scotch descent, residence, Chicago, wholesale shoe merchant.

**LAMENT** B., b. 1 Sept., 1814, at Dudley, son of Timothy, descendant of Clement of Boston, m. 31 May, 1840, Melezenda P., dau. of Josiah Stone, a leading shoe manufacturer of Ox., active in public affairs, 16 years selectman, most of the time chairman, representative, moderator, very efficient in managing town affairs during the late war, a liberal supporter of the Methodist Church. He d. 1 July, 1872. . . . Child: **LUMAN** B., b. 21 Feb., 1843, d. 2 June, 1863.

**LEMUEL**, of Dudley, and Rebecca Davis, m. intentions 29 Oct., 1763.

**CAPT. PELEG**, of Thompson, Conn., and Rebecca Day, m. int. 7 April, 1789.

**BENJAMIN A.**, and Lovisa Brown, m. 9 Dec., 1836.

**MISS —**, aged 17, d. 2 Nov., 1839.

**JOHN**, and Hannah Penniman of Providence, R. I., m. int. 10 April, 1841.

**MARIA**, dau. of James of Sturbridge, and John W. Wood of Dudley, m. intentions 3 April, 1845.

**MRS. ABIGAIL**, and Orris Parsons of Worcester, m. intentions 8 Sept., 1847.

**CYNTHIA**, m. n. Rich, widow of Dexter Corbin, d. 23 May, 1868, aged 74.

**POLLY**, m. n. Needham, aged 83, d. 29 April, 1874.

**SCHUYLER**, of Thompson, Conn., aged 86, d. 4 Aug., 1886.

**CORTIS**, **CORTISS**, **OZIAS**, of Thompson, Conn., and Susanna Rawson, m. 28 Dec., 1809.

**OZIAS**, son of Japheth of Thompson, Conn., aged 83, d. 24 Oct., 1868.

**MRS. SARAH E.**, aged 44, d. 18 Feb., 1872.

**COTTIN**, **COTTON**, **COFFIN**, **DAVID**, and Sarah ——, had at Ox.: **MARY**, b. 8 Feb., 1745; **SARAH**, b. 7 June, 1746; **JOHN**, b. 10 March, 1748; **WILLIAM**, b. 13 Aug., 1750; removed to Dudley and had **DAVID**, b. 2 March, 1755.

**COUGHLIN**, **FRANCIS**, aged 21, d. 22 May, 1875.

**COVILLE**, **SOLOMON**, Revolutionary soldier.

**MRS. ARTIE J.**, aged 20, d. 22 March, 1881.

**COX**, **MRS. MARY**, and Elliot Boyce of Spencer, m. 22 March, 1837.

**COY**, **ELIZABETH**, and Independence Stone, m. 19 March, 1828.

**COZZENS**, **JOHN**, of North Gore, and Elizabeth Rogers of Scituate, R. I., m. intentions 26 Aug., 1809.

**CRAIG**, **ABIJAH**, aged 50, d. 16 May, 1836.

**CRANE**, **LEMUEL**, b. 29 Oct., 1736, at Berkley, son of John, came thence with a large family in 1780 to Ox., settling on the Edson farm, H. 163. [Rev. Jonathan Crane in Historical and Genealogical Register, Jan., 1873, says: "We presume the Cranes of Berkley are descendants of Benjamin of

Taunton, son of Henry of Dorchester."] He was a royalist and came with others from the same vicinage to Ox., after having been imprisoned. His father-in-law, Col. Thomas Gilbert, an officer in the French war, went over to the British in the Revolution. He m. 13 Dec., 1759, Bathsheba Gilbert, b. 17 Aug., 1741, he d. 28 Sept., 1814, she d. 20 Sept., 1806. . . . *Children*, excepting the last, b. at Berkley: LYDIA, b. 3 April, 1761, m. Rodolphus Edson; JOHN, b. 3 Oct., 1763; HANNAH, b. 26 Sept., 1765, m. Gideon Hovey; GILBERT, b. 4 July, 1767; BATHSHEBA, b. 28 April, 1769, m. Jeremiah Metcalf; MARY, b. 10 Jan., 1772, m. (1) Gideon Hovey, second w., she m. (2) Jeremiah Dana; DEBORAH and ABIGAIL, b. 3 Dec., 1773; DEBORAH, m. John Hudson; ABIGAIL, m. Nahum Pratt; LEMUEL, b. 28 Jan., 1776, land surveyor, d. 14 May, 1846, unm.; OLIVE, b. 1 April, 1778, m. Thomas Kendall; MARGERY, b. 1 Sept., 1780, d. 25 Sept., 1868, unm.

2. JOHN, son of Lemuel (1), m. (1) 22 March, 1789, Ruth, dau. of Ebenezer Humphrey, she d. 10 April, 1803, at Ox., he removed to Me., m. (2) Abigail B. Bunker of Mt. Desert, Me., she d. aged 84, 10 Feb., 1870, he d. 30 Oct., 1849, at Rockport. . . . *Children* by first m., b. at Ox.: JOHN, m. — Batcheller of Warren, where he settled, blacksmith, removed to Ballston, N. Y., d. there: CALVIN, b. 28 Feb., 1793, m. Hannah Forbes, settled at Grafton, where both d., he d. 13 April, 1862; they had *Richard R.*, b. 14 Nov., 1832, m. Arethusa Bennett of Rockland, Me., residence, Dover, Kan.; *John C.*, b. 16 Oct., 1837, m. Emma Glazier of Millbury, where they reside, Baptist preacher, historian; HANNAH, m. Welcome Green; JARED, twice m. and d. at Athol, had by first m. *Bathsheba and Jane*; ch. of John by second m.: ELISHA B., m. Eunice Gilley of Baker's Isle, Me., sea captain, d. about 1844, aged 39; LEMUEL G., m. Clarinda N. Bickford of Goldsboro', Me., sea captain, had ch., he d. 13 Nov., 1878, aged 71; AARON B., d. at sea, aged 22; BATHSHEBA G., m. Francis Gilley of Fremont, Me., had ch.; THOMAS B., d. at sea, aged 19; ELLEN, b. 21 Jan., 1817, at Mt. Desert, Me., m. George W. B. McDonald, residence, San Diego, Cal., had ch., both d. 1886 at San Diego; ESTHER B., m. Miles Bickford of Birch Harbor, Me., 8 ch.; HENRY B., m. Abigail Leighton of Steuben, Me., sea captain, had ch.; ELLIS K., m. Hannah G. Barrett of Northport, Me., and d. aged 30, sea captain; they had *George N., Ellarana*; DAVID L., m. Nancie Rice of Goldsboro', Me., and d. aged 54; EUNICE.

3. GILBERT, son of Lemuel (1), m. 14 Jan., 1795, Dorcas, dau. of Ebenezer Davis, lived for a time at her father's, H. 165, removed to H. 90 a half-mile west of the north common, where both d. He d. 21 June, 1849, she d. aged 84, 15 March, 1853. . . . *Children*: LYDIA, b. 9 Sept., 1798, d. 20 Sept., 1819; SUSANNA D., b. 7 July, 1801, unm., lived with her parents, d. 8 Oct., 1875; EBENEZER D., b. 2 March, 1804, lived at the homestead, m. 1 Oct., 1832, Harriet Wood, b. 16 Oct., 1808, at Gardner, he d. 29 Jan., 1883, she d. 1891 at Leicester; they had *Christopher*, b. 25 July, 1833, m. (1) 29 Aug., 1855, Eliza T. Bond of Leicester, where they settled, she d. 19 Dec., 1872, m. (2) 24 Feb., 1875, Mrs. Sophronia E. Vinton of Leicester; had by first m. Ida S., b. 11 Nov., 1858; Carrie E., b. 6 Dec., 1866; by second m. Sarah H., b. 5 Dec., 1875; *Rebekah*, b. 6 Dec., 1840, m. Oct., 1861, Stephen Slingsbury, she d. 27 Dec., 1868.

CRAWFORD, CAPT. WILLIAM, of Oakham, had JAMES A., who was father of ELIAS B., b. at O., m. Jane T., dau. of Capt. Otis Taft, resided at Grafton, whence they removed to Ox. in 1835, settled at the present Buffum Village and engaged in thread manufacturing, removed 1862 to Worcester,

where she d. 10 Jan., 1876, he d. 1890 at Worcester. . . . *Children* b. at Ox.: ELIZA J., b. 18 Jan., 1836, m. Albert H. Appleby; ELLEN M., b. 11 Nov., 1837, m. 8 Oct., 1877, Caleb Colvin of Worcester, b. at Cranston, R. I., iron founder, no ch.; WILLIAM H., b. 7 May, 1840, m. 8 June, 1865, Mary A. Moore of Palmer, settled at Worcester; they had *Lillian*, b. 4 May, 1868; *Mabel J.*, b. 17 Oct., 1870; *Annie C.*, b. 3 June, 1873; *Harry C.*, b. 23 Sept., 1883; ANNETTE, b. 21 Sept., 1850, m. Albert H. Stone of Worcester, where they settled, had children.

**CROAK, EDWARD** (Irish), aged 78, d. 26 Jan., 1877.

**CROCKER, NATHANIEL**, of Barnstable, m. 6 March, 1783, Mehitable Lewis of Barnstable, saddler, lived on the site of the Episcopal church, of good ability and standing, active in public affairs, removed to Paxton, where he was many years prominent, d. there. . . . *Children*: JOB, b. 28 Aug., 1784; GEORGE L., b. 27 July, 1786; NATHANIEL, b. 3 March, 1788; SOLOMON, b. 23 June, 1790.

JOB, a Colonel, perhaps brother of Nathaniel, resided here but a short time, one of a town committee in 1790 to convey a call to Rev. Elias Dudley.

**CROPPER, JAMES**, and Ann E. Howarth, m. intentions 31 July, 1847.  
**BETSEY**, and William Wickes, m. intentions 14 May, 1848.

**CROSBY, BENJAMIN**, taxed 1771.

**CROSS, CYRUS S.**, b. 6 Feb., 1801, at Ox., m. (1) Relief Wakefield, who d. 4 Dec., 1844, aged 51, m. (2) Almira, widow of Simeon Newton, adopted dau. of Paraclete Morris, m. n. Bassett, b. at Providence, R. I.; resided at Ox., removed to Webster, near Nipmuck Pond, where he d. 13 April, 1875. . . . *Children* by first m.: RUSSELL C., b. 9 May, 1826, at Charlton, m. Martha Williams of Ox., removed to Canisteo, N. Y., where she d. about 1881, no ch.; MARY ANN, b. 31 Oct., 1828, at Ox., m. John, son of Jonas Ward; ch. by second m.: ALMIRA B., b. 27 April, 1846, at Ox., m. 25 Feb., 1863, Arthur W. Richards; CYRUS I., b. 1849, d. 1855.

**CROSSMAN, MARY**, aged 58, d. 28 Sept., 1863.

**CROWLEY, ANN**, aged 23, d. 28 Aug., 1853.

**CROXFORD, JAMES**, and Jane Nichols, m. 29 April, 1745; they had **MARY**, b. 18 Oct., 1747.

**CUDWORTH, GEN. JAMES** of Scituate, Mass., 1634: Deputy Governor of Plymouth Colony, in 1681 commander of all the military forces of the colony, a worthy and honored man. In 1658 or 1659 he with 25 others bought of the Indians land at Freetown, incorporated 1683. He d. in 1682 in London. His son **JAMES**, b. 3 May, 1635, m. Mary —— and settled at Scituate; they had with others, **JAMES**, b. 3 April, 1665, who settled on the Cudworth lands at Freetown, where he d. about 1729. . . . *Children*: DAVID, b. probably at Scituate, m. 9 Aug., 1733, Abigail Josselyn, and had, with others, *Charles*, b. 30 Aug., 1737, at Freetown, m. (1) Mary Drinkwater, m. (2) intentions 6 May, 1782, Content, widow of Daniel Hovey of Ox., settled at Freetown; *Paul*, b. 20 Nov., 1749, m. Sarah Drinkwater of Dighton, settled at Ward, now Auburn, where he bought land in 1785; they had *Molly*, b. 10 June, 1777, m. 15 March, 1796, Hanover Pitts; *Susanna*, b. 21 May, 1779; *JAMES*, b. 16 Jan., 1697, at

Freetown, m. 19 March, 1735, Sibyl Chase, and had, with others, *James*, b. 16 May, 1740; *Lydia*, b. 22 Feb., 1744, m. Ebenezer Pitts of Taunton, settled on Prospect Hill, Ward; *Edward*, b. 6 Aug., 1748.

2. JAMES, son of James (1), m. about 1758, Anne Bryant of Scituate, bought, 1779, land in South Gore, removed thither, lived later in life with his son Lemuel in south part of Ox., d. about 1814. . . . *Children*: LEMUEL, b. 26 July, 1761, at Freetown; JOSEPH: JAMES, m. intentions 2 March, 1781, Hannah Brown of Killingly, Conn.; both left town about the time of the Revolutionary war; James settled in Palatine, N. Y.: in March, 1804, he gave power of attorney to Jeremiah Kingsbury to hold his estate of 100 acres in the South Gore; Joseph resided in New York State in 1805; LYDIA, m. (1) 24 Dec., 1781, John Comstock of South Gore; m. (2) John Brackett of Thompson, Conn., had 2 ch.; m. (3) —— Austin, and had *Amy*, who m. Jesse Eddy, and resided on Prospect Hill; *Comfort*; RUTH, m. 14 Sept., 1786, Caleb Wight of South Gore, removed to New York State; LUCINDA, m. Craft Davis.

3. LEMUEL, son of James (2), fier in Revolutionary war, m. 1797, Bathsheba Howard of Thompson, Conn., b. 26 Oct., 1777, settled at Dudley, bought in 1801 the farm southeast of the present almshouse, H. 49, where he d. 7 Sept., 1857, aged 96, she d. 21 Oct., 1867, aged 90. . . . *Children*, first two b. at Dudley: TURNER, b. 23 Sept., 1797, d. 1 March, 1870, unm., owned the homestead; LUCY, b. 16 Jan., 1800, m. 3 May, 1821, James Hovey Davis; RUTH, b. 18 Aug., 1803, m. 15 May, 1831, John Andre Brown of Woodstock, Conn., no ch., he d. 31 May, 1865, she d. 12 Aug., 1889; AZARMA, b. 26 Dec., 1806, m. 26 May, 1830, William H. Tourtelotte of Thompson, now Putnam, prominent citizen, elected to town offices; they had *George W.*, b. 1831, at Ox.; *William H.*, b. 1832, at Dudley; *Oscar L.*, b. 1835, at Dudley; *Edmund N.*, b. 1839, at Putnam, mill owner at Central Village; *Mary J.*, b. 1841, m. Arnold Leach; *Sarah E.*, b. 1843, m. Horace Hazard; *James H.*, b. 1847; the father d. 1880 at Putnam; LEMUEL, b. 9 July, 1811.

4. LEMUEL, son of Lemuel (3), m. (1) Mary A., dau. of Japheth Cortis, m. (2) 4 Aug., 1844, Sarah J., dau., of George Eager of Boylston. . . . *Children*, by first m.: JOHN P., b. 25 May, 1839, m. Hannah, dau. of Jared Davis; AUGUSTA, b. 9 Oct., 1842; ch. by second m.: MARY A., b. 18 Jan., 1858, m. 30 March, 1880, Arthur L., son of Lubin Fitts of Charlton.

5. EDWARD, son of James (1), m. Nov., 1772, Abigail Drinkwater of Dighton, bought land on Prospect Hill, in 1777, settled there, d., order of appraisal 30 June, 1790, she d. 30 March, 1808, aged 62. . . . *Children*, order of birth unknown: WARREN, b. 29 Jan., 1774: JOHN, m. intentions 31 Jan., 1798, Tabitha Cutler, settled in Ward, no ch.; ABIGAIL, d. unm.: EDWARD, d. 22 Dec., 1802, unm.; DOROTHY, m. Simeon Davidson; JAMES, m. 26 Feb., 1801, Betsey, dau. of Walter Fitts, she d. 1821; ch. order of b. unknown, *Olive*, m. Asa Stone of Woodstock; *Desire*, m. Lewis Elder of Worcester, removed to Springfield; *Joanna*, m. 2 April, 1834, Bradford Corbin of Dudley; *Jonathan F.*, b. 1 Oct., 1811, at Ox.; *Sally*, m. Daniel Marsh of Dudley; *Chloe*, m. —— Davis of Thompson; *Betsey*, m. 11 Dec., 1838, Danforth Doughty, residence, Southbridge; *OLIVE*, d. young.

6. WARREN, son of Edward (5), m. 29 Nov., 1793, Esther Williams of Pomfret, Conn., settled on Prospect Hill, built the house, H. 113, and removed thither; in 1818 bought the lower mill privilege with house and grist-mill near the Hawes place (Elliott's mill), operated it a number of years, removed 1847 to the Googins place, H. 84, where he d. 16 Nov., 1866, aged 92; she d. 12

Nov., 1853, aged 86 years, 11 months. . . . *Children*: TAMMA, b. 26 March, 1794, at Ward, m. 13 Feb., 1817, Alvah Stone of Somerset, Vt., she d. 26 July, 1874, at Montague; WARREN, b. 24 Aug., 1797, at Ox., m. at Waltham 5 Dec., 1822, Angeline C. Brown, b. 29 Nov., 1798, at Boston; he d. 11 April, 1827, at Lowell, she d. 8 March, 1882. He was an ingenious mechanic and went in 1823 as master machinist to Lowell, started No. 1 spinning-room on Merrimack Corporation, and also No. 1 on the Hamilton Corporation. He was a superior musician and composed music. They had *Angeline M.*, b. 28 Aug., 1823, at Waltham; *Warren Handel*, b. 23 May, 1825, at Lowell, was graduated at Harvard College 1845, studied two years at Harvard divinity school and began his pastorate at East Boston, March, 1852, where he preached continuously till his death, with the exception of three years spent in the army, and one in travelling in Europe. His ministry was eminently successful, he being an able man and an indefatigable worker, lacking the showy qualities, being devoid of ambition for notoriety, but by his great and constant service to his fellows deeply impressing all with whom he came in contact. He was chaplain of the 1st Mass. Reg. from May, 1861, to May, 1864, and greatly beloved by the soldiers. "Rough men in the army and elsewhere who were accustomed to discredit or deny the Christian religion would assent to it and accept it as it found in him an exponent. Reckless soldiers would often permit him to coax money from their pockets on pay-day to be sent home to their families or for savings, which else had gone to the gambling table or the liquor-seller," and a very large amount in the aggregate was thus saved through his influence. He was a good man, with a large and sympathetic heart. On Thanksgiving day, 29 Nov., 1883, while conducting public services in his church he fell and suddenly expired. *Helen A.*, b. 13 Aug., 1826, at Lowell, d. 1827; ABIGAIL, b. 7 May, 1800, d. 6 Dec., 1814; EDWARD, b. 4 Dec., 1802, d. 14 Oct., 1841, unm.; JAMES WILLIAMS (known as William), b. 27 July, 1805, at Ward, m. (1) 7 Sept., 1834, Lucy M. Hewett of Sutton, she d. aged 53, 6 July, 1865; m. (2) intentions 24 May, 1868, Mrs. Sarah Munroe, m. n. Leathers; he d. 25 Nov., 1869; ch. by first m., *Lester H.*, b. 10 Jan., 1837, m. 8 Sept., 1860, Jane J., dau. of Calvin Hall, no ch.; *Lucy Ann*, b. 4 Feb., 1845, d. soon; ESTHER, b. 8 July, 1807, m. 29 Sept., 1829, Ezekiel Webster, residence, Dayville, Conn., four ch.; he d. 1868, she d. 12 Oct. 1883; ORINDIA, b. 7 June, 1809, unm., residence, Ox., d. 2 March, 1887, at Montague while on a visit; MARY, b. 23 Feb., 1813, m. 18 April, 1842, Oliver Stone of Auburn, she d. 24 March, 1854, two daughters.

7. JONATHAN F., son of JAMES and grandson of EDWARD (5), m. 2 July, 1838, Elizabeth Hewett of Sutton, lived at Ox. and Auburn; he d. 26 April, 1845, at Ox. . . . *Children*: MELVINA C., b. 11 Sept., 1839, at Ox., d. 15 Oct., 1849, at Auburn; JAMES C., b. 17 May, 1841, at Ox., m. 9 Nov., 1870, in Chicago, Martha McCombie, residence, Shelby, Mich.; EDWARD and EDWIN, b. 5 Nov., 1843. Edward m. 4 Sept., 1866, Mary Jane Williams of Auburn, was a soldier in the late war, sergeant, residence, 1890, Charlton. Edwin was also a soldier, killed 25 March, 1865, at Fort Steedman, near Petersburg, Va.

JAMES J., of South Gore, and Hannah Brown of Killingly, m. intentions 2 March, 1781.

DAVID, of Freetown, and Lucy Kingsbury, m. 19 Jan., 1796.

CUMMINGS, see Comins.

CUNNINGHAM, JOHN, and Ann, had SARAH A., b. 14 Aug., 1829.

CURBY, JANE, m. n. Bixby, aged 19, d. 5 Oct., 1865.

**CURTIS, SAMUEL**, son of John and Mary (Look) of Topsfield, came to Ox. as early as 1748, when past middle life, settled at the Luther Stone place in the North Gore, H. 108, bought 200 acres, bounded west by the river, north by Leicester and south by Ox. In 1750 he gave 50 acres of this to his son Samuel, and in 1752 the remaining 150 acres to his son Noah, then 21 years of age and living on the premises, reserving to himself half the house and other buildings and one acre. In 1753, May 4, Noah, having m. Elizabeth ——, deeded back to his father, in consideration of "money, creatures and other things," the said farm of 150 acres, and also quitclaimed all rights in his father's estate. We find no further trace of Noah. On 5 May, 1753, Samuel, Sen., deeded to Amos Singletary of Sutton, husband of his dau. Mary, 73 acres, and in 1764 Singletary sold the same to Elijah. Samuel, Jr., cordwainer, sold in 1754 his 50 acres to Uriah Stone, and bought in 1757 land in Charlton. We find no further account of him. Samuel, Sen., was innholder, succeeding Gibbs, from 1749 to 1751. He m. 15 June, 1720, Hannah Dodge of Beverly, who joined Topsfield Church 23 Feb., 1729, dismissed to Ox. Church 12 March, 1748. The family left town about the time of the Revolutionary war. . . . Children b. at Topsfield: HANNAH, b. 14 July, 1722; REBECCA, b. 8 March, 1724, d. 1726; MARY, b. 8 June, 1726, m. 6 Sept., 1742, Amos Singletary of Sutton;<sup>1</sup> SAMUEL, b. 26 Feb., 1728, m. 19 Sept., 1751, Mary Town; NOAH, b. 28 May, 1731, m. Elizabeth ——; RACHEL, b. 18 March, 1733, m. John Wiley; EUNICE, b. 15 Jan., 1736, m. 19 Dec., 1759, Nehemiah Houghton of Sturbridge; ELIJAH, b. 17 July, 1737, soldier in the French war, m. 21 Oct., 1760, Elizabeth Sparhawk; JOHN, b. 15 April, 1741; REBECCA, b. 7 March, 1743. Their negro child, Flora, was baptized 19 July, 1741, at Topsfield.

FRANCIS, and Bethiah Robinson, m. 1 May, 1732.

JOHN, and Sarah Robinson, m. 16 April, 1735.

ANNA, resided at Ox. May, 1767.

MRS. POLLY, of Douglas, and Ebenezer Robbins, m. 6 April, 1831.

PERRY, and Mrs. Lavinia, widow of Solomon Harwood, m. 11 Nov., 1847, she d. aged 68, 12 Feb., 1866.

AMY, m. n. Goddard, aged 48. d. 26 March, 1869.

**CUTLER, JONATHAN**, son of Jonathan and Abigail, b. 26 March, 1719, at Framingham; his brother David, of Mendon parish, now Milford, owned a farm of 100 acres on Prospect Hill; Jonathan is believed to have come early from Weston as his tenant, was probably unm., in 1755 constable, cordwainer, d. before 1757. In 1771 David sold the estate to his son JONATHAN, who m. (1) Mary ——, she d. 10 Dec., 1776, m. (2) 8 May, 1777, Betsey, widow of Joshua Lilley of Sutton. On 18 Feb., 1789, he sold his farm, and 1790 removed to East Montpelier, Vt. He had *Abigail*, 1770; *Jonathan*, 1772; *Artemas*, 1774; *Mary*, 1776; and by second m. *Moses*, 1778; *Betsey*, 1779, d. 1784; *Salem*, 1782; *David*, 1783; *Zipporah*, 1786.

EBENEZER, son of Ebenezer [believed to have been the one b. 1 Oct., 1695, at Salem, settled at Sutton 1726–8], m. intentions 24 Nov., 1764, Miriam Eager of Westboro', lived in north part of Ox., now Auburn, trader, in 1764 licensed to sell tea, coffee and chinaware, and licensed innholder from 1765 to 1771. He left town but his whereabouts for several years are unknown. He

<sup>1</sup>She seems to have been a very estimable person, having been the means of the conversion of her husband, who was in high position and influ-

ence in Sutton for many years. . . . They had 9 ch. [Sutton History.]

• was an ardent loyalist, and Sabine says was arrested in 1775, having previously resided in Groton(?), allowed to join the British at Boston, went to Annapolis, N. S., where he d. In Aug., 1779, the Judge of Probate at Worcester appointed commissioners to settle his estate, he having been late of Northboro', styling him "an absentee, who left the State and fled to our enemies for protection." His wife and family remained at Northboro'. She d. before 10 Sept., 1784. He m. (2) in Nova Scotia, Mary, dau. of Col. Edward Hicks of the British army, had ch., he d. 1831, aged 90, she d. 1839, both at Annapolis. . . . Children b. at Ox.: EBENEZER, b. 27 Aug., 1765, m. and settled in New Brunswick, 10 ch.; JONAS, b. 21 May, 1767; ARETHUSA, b. 26 May, 1769; and after leaving Ox.: SERAPHINA, b. Dec., 1772, m. Peleg, son of Rev. John Wiswall, rector at Wilmot, N. S.; RUFUS, b. Dec., 1773, drowned; HASADIAH, b. Aug., 1776, m. John, brother of Peleg Wiswall; WILLIAM, drowned.

ASA, of Killingly, Conn., b. 1789, cotton manufacturer, came to Ox. 1825, bought mill property at North Ox., where he remained about four years, returned to Killingly, removed again to Ox. in 1839, enlarged his business and remained until 1847 and then settled permanently at Putnam, Conn., where he was prominent as a citizen and real estate owner; he had more than ordinary abilities and firmness of character. He m. 30 Sept., 1813, Sarah Torrey of Killingly. He d. 7 March, 1859; she d. 12 Jan., 1870, both at Putnam. . . . Children: LUCY, b. 3 July, 1814, m. Thomas Dike of Thompson, Conn.; HOBART C., b. 27 Dec., 1815, m. 19 Nov., 1840, Melissa Clark of Colchester, Conn., he d. 18 June, 1865, at Putnam, 2 sons; TAMAR D., b. 24 Oct., 1817, m. 4 July, 1846, Dr. Daniel B. Plimpton of Southbridge, he d. 1 April, 1874, at Putnam; EDWARD A., b. 21 March, 1820, m. (1) Oct., 1845, Mary, sister of his brother Hobart's wife, she d. 30 July, 1847, at Ox., m. (2) 16 Oct., 1850, Annie B. Ballou of Providence, R. I., she d. 15 Jan., 1863, m. (3) 7 March, 1866, Mary E. Phillips of Providence; SUSAN D., b. 21 March, 1822, m. Day, son of Asa Harris.

SALLY, of Ward, and Simeon Morse, m. intentions 20 April, 1816.

CUTTING, CHARLOTTE, and Elisha Smith, m. intentions 18 March, 1849.

DABNEY (D'Aubignè, French), ROBERT, wife Elizabeth, of Boston, had CHARLES, m. 1723, Elizabeth Gardner and had CHARLES, b. 26 March, 1741, m. 26 May, 1765, Mary, dau. of Rev. John Bass of Ashford, Conn., resided at Boston, merchant, came to North Ox. from Providence, R. I., 1775, having bought the place, now Nathaniel Ide's, H. 125. In 1778 he bought the Dr. Cushman place on the Plain, H. 225, removed the old house and built a large mansion two stories and gambrel roof in front, with sloping roof in the rear, but did not finish it. A bill of sugar and coffee sold by him Sept., 1780, indicates he was a trader. He sold his estate in 1784 and returned to Providence, where he d. 23 Oct., 1784, she d. 12 Oct., 1791, at Killingly, Conn. . . . Children: JOHN B., lived with his father at Ox., m. Roxa, dau. of Joseph Lewis of Dedham, resided at Alexandria, Va., Paris, Nantes and Bordeaux, 1806 first consul at Azore Islands, residence, Fayal, continuing until his decease, 26 Sept., 1826; his eldest son, Charles W., succeeded him, acting until 1869, d. 12 March, 1871, at Fayal; Samuel W., son of Charles W., succeeded his father in 1872; William H., son of John B., was 1862 to 1882 consul at Teneriffe, resigned and returned to Boston, d. 16 Feb., 1888; these filled their official positions with marked ability; CHARLES, m. Dorcas Gilbert

of Brooklyn, Conn., 11 ch., he d. 10 July, 1825; WILLIAM, b. 6 July, 1772, m. 24 Aug., 1797, Hannah Jones of Milford, settled at Charleston, S. C., had ch., d. 11 July, 1858, at Lynchburg, Va.; *Charles*, his son, b. 25 July, 1807, m. Ellen M. Jones, his cousin, of Providence, R. I., partner in the banking house, Duncan Sherman & Co., later Dabney, Morgan & Co., of New York, retired 1874, d. 15 Dec., 1879, at Hastings, Eng.; MARY, b. 26 Dec., 1779, at Ox., m. Charles Young of Philadelphia, d. early, 2 ch.; JAMES, b. 3 March, 1782, d. 1820, unm., in London; ELIZA, b. 2 Oct., 1783, m. John Spaulding of Killingly, Conn., where they settled, had ch., he d., she removed to Wis.

**DADEY, PATRICK**, aged 46, d. 14 Feb., 1858.

**DALEY, JULIA A.**, m. n. Jaha (Indian), aged 84, d. 11 Feb., 1883.

**DALRYMPLE, JOHN**, b. about 1723, m. intentions 9 June, 1758, Elizabeth Young of Blandford, trader at Westfield; in 1758 bought the estate, II. 195, near the mill stream south side Sutton road, constable 1764, sold in 1766 and removed to Dudley where he d. 21 Nov., 1784, aged 61, he was dismissed and recommended to Church in Dudley 19 Nov., 1769; she m. (2) 30 Aug., 1790, Samuel Bacon of Woodstock, Conn. . . . *Children*: ELIZABETH, b. 15 June, 1759; DOLLY, b. 14 Dec., 1760, m. 22 Nov., 1781, Thomas McLanathan (?) of Rutland; JOHN, b. 23 Sept., 1762, d. 1774; PAUL, b. 14 Aug., 1764; and b. at Dudley, THOMAS, b. 6 June, 1768; GEORGE, b. 15 June, 1772; BARBARA, b. 14 Oct., 1774; JOHN, b. 12 Aug., 1776, m. 4 April, 1799, Betsey, dau. of Edward Davis; SARAH, b. 20 Dec., 1779, m. 29 May, 1800, Joseph Goulding of Ward; ANDREW, b. 14 June, 1783.

**DANA, RICHARD**, settled 1640 at Cambridge, supposed to have been the progenitor of all of the name in the country; he m. probably in 1648, Ann Bullard of Cambridge, and had 11 children, one, JOSEPH, b. 21 March, 1656, m. Mary, dau. of Thomas Gobell, and lived at or near Concord; they had JOSEPH, b. 22 Sept., 1685, and MARY, b. 1691. No record of the m. of Joseph, Jr., has been found. Judge Bell says he infers that Joseph of Concord moved to Killingly, Conn., in 1716—Savage says he went to Connecticut. He was of Killingly in 1715, having bought land there, 16 March, 1714. He bought land in Oxford in April, 1716, and was voted in as a proprietor, and is named in the deed as of Oxford. He resided here till 1720, and returned to Killingly. In 1722, 1724, 1725, 1726, he was of Oxford and in 1732 of Sutton [Court Rec.], after which his name does not appear in the records excepting in the settlement of the Gobell estate. “It is thus evident that for several years he was frequently removing from place to place and it is not strange that the records of the births of his children are missing.” [Dana Gen.]. He bought within five years, in Oxford, three settler’s lots with all their rights estimated at 300 acres each. His cousin, Joseph Dana, b. 1700, father of Rev. Joseph, D.D., of Ipswich, b. 1742, was living in 1732 at Pomfret, where he was an innholder; removed to Worcester.

Judge Bell supposes Phinehas of Oxford to have been the son of Joseph. In the account of Hannah, widow of Phinehas, as administratrix, we find charged “two journeys to Roxbury to put out the children,” from which we may infer they had relatives there, perhaps on the mother’s side. There was a tradition that Phinehas was from Roxbury, but Judge Bell thought it not well founded.

2. PHINEHAS, perhaps son of Joseph (1), m. 8 March, 1731, Hannah Twichell. [Ox. Rec. give, John Shumway and Mary Dana m. 19 May, 1737; Peter Shumway and Mary Dana m. 28 Feb., 1740; Samuel Lamb and Sarah Dana m. 5 April, 1753; Ebenezer Davis and Lydia Dana m. 12 Oct., 1742.] Settled in the east part of the town, near Barton Hill, house removed many years ago. He d. 19 May, 1789, she d. 21 Dec., 1801. . . . Children: ABIGAIL, b. 29 Oct., 1731, m. John Barton; SUSANNA, b. 15 April, 1733, m. intentions Feb., 1754, Abner Town; PHINEHAS, b. 3 Oct., 1734, m. 2 Nov., 1758, Sarah Eaton of Dedham, where they settled and had David, b. 26 Feb., 1760; Phinehas, b. 26 March, 1762; Jesse, b. 6 Jan., 1765, d. young; Jesse, b. 25 March, 1767; DAVID, b. 22 Jan., 1736, m. (1) 31 Dec., 1778, Elizabeth Breed and settled at Dedham, m. (2) intentions 8 July, 1784, Rebecca Richards; HANNAH, b. 12 Sept., 1737, m. John Ayres, and settled at Newtown; JOHN, b. 18 Nov., 1738.

3. JOHN, son of Phinehas (2), m. 15 Dec., 1761, Hannah, dau. of Ebenezer Humphrey, Senior; he was brought up at Dea. Thomas Davis', became a prominent citizen, selectman, town treasurer and deacon; lived on the homestead. He d. 20 March, 1816, she d. 30 July, 1826. . . . Children: SARAH, b. 18 July, 1762, m. 15 Feb., 1798, Aaron Howe of Marlboro', removed to Lunenburg, Vt.; JOHN, b. 5 Feb., 1765, m. Mary E., dau. of Josiah Wolcott, settled at Orford, N. H., deacon of Wentworth Church; he d. 5 Feb., 1855, in Orford, she d. 29 Aug., 1837; they had Isabella, b. 1793, d. 1839, at Orford, unm.; Mary A., b. 18 March, 1795, m. 5 May, 1814, Daniel Clark of Piermont, N. H., and had 7 sons and 5 daughters, all matured; he d. 8 July, 1849, at Piermont, she d. 5 May, 1878, at East Cambridge; Hannah, b. 1797, d. 1874, at Orford, unm.; Wolcott, b. 1798, m. Huldah Fifield of Hampton, N. H., settled at Wentworth where he was a leading man, justice of the peace, representative, and in other official positions, a drover and farmer, had a large family, d. 1872; Rebecca, b. 1800, m. Christopher Billings, she d. 2 April, 1873; Lucy, b. 1805, d. 1832, at Orford, unm.; John, married and settled at Wentworth, N. H., removed to Warren, where he d. about 1882, had 4 sons and 1 daughter, all removed West; Clarissa, m. Charles Frary, residence, Haverhill, N. H.; William, m. Mary Bailey, residence, Haverhill, where he d.; HANNAH, b. 5 May, 1767, d. 3 July, 1813, unm.; PHINEHAS, b. 12 Nov., 1768, m. 21 July, 1793, Mehitable, dau. of Josiah Wolcott, settled at Orford, N. H., removed to Augusta, Me., thence to Woolwich, where both d.; they had Nancy, d. young; Samuel, d. at Richmond, Me., unm.; Susanna, d. at Richmond, unm.; Phinehas, d. at Richmond, unm.; Mehitable, m. Waldo Adams of Oxford; Josiah, m., lived and d. at Augusta, Me.; Thomas, m., lived at Augusta, Woolwich, and other places; Ebenezer, d. at Woolwich, unm.; Moses, m. and lived at Woolwich, d. Dec., 1883; LUCY, b. 7 April, 1771, d. 1774; JEREMIAH, b. 30 July, 1773; LUCY, b. 7 March, 1776, d. young; JEMIMA, b. 19 May, 1778, m. John Ballard; LUCY, b. 4 Aug., 1780, d. unm. 3 Nov., 1865, at Ox.; EBENEZER, b. 30 Oct., 1782; WILLIAM, b. 16 Aug., 1785; THOMAS, b. 4 July, 1787, d. young; SYLVANUS, b. 28 May, 1790, m. (1) Sarah Kenney of Sutton, settled at Millbury, m. (2) Elizabeth Nelson, he d. about 1879 at Millbury; ch. by first m.: Leander M., b. 8 May, 1815, d. at Sutton; Daniel R., b. 21 April, 1817, at Sutton, m. (1) 24 Feb., 1842, Caroline A. Baker of Oxford, who d. 14 Feb., 1883, at Warren, R. I., had Francis E., b. 6 Feb., 1843, residence Warren; m. (2) 31 Dec., 1885, Annie P. Waldron, of Bristol, R. I., watchmaker and jeweller at Oxford several years, removed 1844 to Warren, where he resided 1891; three others all d. young; ch. by second m.: Elvira, d. Dec., 1885.

4. JEREMIAH, son of John (3), m. (1) 27 Nov., 1804, Mrs. Polly Hovey, m. n. Crane, she d. 26 Feb., 1842, aged 70; m. (2) 4 April, 1843, Susan D., dau. of Oliver Torrey of Killingly, Conn., he d. 31 Oct., 1851, she d. 17 June, 1859, both at Killingly; farmer. . . . *Children*: GIDEON, b. 11 Sept., 1805, minister, a worthy, self-sacrificing man of superior abilities, early joined the Church at Ward, under Rev. Enoch Pond, with whom he fitted for college, taught successfully a select school at Ward, was graduated 1830 at Brown University, began study at Andover 1833 in middle class, soon left on account of ill health. In 1834 studied at Princeton, later at Bangor where he was graduated 1836; taught almost constantly while in college and seminary, left teaching at Bangor to enter the ministry; preached at North Falmouth 1837, called soon to South Church, Amherst, where he was ordained and March 21, 1841, installed pastor. His next field was Third Church, West Springfield, now Holyoke, remaining two or three years. In 1844 removed to Ohio, and at Cincinnati was agent for the American Tract Society, travelling in Kentucky. In Nov., 1845, he became pastor at Harmar, O., continuing until 1850, then left and became chaplain and agent of American Seamen's Friend Society, at Toledo. At Harmar he had charge of public schools and some of the earliest graded schools in the State were there under him established. Later he was pastor at Delaware, O., for one year; removed to Western Reserve and from 1852 to 1856 was settled at Strongsville. From 1856 to 1859 he was District Secretary of American and Foreign Christian Union of New York, resigned to take pastorate at Bucyrus, and remained two or three years. Ill health kept him from active service until 1864 when he took the pastorate at Wauseon continuing until 1867. His last work was at Weymouth, O., beginning 1 Jan., 1872. In May, 1872, casually at Oberlin, he was taken suddenly ill and d. on the 9th. Thus ended an arduous and useful career. He m. (1) 23 Oct., 1838, Julia A. Childs of Barre, she d. 4 Nov., 1840; m. (2) 22 June, 1841, Hannah, dau. of Seth Clark; ch.: *Julia Ann*, b. 30 Oct., 1839, d. 1840; *Lucy H.*, b. 29 Dec., 1843, resides with her mother at Oberlin, O., teacher; *Daniel H.*, b. 22 Oct., 1846, d. 1855; *Edward P.*, b. and d. 1849; *Francis C.*, b. 1850, d. 1851; *Charles G.*, b. 1856, d. 1858; *Thomas*, b. 31 July, 1811, unm., lived at Ox. and Bristol, Ill., removed to Mason City where he d. 13 Nov., 1886.

5. EBENEZER, son of John (3), m. (1) Tamar B., dau. of Jesse Dana of Sterling, a distant relative, she d. 22 July, 1838; m. (2) 22 Feb., 1841 [15 April, 1840, Wor. Rec.], Harriet Goulding, b. 22 Feb., 1801, at Worcester. Lived at the homestead in Oxford, and at Sterling. He d. 23 Sept., 1865. . . . *Children*: EBENEZER B., b. 23 Feb., 1827, at Ox., m. 15 May, 1873, Lucy J. Dunham of Grafton, b. 17 Oct., 1835, residence, Worcester, where he d., 2 March, 1881, had *Annie T.*, b. 18 July, 1878; GEORGE, b. 22 Aug., 1831, at Ox., m. 28 April, 1870, Mary A., dau. of Comfort Rice of Millbury, settled at Worcester; no ch.

6. WILLIAM, son of John (3), m. Harriet, dau. of Nahum Pratt, she d. 24 Aug., 1880. . . . *Children*: JONATHAN P., b. 30 Aug., 1812, residence, Ox., unm., successful teacher, school committee, justice of the peace, and assessor, president of Oxford Agricultural Society; SARAH HOWE, b. 10 Aug., 1814, d. 19 Nov., 1874, unm.; ALONZO H., b. 13 June, 1816, m. 1857, Susan A., dau. of John Brown of Hubbardston, settled at Oberlin, O., where he d. Nov., 1876; had *Will P.*, 1858; *Charles B.*, 1860; *Nellie F.*, 1862, m. 1883, Jesse C. Morse of Ox., residence, Plankinton, Dak.; *Harriet M.*, 1867; *Mary*, b. and d. 1872; *Harry A.*, b. 1875, d. 1876; RUFUS R., b. 6 June, 1818, at Oak-

ham, m. 8 April, 1867, Helen M., dau. of Warren Balcom, no ch., residence, Oxford.

**DANE, STILLMAN A.**, and Sophronia Glazier of Irasburg, Vt., m. 23 Oct., 1844.

**DANIELS, DANIELL, JOSEPHI**, supposed to have been son of Robert of Watertown, was of Medfield in 1660, settled on the west side of Charles River, now Millis, house burned in the Indian attack 1676, m. Mary Fairbanks; had with others JOSEPH, b. 1666, who lived near his father and owned a grist-mill on Bogestow Brook; Joseph and Joseph, Jr. were among those incorporated as the town of Medway, 1713. Joseph, Jr. had with others DAVID, b. 21 Feb., 1699, m. Magdalen Partridge, settled at West Medway, removed about 1740 to Franklin; had with others SETH, b. 30 Oct., 1737, m. Unity Thurston, settled on the homestead; had with others JOSEPH, b. 14 Oct., 1771, settled on the homestead, m. 4 Sept., 1793, Susa Fisher; had with 12 others, younger, SETH, b. 14 Sept., 1794, came to Ox. in 1816, saddler and harness maker, later shoe manufacturer, an esteemed citizen, selectman, representative, many years deacon of the Congregational Church, m. Nov., 1819, Huldah, dau. of Jonathan Harris, settled at the south end of the Plain, H. 210, occupied about 1852 the house he built near the common, where he d. 23 Feb., 1878, she d. 5 Nov., 1890. . . . Children: **GEORGE F.**, b. 9 Aug., 1820, at Walpole, shoe manufacturer, deacon of the Congregational Church, representative, justice of the peace and Notary Public, 28 years chorister, m. (1) 9 Oct., 1845, Ann E., dau. of Daniel Whritner of New York, of German descent, she d. 1 March, 1863, m. (2) 7 Sept., 1869, Ellen M., dau. of Dr. Charles M. Fay of Charlton, she d. 11 May, 1878; ch. by first m. **Mary B.**, b. 22 Oct., 1849; **Frederick J.**, b. 12 May, 1854, m. 26 Oct., 1881, Abbie Laura, dau. of Dr. Richard H. Page of Candia, N. H.; had Anne W., Ruth L., Mary H. **ALBERT H.**, b. 15 June, 1823, m. 4 March, 1846, Julia M., dau. of Thaddeus Read of Grafton, settled at Ox., removed to Manchester, N. H., hardware dealer, many years deacon of the Congregational Church; they had b. at Ox. **Frances M.**, b. 16 Aug., 1847, m. Henry B. Fairbanks of Manchester, had ch.; **Lucia H.**, b. 22 April, 1849; **Isabel R.**, b. 22 June, 1851; **FRANKLIN G.**, b. 23 March, 1828, m. 18 Dec., 1879, Emma F., dau. of Thomas Appleby, shoe manufacturer; they had **Charles F.**, b. 17 April, 1884; **CHARLES E.**, b. 14 Feb., 1830, m. 20 Oct., 1862, Elizabeth, dau. of Dr. Samuel C. Paine of Ox., settled at McGregor, Ia., shoe merchant, deacon of the Congregational Church; they had b. at McGregor: **Anne P.**, b. 30 June, 1863; **Philip C.**, b. 20 Nov., 1865; **Elizabeth II.**, b. 19 Dec., 1868; and b. at Ox.: **Edith P.**, b. 2 Sept., 1876; **MYRA L.**, b. 6 Jan., 1835.

**DARLING, WILLIAM**, of Bellingham, m. Rachel White, removed to Mendon, thence to Sutton, where he owned the water-power and land at the outlet of Manchaug Pond; had with others **ZELEK**, b. 1762, m. Sarah Wheeler of Sutton, and had with others **CYRUS**, b. 1 Sept., 1787, m. Sophia ——, he d. aged 83, 10 Jan., 1871, at Ox.; they had **Estes**, only son, b. 10 Nov., 1817; **SIMEON**, b. 13 April, 1796, m. and settled in Douglas, spent his later days at Ox., d. aged 89, 9 Jan., 1886.

2. **ESTES**, son of Cyrus, m. 6 June, 1842, Lucinda, dau. of Ebenezer Lamson, settled at Ox., where he d. aged 54, 19 Sept., 1872; they had **ALICE S.**, b. 1843, d. 1845; **JAMES E.**, b. 2 June, 1846, m. 14 May, 1874, Harriet E.

Baker, settled at Ox., baker; EBENEZER L., b. 1850, d. young; KATHLEEN, b. 1854, d. 1864; MASSENA B., b. 1857, d. 1864.

ALMIRA, and Newell G. M. Lesure, m. intentions 7 Aug., 1824.

ELISHA, and Naomi P. Morse of Charlton, m. 19 June, 1833.

LUANN, of Charlton, and James Lamson, m. intentions 24 Dec., 1847.

DAVENPORT, CYRUS, of South Gore, and Eleanor Sheffield of Thompson, m. intentions 27 Dec., 1806.

COMFORT, and Betsey Wakefield, both of South Gore, m. 21 Nov., 1813.

SALLY, and John Rawson, both of South Gore, m. intentions 18 March, 1815.

RICHARD, of South Gore, d. 14 Feb., 1829.

DAVIDSON, DAVISON, BENJAMIN, of Sutton 1751, when he m. Mary Whittemore, removed 1792 to Spencer, where he d. 29 March, 1813; they had with others BENJAMIN, b. 21 Sept., 1756, m. 14 Dec., 1780, Molly King, removed to Spencer, where he d. 23 Aug. 1815, she d. 31 Dec., 1854, at Charlton; they had with others SIMEON, b. 20 Feb., 1781, at Sutton, m. 5 April, 1810, Dorothy Cudworth of Ward, resided at Ward. Spencer. Leicester and Ox., he d. 20 May, 1842, in the highway at Charlton, she d. 30 Nov., 1867, at Ox., aged 86. . . . Children: ABIGAIL C., b. 11 Oct., 1810, m. Silas Turner of Ox.; WILLIAM G., b. 4 Jan., 1812, at Ward, m. 9 May, 1839, Judith C. Holman, settled at Millbury; they had William E., 1840; Ellen J., 1843; Henry W., 1844; Mary E., 1850; Walter, 1851, salesman at Barnard, Sumner & Co.'s, Worcester; Matilda A., 1854; JONATHAN K., b. 10 Oct., 1813, m. 25 Dec., 1844, Mary L. Meriam, he d. 9 Oct., 1882, at Charlton; they had Herbert K., 1845; Henry F., 1847; Alonzo B., 1849; Mary J., 1850; Sarah F., 1852; Eugene A., 1855; Ezra T., 1857; Sherman W., 1860, d. 1866; Ellsworth F., 1863, d. 1866; Willis W., 1867; Arthur M., 1871; SIMEON, b. 1816, at Spencer, m. 4 Jan., 1837 [1836(?)], Maria Tucker, he d. 25 Aug., 1872, at Ox.; they had at Ox.: William M., b. 9 Jan., 1838, m. 5 June, 1866, Elizabeth Hirst, residence, 1888, Woodstock, Conn.; Frederick, b. 10 June, 1840, m. 27 July, 1862, Valeria E. Turner; Simeon, b. 24 April, 1846, m. (1) 15 March, 1871, Mary J. Jenkins, she d. 28 July, 1872, m. (2) 30 Aug., 1875, Emma C. Sawyer, and had Hattie M., 1876; Bessie E., 1881; Arthur W., 1883; George, b. 24 May, 1848, m. 26 March, 1874, Della F. Sparhawk, and had Frank L., 1874; John F., b. 14 April, 1853, m. 7 Aug., 1876, Ella S. Beaman, and had Frederick, d. young; Matilda M., 1878; Cora Belle, 1880; Josephine, M. 1883; Emroy, 1886, at Woodstock; Arthur E., b. 14 Sept., 1855, m. 30 July, 1886, Esther Knowles; Sarah L., b. 24 April, 1858, m. 25 Nov., 1874, Rinard Ackerman, she d. 22 Aug., 1883; JOHN C., b. 4 June, 1818, at Spencer, m. 26 Nov., 1846, Cordelia E. Lovell, residence, Worcester; they had Francis A., b. 1848, d. 1850; Madella S., b. 15 Jan., 1852, m. 1 June, 1882, W. A. Pentecost; BRIGHAM, b. 18 July, 1820, at Spencer, m. (1) 1840, Olive E. Newton, she d. 20 Nov., 1840, m. (2) 1 Sept., 1841, Lydia M. Gregory, she d. 24 Aug., 1843, m. (3) 1 Jan., 1845, Elmira Gregory, she d. 1 Oct., 1861, m. (4) 31 Dec., 1862, Almira Wheelock, residence, Barre; ch. by second m. Alvira E., b. 30 July, 1842, m. 28 Jan., 1874, B. F. Pierce; ch. by third m. George G., b. 19 July, 1848, m. 6 July, 1874, Alma F. Barker; Frank B., b. 8 Jan., 1850, m. 11 Dec., 1879, Olive G. Davis; Herbert E., b. 23 June, 1854, m. 16 July, 1879, Sarah F. Cooledge; they had Marion, 1880; Herbert C., 1883; Hervey, b. 23 June, 1854; Emma A., b. 25 Oct., 1856, d. 2 Aug., 1871; Mary A., b. 1 June, 1858, m. 7 Sept., 1880, Charles

H. Green; LUCY M., b. 8 April, 1823, at Leicester, m. (1) 3 April, 1844, John Tucker, he d. 21 June, 1869, m. (2) 30 Nov., 1887, Warren Sibley of Auburn.

WILLIAM, supposed son of William of Menne more, Ireland, was of Woburn 1728, of Ox. 1741, m. 17 April, 1744, Abigail Rich of Sutton, bought 1741 51 acres of wild land on the road from Ox. to Douglas, not far from Manchang Pond, in 1745 lived on Province land and then bought 160 acres more of the same, with his improvements, "near the corner of New Sherborn." His children owned after him. [See p. 54. From a deed 1748, Worcester Records, XXVI., 259, it appears that Samuel, Elisha and Israel Rich of Sutton, Hannah, w. of Richard Kidder of Dudley, Abigail, w. of William Davidson of Douglas, Mary Rich Taylor of Sutton, and Nathaniel Rich of Sutton, then deceased, were heirs of Samuel Rich, the settler, who with Richard Waters bought Stoughton's 1,000-acre farm.]

Wife of Simeon, aged 24, d. 25 Aug., 1843.

DAVIS, SAMUEL, was son of John of Roxbury, who was b. 1 Oct., 1643, the son of William of Roxbury, who was b. 1617 in Wales, according to tradition, and came to America about 1635. J. C. J. Brown, member of the Heraldry Committee of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, who has investigated the subject, says, that in the past several designs have been promulgated as the coat of arms of the Davis family which are clearly spurious. The will of Ichabod of Roxbury, son of William the emigrant, (whose will is not to be found), is sealed with a finely cut signet, made undoubtedly in Europe and believed to have been brought over by the emigrant. The design is Gules, a Griffin Segreant Or, and so far as known has been used by no other family. This coat of arms was in use in the Davis family of Caermarthen, South Wales, before the emigration as the records testify, and a William of this family resided in 1623 at that place. The fact that in 1642 a William appears at Roxbury, reputed to have come from Wales, whose son used the said seal on his will, is strong incidental evidence of the identity of the Caermarthen and Roxbury families. SAMUEL was b. 23 June, 1681, m. (1) 23 June, 1709, Mary, dau. of Jacob Chamberlain, settled at Roxbury, removed 1729 to Ox., where she d. 11 Feb., 1731, m. (2) 13 Oct., 1731, Mary, dau. of Thomas Weld; he d. aged 78, 8 April, 1760, she d. 9 Aug., 1786, both at Ox. In 1720 he bought of Gabriel Bernon, in partnership with Thomas Mayo and Joseph Weld, brother of his wife, the grant of 2,500 acres of land in the east part of the town, but did not occupy it until eight or nine years later. On coming to town he took a high position as a citizen and for many years was in important public offices, selectman, representative, deacon 25 years until his death. He settled at the Nathaniel Davis place, H. 29, upon the hill east of the Plain, and gave to each of his six sons a large farm from his original estate. . . . Children by first m. b. at Roxbury: SAMUEL, b. 13 Feb., 1711; THOMAS, b. 1712, d. 1718; EDWARD, b. 23 Jan., 1714; THOMAS, b. 4 Nov., 1715; MARY, b. 8 July, 1717, m. 21 Dec., 1737, Elisha Rich of Sutton, who was b. about 1717 at Bellingham; they had *Thomas*, b. 1738, m. Millicent Conant, resided at Warwick; *Elisha*, b. 1740, Baptist minister at Pittsford, Vt.; *Nathaniel*, b. 1742, resided at Warwick, Shoreham, Vt., and Ticonderoga, N. Y.; *Charles*, b. 1744; *Mary*, b. 1746, m. Samuel Davis, her cousin; *Jacob*, b. 1747, settled at Warwick; *Elizabeth*, b. 1748, m. Moses Sibley; *Caleb*, b. 1750, resided at Warwick and Shoreham, Vt., a noted Universalist preacher, among the earliest in America; *Ebenezer*, b. 1751, settled in Sutton, father of Ebenezer of Ox.; *Hannah*, b. 1753, m. Elijah Davis, her cousin; *Sarah*, b.

1755, m. Learned Davis, her cousin; *Judith*, b. 1757, m. Daniel Harwood of Sutton; *Joseph*, b. 1759, m. Lodemia Conant, resided at Charlton and De Ruyter, N. Y.; *DANIEL*, b. 1 Feb., 1719; *JACOB*, b. 1720, d. 1740; *ELISHA*, b. 16 Feb., 1722; *JOHN*, b. 1723, d. 1724; *ELIZABETH*, b. 16 Jan., 1725, m. John Mayo; *HANNAH*, b. 1726, d. 1743; *SARAH*, b. 1728, d. young; by second m.: *JOHN*, b. 30 Nov., 1732; *SARAH*, b. 31 Dec., 1734, m. 6 July, 1758, Joseph Davis of Dudley, who was son of Joseph of Woodstock, and b. 7 March, 1725; they had *James*, 1759; *Samuel*, 1761; *Joseph*, 1763; *Moses*, 1769; *Aaron* and *Sally*, 1771; *Joshua*, 1774; *Mary*, 1775; *REBECCA*, b. 10 Jan., 1737, m. 8 Dec., 1763, Lemuel Corbin of Dudley, and had *Philip*, 1764; *Dolly*, 1767; *Lemuel*, 1769; *Rebecca*, 1772; *Josiah*, 1776, d. young; *Josiah*, 1778; *Sylvia*, 1782; *NATHANIEL*, b. 1738, d. 1740.

2. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (1), m. 15 April, 1735, Ruth, dau. of Col. Ebenezer Learned, settled on a farm of 189 acres in the east part of Ox., now Lovett's, Sibley heirs' and Marcy's, captain in the French and Indian war, but not in active service, constable and selectman; he d. 1784, she d. 26 April, 1767. . . . Children: *DEBORAH*, b. 12 Oct., 1736, m. Ebenezer, son of Edward Davis, her cousin; *RUTH*, b. 1738, d. 1741; *SAMUEL*, b. 1741, d. 1745; *ASA*, b. 1743, d. 1760; *SAMUEL*, b. 1 April, 1746; *RUTH*, b. 1748, d. 1752; *ELIJAH*, b. 8 Oct., 1750; *RUTH*, b. 25 Nov., 1752, m. Ezra Conant; *LEARNED*, b. 7 Nov., 1755.

3. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (2), m. 17 Aug., 1767, Mary, dau. of Elisha Rich of Sutton, his cousin, settled on the east part of his father's farm, now Lovett's, H. 17, selectman, good financier, a prominent supporter of the Universalist Society, of strong physique, a noted wrestler, removed 1800 to Eddington Me. . . . Children: *MARY*, b. 24 Feb., 1768, m. Jonathan Sibley, settled at Oxford, removed to Eddington, Me.; they had *Davis*, 1788; *Mary*, 1792; *Jonathan W.*, 1800; *SAMUEL*, b. 1769, d. 1771; *ZILPAH*, b. 13 April, 1771, m. Benjamin Sibley, settled at North Adams; they had *Samuel*, 1792, at Ox.; *Hiram*, 1807, leading man at Rochester, N. Y., wealthy and liberal, extensive land owner, lumber dealer, railroad proprietor, farmer and seed merchant, d. 1888; others d. young; *SAMUEL*, b. 13 Nov., 1772, m. Tamar Putnam, settled at Eddington, and had *Delia*, b. 1804, m. William J. Comins; *RUTH*, b. 26 July, 1774, m. Joshua Stockwell, removed to Eddington, where she d. 1845, they had *Caleb D.*, 1793; *Jacobs*, 1800, d. young; *SALLY*, b. 6 March, 1776, m. Timothy, son of Elisha Davis; *CALEB*, b. 5 Dec., 1777, m. Mercy Stockwell, settled at Eddington, where he d. 1870, they had *Phebe M.*, 1805, m. David Lilley; *Almira*, 1808, m. Reuben Rich; *Samuel*, 1816; *NANCY*, b. 11 Feb., 1780, m. Wright Stockwell, resided at Eddington, where she d. 25 July, 1824, they had *Davis R.*, 1817; *PATTY*, b. 19 June, 1784, m. Abijah Campbell, removed to Eddington, where she d. 1834, they had *Ruth N.*, 1804; *Samuel D.*, 1809; *EBENEZER*, b. 29 April, 1787, m. Susan Penney, settled at Eddington, he d. 1850, at Clifton, Me., they had *D. Waldo*, 1825.

4. ELIJAH, son of Samuel (2), m. 29 Oct., 1771, Hannah, dau. of Elisha Rich, his cousin, settled on his father's homestead, a strong man physically and intellectually. He d. 24 Sept., 1842, she d. 11 Sept., 1838. . . . Children: *HANNAH*, b. 11 Jan., 1773, m. Nehemiah Davis, her cousin; *ELIJAH*, b. 28 March, 1774, m. Jan., 1801, Mary, dau. of Jacob Rich, his cousin; he d. 11 Aug., 1861, at Warwick, R. I., she d. June, 1858, at Winchester, N. H.; he was a leading man in the millwright business at Ox., a superior mechanic, resided at Ox., Rutland, Enfield and Warwick; they had *Jacob R.*, 1802, millwright, residence, 1884, Warwick; *Lucinda*, 1806, m. Samuel Kendall, Barre;

*Mary*, 1818, m. Elbridge A. Drury; *Elijah*, 1820, d. young; **CHARLES**, b. 24 Nov., 1775, m. intentions 6 May, 1812, Hannah Graves, no ch.; he d. 29 Feb., 1856, she d. 2 April, 1862, at West Boylston; **EZRA**, b. 28 July, 1780; **BETSEY**, b. 27 Feb., 1783, m. Rufus, son of Marvin Moore, her cousin.

5. **EZRA**, son of Elijah (4), m. 12 Dec., 1813, Betsey, dau. of Joseph Rockwood; he d. 4 Dec., 1832, she d. aged 42, 3 Feb., 1833; a man of remarkable mechanical ingenuity, millwright, called the leading man of this part of the county in that business, was injured while working in a mill at Clappville and d. in consequence. . . . *Children*: **BETSEY**, b. 1814, m. 24 March, 1835, Elias T. Balcom of Douglas, removed to Worcester, she d. 29 Aug., 1878; they had *William H.*, 1836, residence, 1891, Worcester; *Helen L.*, b. 6 May, 1846, d. 1870, at Worcester; **EZRA**, b. 10 Nov., 1817, m. 15 Jan., 1842, Julia Ann, dau. of Jonathan Harwood, he d. 3 March, 1862, they had *Jane*, b. 9 Oct., 1842, d. 29 Dec., 1874, at Ox.; *Charles H.*, b. 22 July, 1847, m. 9 Feb., 1870, Emma J. Forehand of Croydon, N. H., settled at Ox., removed 1887 to Florence, they had *Helen L.*, b. 21 June, 1871; *Julia Anna*, b. 28 April, 1878; *Josephine E.*, b. 22 Aug., 1880; *Franklin P.*, b. 2 Sept., 1853; **ADALINE**, b. 10 Oct., 1819, m. 20 Oct., 1840, Salem T. Russell of Charlton, settled in New York, broker and banker in high standing, they had *Fanny L.*, 1841; *Ellie E.*, 1847; *Anna C.*, 1853, m. 1878, William Wheatley; **ANNA**, b. 12 Feb., 1822, m. (1) 13 Feb., 1839, David Balcom of Douglas, where they settled, he d. 6 Sept., 1839, m. (2) 2 Jan., 1844, Charles J. Anthony of Providence, R. I., an active business man, well known in financial circles in New York, he d. 27 Aug., 1868, at Providence, they had *James L.*, b. 19 Jan., 1845; **BENJAMIN F.**, b. 12 Nov., 1824, d. 12 Nov., 1852; **MARY JANE**, b. 1829, d. 1859, at Worcester, unm.

6. **LEARNED**, son of Samuel (2), m. intentions 16 Aug., 1781, Sarah, dau. of Elisha Rich of Sutton, his cousin. He d. 7 Nov., 1811 [1813, Ox. Rec.], she d. 21 Sept., 1818. Settled on a part of his father's farm near his brother Elijah. . . . *Children*: **SALLY**, b. 22 Jan., 1788, m. Francis Sibley; **LEARNED**, b. 17 July, 1789; **OLIVE**, b. 22 May, 1794, m. Capt. Ebenezer Rich; **ASA**, b. 19 Feb., 1797, d. 10 Feb., 1818.

7. **LEARNED**, son of Learned (6), m. (1) 18 Aug., 1814, Lucy, dau. of John Pratt, she d. 2 Aug., 1816; m. (2) 22 April, 1821, Tamar Waters of Sutton, she d. aged 30, 8 June, 1829; m. (3) 11 March, 1831, Mary Dwinnell; he d. 31 Oct., 1869, she d. aged 67, 15 Dec., 1866. Farmer, assessor and selectman, of good mind and stood high as a citizen. . . . *Children*, by first m.: **IVERS A.**, b. 17 Nov., 1815; by second m.: **AZRO L.**, b. 1822, d. 1838; **HOSEA W.**, b. 1824, d. 1828; **NAHUM L.**, b. 1825, d. 1828; **NAHUM L.**, b. 31 May, 1829; by third m.: **EDWIN**, b. 11 July, 1831; **ANDREW**, b. 30 April, 1833, m. 6 March, 1867, Cynthia Raymond of Westminster, settled at Ox., no ch.; **MARY LUCY**, b. 2 April, 1836, m. 12 March, 1864, Mark Dunlap, settled at Ashburnham, residence, Nebraska, she d. 28 March, 1888, at Cherokee City, Ark.; they had *Edith E.*, b. 1875, at Platte, Neb.; **SALLY S.**, b. 14 June, 1838; **GEORGE L.**, b. 20 Feb., 1843, m. 1871, Ann E. Renshaw of Illinois, where they settled and had *Clarence*, 1872.

8. **IVERS A.**, son of Learned (7), m. 12 Dec., 1850, Emeline, dau. of Sumner Howard, settled at Ox., he d. 9 Jan., 1884. . . . *Children*: **STEARNS**, b. 19 Nov., 1851, m. 27 Nov., 1872, Ellen Prince of Worcester; **MIRANDA**, b. 10 Nov., 1853, d. 5 Feb., 1873; **ANSON**, b. 31 Dec., 1855, m. Etta M., dau. of George Amidown of Ox., had ch.; **ELLEN**, b. 27 Nov., 1863.

9. NAHUM L., son of Learned (7), m. 31 Dec., 1865, Dorinda H. Hastings of Townshend, Vt., settled at Ox. . . . *Children*: FRANKLIN A., b. 1867; FRED W., b. 1868, d. 17 Aug., 1888; BELLE, b. 1870; BERTRAM A., b. 1 May, 1879.

10. EDWIN, son of Learned (7), m. 25 April, 1852, Ruth Ann Doughty, settled at Ox. . . . *Children*: EMMA J., b. 1853, d. 1869; MIRANDA E., b. 1856, m. 1 Jan., 1878, Charles Dodge of Charlton, and had *Ethel J.*, b. 13 Aug., 1882.

11. EDWARD, son of Samuel (1), m. 25 Dec., 1735, Abigail, dau. of Col. Ebenezer Learned, settled in the east part of Ox., H. 12, where he d. 30 Aug., 1784, she d. 11 Aug., 1805. He was long a prominent man, and very influential in public affairs. Capt. in the French war but not in active service, eight years Major of the first Worcester County Regt. of militia, much in town office, justice of the peace, solemnized many marriages, occupied positions of trust and settled many estates, 15 years representative and highly esteemed. . . . *Children*: EBENEZER, b. 18 Sept., 1737, m. (1) 20 April, 1758, Deborah, dau. of Samuel Davis, his cousin, settled at Charlton, where he was a farmer and a well known capitalist, she d. 27 Feb., 1785, m. (2) 8 March, 1786, Mrs. Sarah Allen of Northampton, m. (3) 19 Jan., 1802, Hannah, widow of Caleb Amidown, he d. 12 Aug., 1816, she d. 20 March, 1820; ch., all by first m.: *Ebenezer*, b. 1759, d. 1777, in the Revolutionary army; *Asa*, b. 1761, unm., d. 5 June, 1824; *Abigail*, b. 1763, m. Abijah Davis of Ox., her cousin; *Ruth*, b. 1765, m. Joseph Washburn of Leicester; *Deborah* and *Lydia*, b. 1767; Deborah m. Calvin Amidown of Charlton; *Lydia* m. John Wheelock of Charlton; *Sarah*, b. 1770, m. Stephen Burroughs, her cousin; *Eli*, b. 1772, d. 1781; *Cynthia*, b. 1775, m. David McLean; *Pamela*, b. 1778, m. Samuel Kies of Brooklyn, Conn.; *Betsey*, b. 1780, m. Dr. Ebenezer Borden; *EDWARD*, b. 5 Sept., 1739, soldier in the French war, one of the best of men, and filled at Dudley many responsible positions in civil and religious affairs, m. (1) 19 Jan., 1763, Elizabeth, dau. of Ebenezer Davis of Ox., settled at Dudley, she d. 16 Oct., 1775, m. (2) 22 April, 1776, Mrs. Abigail, widow of William Watson of Ox., she d. Jan., 1780, he d. 3 Oct., 1796; ch. by first m.: *Amasa*, b. 1763, m. Hannah Healy, resided at Charlton, d. 1802; *Elizabeth*, b. 1766, d. 1775; *Edward*, b. 1768, m. Huldah Healy, farmer at Dudley; *Tamma*, b. 1769, m. Elijah G. Morris; *Dolly*, b. 1772, m. Lemuel Foster; *Eden*, b. 1774, unm., d. 1 Oct., 1822; ch. by second m.: *Elizabeth*, b. 1777, m. John Dalrymple; *JACOB*, b. 14 Sept., 1741, m. 9 Jan., 1765, Rebecca, dau. of Thomas Davis, his cousin, settled at Charlton, removed to Montpelier, Vt., he d. 9 April, 1814, at Burlington, Vt., she d. 25 Feb., 1823, at Montpelier, he was a man of uncommon ability and energy, Lieut.-Col. 5th Regt. 13 June, 1778, Colonel 24 Sept., 1779, in the Revolutionary army, a leader in the founding of Leicester Academy and in the settlement of Montpelier, Vt., and for many years identified with most of its public affairs. Col. Thompson, the historian of Montpelier, says:—

"Col. Davis' physical powers [he was a stalwart man] were of small account in comparison with the other traits of the man, his enterprise, energy, judgment and far reaching sagacity, but even these were not all the good qualities of his character, no needy man ever went empty handed from his door, he ever gave employment of some kind to those who asked for it, and so well he rewarded his employes that no reasonable man in the whole settlement was ever heard to complain of the wages he paid, or any unfair conduct in his dealings."

Ch.: *Thomas*, b. 1765, d. 1769; *Jacob*, b. 10 March, 1768, m. 3 Oct., 1791, Caty Taplin, settled at Montpelier, removed to Berlin, Vt., where he d. 1851;

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*Rebecca*, b. 16 June, 1770, m. Hon. Cornelius Lynde, b. at Leicester, settled at Williamstown, Vt., where both d., he d. 1836, she d. 1840; *Thomas*, b. 3 April, 1772, m. 30 Nov., 1795, Polly Sawyer of Berlin, Vt., was an active pioneer at Montpelier, owned and operated mills, built the large Pavilion Hotel there, which he managed several years; a worthy, large hearted man and a good citizen; *Hannah*, b. 8 April, 1774, m. 25 Nov., 1792, David Wing, Jr., settled at Montpelier, where he was town clerk, and d. 1806, aged 40 years, she d. 4 Nov., 1807; *Polly*, b. 24 May, 1778, m. 25 March, 1798, Thomas West, Jr., resided at Montpelier, removed to Ohio, East Gwillimbury, Ont., and Paynesville, Wis., where both d., he d. 17 July, 1865, she d. 24 May, 1858; *Lucy*, b. 28 Aug., 1782, m. 3 Dec., 1801, Timothy Hubbard, settled at Montpelier, no ch., he d. 1840, she d. 1839; *Clarissa*, b. 22 Sept., 1789, first child b. at Montpelier, m. 1 Oct., 1806, George Worthington, prominent man at M., he d. 1862, she d. 1864; *NATHANIEL*, b. 28 May, 1748, m. 13 May, 1765, Sarah Stone, settled at Dudley, where he d. 5 Aug., 1773; they had *Parley*, b. 31 March, 1766, at Ox., m. 4 Nov., 1794, Rebecca Peabody of Amherst, N. H., he went with his uncle Jacob to Montpelier, was active as a surveyor and manager of the proprietorship of the village lots and in other public improvements, was among the earliest civil officers of the place, Captain of the first military company and later a Brig.-Gen., a noble, useful man, universally beloved and respected, he d. 1848, she d. 1854, both at Montpelier; they had *Nathaniel*, b. 25 Nov., 1769, m. (1) intentions 16 Feb., 1792, Dolly, dau. of Elisha Davis of Ox., she d. 1809, m. (2) 21 Jan., 1811, Catherine Pratt of Ox., she d. 10 April, 1840, he d. 3 March, 1843; he was Major of militia, a leading business man at Montpelier, built a large woolen mill, was highly esteemed; *Hezekiah*, b. 23 April, 1772, at Dudley, m. intentions 10 Jan., 1795, Polly Doty, settled at East Montpelier, he d. 2 Jan., 1847, she d. 27 Nov., 1852, a respected and independent farmer; *ABIGAIL*, b. 20 April, 1745, m. 12 Jan., 1762, Rev. Eden Burroughs, minister at Killingly, Conn., removed to Hanover, N. H., a worthy man; they had *Stephen*, b. 1766; *Abigail*, b. 1780, m. Stephen Kimball; *Irena D.*, b. 1786, m. Richard Foster, resided at Hanover; several other ch. of Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs d. young; *ELIZABETH*, b. 22 June, 1747, m. 16 April, 1766, Samuel Lamb, Captain in the Revolutionary army, she d. 2 Feb., 1785, he d. 1796; they had *Mary*, b. 1767, m. Daniel Williams of Charlton, she d. 1835; *Learned*, b. 1768, m. (1) 30 June, 1794, Mrs. Katy West, no ch., m. (2) 1 Jan., 1799, Mrs. Lydia Green, settled at Montpelier, where he was Colonel of militia, carpenter and bridge builder, removed 1817 to Louisville, Ky., where he d. 1826, she d. 1854, at Montpelier; *Edward*, b. 1770, m. 10 April, 1803, Polly Wetherell, no ch., settled at Montpelier, where he was a popular and highly esteemed physician for many years, he d. 1845, she d. 1822; *Josiah Q.*, b. 1776, m. Abigail Muzzy, settled at Leicester, where he d. 1819, she d. 1868; they had *Liberty*, 1799; *Abigail*, 1800; *Josiah Q.*, 1803; *Eliza*, 1805; *Jonas*, 1807; *Adaline*, 1809; *Edward*, 1812; *Charlotte*, 1814; *John*, 1815; *Adaline*, 1818; *Betsey*, b. 1779, m. Alfred Morris; *Joshua*, b. 1781, m. 26 Nov., 1813, Abigail D., dau. of Sylvanus Learned, his cousin, no ch., he d. 1868, she d. 1821, both at Leicester; *REUBEN*, b. 17 May, 1749, m. 3 March, 1773, Sarah, dau. of Elijah Moore of Ox., settled at Charlton, he d. 1781 at West Point, N. Y., she m. (2) Dr. Abel Waters and d. 1820 at Gardiner, Me. Reuben was a noble man, active in the Revolutionary struggle, Lieutenant of the Ox. company under Col. Learned at Roxbury in 1775, was promoted to Captain, ordered to West Point, where he d.; they had *Ezra*, b. 1774, merchant in Boston, m. *Mary*, dau. of John Brazer, with whom

he was in partnership in trade, he d. 1842; *Matilda*, b. 1777, m. Samuel Jones, settled in New York State; *Sally*, b. 1779, m. John Spurr of Charlton, Gen. of militia; **JONATHAN**, b. 1750, d. 1760, killed in a cider mill; **LEVI**, b. 11 Nov., 1752, Revolutionary soldier, marched on Lexington alarm in Capt. Crafts' cavalry, of much energy of character, wealthy for the times, m. (1) 13 March, 1775, Deborah, dau. of Elijah Moore of Ox., m. (2) 8 Dec., 1791, Lydia Hammond, m. (3) 1803, Hannah, widow of his nephew, Amasa Davis of Dudley, he d. 5 July, 1807, she d. 13 Sept., 1816; ch. by first m. b. at Ox.: *Polly*, b. 4 Dec., 1775, m. Caleb, son of Rev. Caleb Curtis of Charlton, resided at Calais, Vt.; *Sally*, b. 26 Feb., 1777, m. Capt. Gideon Wheelock, settled at Charlton; *Lucy*, b. 16 Nov., 1778, m. Rev. Edward Turner of Charlton, removed to Jamaica Plain, where both d., he d. 24 Jan., 1853, she d. 17 Jan., 1864; *Rufus*, b. 20 Aug., 1780, at Ox., m. 25 Dec., 1803, Sarah Dunbar of Charlton, settled at Dudley, farmer, he d. 10 Sept., 1833, she d. 15 Oct., 1857; *Lori*, b. 8 Jan., 1782, at Ox., m. 1 Dec., 1805, Mary, dau. of Lemuel Spurr of Canton, settled at Charlton, removed to New York State, resided at Columbus, Dryden, and in 1825 at Greenwood, where he was the pioneer, hotel keeper, first supervisor and 25 years postmaster; *Martha*, b. 28 Oct., 1784, at Charlton, d. 1803; *Aaron*, b. 9 Dec., 1787, at Charlton, m. (1) 1826, Betsey Griffin, settled at Dryden, N. Y., she d. 1827, m. (2) 1829, Clarissa Brigham, he d. 5 June, 1845, at Portage, N. Y., owned a large farm at Portage, was prosperous, held town offices, Captain of militia; *Lydia II.*, b. 16 Aug., 1803, m. 9 Nov., 1842, Samuel H., son of Edward Davis of Dudley, no ch., she d. 16 May, 1845; **MARY**, b. 9 Feb., 1755, m. Haynes, son of Gen. Ebenezer Learned, her cousin; **MARTHA**, b. 27 March, 1758, m. Sylvanus, son of Gen. Ebenezer Learned, her cousin; **JONATHAN**, b. 27 March, 1761.

12. **JONATHAN**, son of Edward (11), only son who spent his life in Ox., m. (1) 12 Sept., 1787, Sarah, dau. of Ebenezer Hammond of Charlton, she d. 5 Feb., 1821 [1822 Ox. Rec.], m. (2) intentions 5 Oct., 1822, Hannah, dau. of Dr. Stephen Barton, he d. 3 Aug., 1838, at Ox., she d. 12 Feb., 1859, at Worcester. He lived upon the homestead until 1827, when he removed to the house at the fork of the Sutton road, H. 25, where he d. He was much in public business, justice of the peace, representative, held important positions of trust, was County Commissioner and Major-General of militia, from 1812 to 1814 Chief Justice of Court of Sessions for Worcester County, a leading man in the organization of Oxford Bank and for ten years its president. . . . Children: **STEPHEN**, b. 1 Sept., 1788; **JONATHAN**, b. 29 Oct., 1789.

13. **STEPHEN**, son of Jonathan (12), m. (1) 1 Nov., 1815, Pamela, dau. of Aaron Wheelock of Charlton, she d. aged 41, 22 March, 1839, m. (2) 1 Sept., 1841, Mrs. Abigail, widow of Thaddeus Read of Grafton, he d. 1 Feb., 1854, at Ox., she d. 20 Sept., 1874, at Westboro', he settled and d. upon the homestead, was highly respected, considerably in public life, County Commissioner, selectman, school committee, Colonel of militia. . . . Children by first m.: **SARAH II.**, b. 23 Jan., 1817, m. 26 Nov., 1844, Rev. Joseph Emerson of Dartmouth, a clergyman of superior abilities, the efficient agent of several of the large religious and charitable societies of the day, d. 1885 at Andover, she d. 28 Nov., 1856, at Rockford, Ill.; they had *Edward D.*, b. 19 Oct., 1845, m. 18 June, 1873, Caroline R., dau. of William A. Wheelock of Ox., in business in Boston; had Sarah, b. 18 May, 1874; Louise R., b. 18 July, 1876; Florence D., b. 21 July, 1878; Pamela W., b. 13 Jan., 1880; **STEPHEN E.**, b. 10 Feb., 1819, m. 6 Nov., 1849, Augusta G., dau. of Amory Sibley of Augusta, Ga.,

she d. 29 April, 1850, he d. 7 Oct., 1856, at Ox., dry goods merchant; NELSON H., b. 20 Sept., 1821, unm., studied at Leicester Academy, appointed upon nomination of Levi Lincoln (then representative to Congress from 5th Mass. district) as cadet at West Point, where he entered 1 July, 1841, was graduated 1846, went the same year into the Mexican war under Gen. Taylor at Monterey, joined at Tampico the forces of Gen. Scott, under whom he served through the war; was in the siege of Vera Cruz, the battle of Cerro Gordo, the storming of Contreras, the taking of Cherubusco, and in later engagements in the valley of Mexico and the taking of the capital. He left Mexico with the army in June, 1848, and in Nov. of that year sailed from New York with troops around Cape Horn, arriving in April, at Monterey, Cal. There he served until Dec., 1853, first as Commissary and later with his company at remote stations in the Indian country, where subsistence was difficult, and with the Clear Lake and the Russian River Indians had two notable and successful engagements under the brave Captain, later General, Nathaniel Lyon. This was said to have been one of the most brilliant Indian campaigns in the army service.

His health having been impaired by exposure he obtained leave of absence, and in 1853 visited China and the Sandwich Islands. In Jan., 1854, he returned to New York and for a year was on recruiting duty at Boston. In the fall of 1855 he went into frontier service at Forts Leavenworth, Randall, Ridgely, Ripley and on field duty in the Indian country, continuing until the spring of 1861, when he was ordered east to engage in the late Civil war. At the first battle of Bull Run he was acting Major of the "Regular Battalion," and on 4 Sept., 1861, was by Gov. Andrew commissioned as Colonel of the 7th Regt. Mass. Vols., which office he held until 12 Nov., when he was appointed Asst. Inspector-General of the army, ordered to other duties and resigned his Colonel's commission.

As Asst. Inspector-General he served in the field, in the "Army of the Potomac," at the headquarters of Sumner, McClellan, Hooker and Meade, and was in all the battles in which these commanders were engaged while he served under their commands, and was specially efficient at the Battle of Gettysburg. Later he was ordered to the Department of New Mexico as General Inspecting Officer. The duties in this field required almost constant travelling through a vast extent of wild country infested with hostile Indians, the climate, embracing extremes of heat and cold, rendering the service severe. Many movements were made at night to avoid the enemy. "On one of these campaigns, after repeated night marches in which several Indian Rancherias were captured, . . . a forced march was made at night over a high range of mountains to the reported camp of the Indians. . . . Near the summit the escort was divided into two detachments, a third having been left behind in a cañon to guard the pack-train. These detachments, which were about five miles apart, attacked simultaneously, at dawn, two camps of the Apaches, who were completely surprised." A short and sharp contest ensued resulting in large loss to the Indians. This was the first severe chastisement they had received for many years, and in recognition of his services in this affair the Legislature of Arizona passed Davis a vote of thanks, and the U. S. government conferred on him the rank of Colonel in the army.

Later he was for several years Inspecting Officer of the Department of the Missouri, to which the District of New Mexico was then attached. From this service he was assigned to special duty under the War Department with station at New York city, for three years, his duties covering inspections in

the Western States and Territories to Alaska. He was next Inspector-General of the "Division of the Atlantic," under Gen. Hancock, until 1 July, 1881, when he was assigned to the same duty in the "Division of the Missouri" under Gen. Sheridan with station at Chicago. On the death of Gen. D. B. Sacket, Chief Inspector-General of the army, Gen. Davis, in March, 1885, was promoted as his successor, assuming the duties of that office at Washington.

On 20 Sept., 1885, by the operation of the law he was retired from active service as Brigadier-General. Later he resided in New York city, and was several years president of the Colorado Smelting Co. with an office in New York. He died suddenly of apoplexy at Governor's Island, N. Y., 15 May, 1890.

Gen. Davis held every grade of rank in the army from Second Lieut. to Brig.-Gen. and Head of the Inspector-General's Department, was brevetted for services in the Mexican War, the war of the Rebellion and Indian fights, and travelled on duty in each and every State and Territory of the Union. His services in the Civil War were of the highest importance, and as Acting Inspector he undoubtedly had a more complete knowledge of the condition of the "Army of the Potomac" in its details than any other official in the country. RUSSELL A., b. 7 June, 1824; JONATHAN AUSTIN, b. 21 Oct., 1827, Captain in the late war, m. 14 June, 1857, Annie Murray, he d. 6 May, 1880, at Kendall, Penn.; they had *Charles S.*, b. 17 May, 1858, at Philadelphia, Pa.; *Ella M.*, b. 24 April, 1867, at Pioneer, Pa.; AARON W., b. 11 March, 1830, m. 26 June, 1861, Carrie R. Whiting, his cousin, who d. 2 Oct., 1870, at Asheville, N. C., he d. 9 Jan., 1886, at Ox.; they had *Carrie P.*, b. 1865, d. 1874; *Theodore W.*, b. 1867, d. 1884, at Brooklyn, N. Y.; SUSAN P., b. 22 Nov., 1832, m. 27 March, 1860, Reuben P. Pierce, settled at Chicago, Ill., where she d. 28 Aug., 1879; they had *Henry N.*, b. 25 Feb., 1864, civil engineer.

14. RUSSELL A., son of Stephen (13), m. 23 Dec., 1855, Mary, dau. of William Robinson, he d. 24 July, 1875. . . . Children: EDWARD R., b. 30 June, 1857, m. 1881, Abbie L. Holbrook of East Medway, residence, Boston; had ch.; ARTHUR E., b. 21 Aug., 1858, m. 8 June, 1889, Mabel G. Willis of Reading, where they reside, had ch.; NELSON H., b. 27 May, 1861, m. 3 Dec., 1884, Nellie L., dau. of Nathaniel Eddy, residence, Worcester, merchant, they had M. Estelle, b. 26 Aug., 1886; GEORGE S., b. 9 Sept., 1864, m. 13 June, 1889, Alice T. Reed of Cambridge, residence, Worcester, merchant; and 3 daughters, d. young.

15. JONATHAN, son of Jonathan (12), m. 7 May, 1815, Betsey, dau. of Benjamin Gilbert of Brooklyn, Conn., he d. 11 April, 1868, at Ox., she d. 30 March, 1876, at East Douglas; settled on a farm in the east part of Ox., II. 10, removed 1860 to the centre, II. 190, where he d. He was a good citizen, much esteemed, selectman and school committee. . . . Children: GEORGE L., b. 17 June, 1816; HENRY G., b. 26 Oct., 1821; ABBIE L., b. 19 Jan., 1825, m. 10 Nov., 1852, Rev. William T. Briggs, an able and esteemed Congregational minister, settled 1846 at North Andover, in 1856 at Princeton, an efficient worker in the educational department in the military district of North Carolina in the late war, settled 1866 at East Douglas, where he resided 1891, pastor *emeritus*, gave up his active duties April, 1887: they had *William H.*, b. 10 March, 1855, at Andover, graduated at Cambridge Law School in 1875, lawyer 1885 at Grinnell, Ia.; *Helen LeRoy*, b. 5 Sept., 1858, at Princeton, was graduated at Wellesley, m. 22 Sept., 1885, Rev. Carlton P. Mills, Episcopalian, resided at Kalamazoo, Mich., where she d. 3 Dec., 1889; *Ann L.*, b. 1861, d. 1866.

16. GEORGE L., son of Jonathan (15), m. 27 Oct., 1841, Harriet K. Roberts of Andover, residence, North Andover, where she d. 8 March, 1889. Machinist, many years head of the firm of Davis & Furber, and now of the corporation "Davis & Furber Machine Co." A remarkably successful business man and wealthy, prominent in civil and ecclesiastical affairs, deacon of Congregational Church, a liberal supporter of religious and charitable institutions, several years State Senator, Bank president, contributed largely toward preparing and publishing this volume. . . . Children: HARRIET R., b. and d. 1843; GEORGE G., b. 30 Aug., 1844, m. 2 Feb., 1876, Ada M. Whitney of Boston, several years in banking in Boston in partnership with Charles Whitney, his father-in-law, 1890 in North Andover in machine business with his father; ch.: *Ethel W.*, b. and d. 1877; *Madeline*, b. 10 Dec., 1878; *Charles W.*, b. 12 April, 1881; JAMES H., b. 18 April, 1846, m. (1) 1871, Ida Parkhurst, she d. 16 Nov., 1872, m. (2) 1875, Caroline E. Curwen of Salem, he d. Dec., 1886; ch. *Arthur C.*, b. and d. 1876; ELLA M., b. 1847, d. 1853; HATTIE E., b. 21 Sept., 1849, d. 10 May, 1874, at Florence, Italy, while on a tour; ALICE R., b. 11 Jan., 1855, m. 25 Sept., 1879, Auguste A. Sack of Providence, R. I., where they resided, woolen manufacturer; EDWARD L., b. 13 Sept., 1856, d. 9 Dec., 1881; MARY W., b. 24 April, 1858, m. 15 June, 1881, Thomas D., son of Jabez L. Peck of Pittsfield, where they settled, she d. March, 1889; they had *Katharine*, b. 3 March, 1883; *Harriet R.*, b. 9 Feb., 1885; *Davis L.*, b. 12 Nov., 1887; ANNA C., b. 28 Feb., 1860, d. 24 Dec., 1877; FRANK K., b. 28 Oct., 1862, d. 13 Oct., 1887; ADDIE S., b. 1863, d. 1866; HELEN A., b. and d. 1866.

17. HENRY G., son of Jonathan (15), m. 7 Oct., 1845, Mary B., dau. of Samuel Dowse of Oxford, settled at Pittsfield. He was a man of good mind, sterling integrity, efficient as a business man, active in Church matters, and much beloved; deacon of Dr. Todd's Church who wrote of him as a model man. His health was not firm and gave way under the pressure of mercantile business; he d. 19 July, 1863. . . . Children: ELIZABETH D., b. 11 Oct., 1846; MARY G., b. 10 Oct., 1848, m. 11 June, 1878, Francis W., son of Judge Julius Rockwell of Pittsfield, Representative to Congress from XIIth district; they had *William W.*, b. 4 Oct., 1874; *Henry D.*, b. 6 Sept., 1876; *Samuel F.*, b. 28 Oct., 1878; *Julius R.*, b. 16 July, 1880; *Lawrence D.*, b. 27 Sept., 1883; *Francis W.*, b. 1 Sept., 1885; *Elizabeth*, b. 27 March, 1888; HENRY, b. and d. 1851; SAMUEL D., b. 1856, d. 1857.

18. THOMAS, son of Samuel (1), m. (1) 18 Nov., 1742, Rebecca Healy of Dudley, she d. 18 March, 1771; m. (2) 1773, Mrs. Dorothy Smith of Woodstock, Conn.; he d. 1 Aug., 1778. Received from his father 155 acres adjoining the homestead on the north, H. 15, on which he built, in 1747, a grist-mill which he operated many years; he had good endowments and was a worthy man, deacon from 1760 to his decease. . . . Children: HANNAH, b. 2 Oct., 1743, m. Jeremiah, son of Elisha Davis, her cousin; REBECCA, b. 14 Dec., 1744, m. Jacob, son of Edward Davis, her cousin; SARAH, b. 1746, d. 1748; LUCY, b. 15 June, 1748, m. Marvin Moore.

19. DANIEL, son of Samuel (1), m. (1) 14 Jan., 1741, Tamar, dau. of Jonathan Town, she d. 10 Aug., 1761; m. (2) 2 Dec., 1762, Elizabeth Shurtlief; he d. 24 June, 1786, at Thompson, Conn., she d. 25 Feb., 1785. He settled on south side the Sutton road west of the mill brook, H. 195, removed 1752 to Killingly, where he was esteemed, selectman, and deacon of the Church. . . . Children, first six b. at Ox.: DANIEL, b. 12 Oct., 1742, m. 2 Dec., 1762, Elizabeth Whittemore of Killingly, where they settled, both d. at Waterford, O.; he d. 4 Nov., 1807, she d. 16 Sept., 1806, 11 ch. He was active

and efficient in the Revolutionary war, a captain, and sacrificed largely his interests for his country, after the war joined the company of emigrants to Ohio, and is said by his descendants to have been the first man to cut a tree beyond the Ohio river. This being a "hickeye," the incident, it is claimed, gave that name to the State. After participating in the Indian wars he settled at Waterford and was very influential in founding the institutions of the new State; MARY, b. 26 May, 1744, m. 22 March, 1763. John Felshaw, settled at Killingly, hotel keeper. He d. 16 March, 1783. Samuel, a son, was one of the Ohio pioneers; TAMAR, b. 17 Oct., 1745, m. 12 Jan., 1764, Capt. Perley Howe, settled at Killingly, she d. 31 Dec., 1771; SIMON, b. 14 April, 1747, m. (1) 28 Sept., 1769. Zeruiah Knight, she d. 1782; m. (2) 7 Sept., 1784, Mrs. Mary Hurlburt, settled at Thompson, parents of Simon Davis, Esq., of Thompson; he d. 10 Jan., 1821, she d. 20 Feb., 1843; CATHERINE, b. 12 March, 1748, m. Daniel Davidson, settled at Brooklyn, Conn., where she d. 9 Dec., 1807; HEZERIAH, b. 30 Sept., 1750, d. 4 Oct., 1776, at East Chester, in United States service, as a soldier; SARAH, b. 15 Sept., 1752, at Killingly, m. 30 Dec., 1772, Deacon Robert Sharp, settled at Pomfret; she d. 16 June, 1813; HULDAH, b. 9 May, 1754, m. 31 March, 1774, Sampson Howe, Esq., of Killingly; he d. 7 Sept., 1824, she d. 8 Aug., 1810; he was an influential and substantial citizen, much in public office; HANNAH, b. 22 Jan., 1756, d. unm.; ELIZABETH, b. 16 April, 1758, m. 21 Jan., 1786, Dr. John E. Eaton of Dudley; he d. 12 Oct., 1812, she d. 20 Sept., 1838; by second m., WILLIAM, b. 1764, d. 1772.

20. ELISHA, son of Samuel (1), m. 11 July, 1751, Mary, dau. of Timothy Harris of Oxford; he d. 22 Oct., 1796, she d. aged 69, 26 Sept., 1796. He settled in the east part of Ox., H. 14, was worthy and highly esteemed, captain of militia, and filled the higher town offices, owned and operated a saw-mill on his farm. In his will he wrote—"each son is to have as much as two daughters except the son that lives on my home farm [Nehemiah] and he must have one hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents more than either other son, in order to support the dignity of my house in making my friends welcome." . . . Children: JEREMIAH, b. 27 March, 1753; ANNA, b. 25 Nov., 1754, m. John Pratt of Ox.; ELISHA, b. 1756, d. young; ABIJAH, b. 10 Sept., 1758; ALICE, b. 28 Aug., 1760, m. Dr. Daniel Fisk of Ox.; THOMAS, b. 5 Sept., 1762; DOROTHY, b. 1765, d. 1767; NEHEMIAH, b. 5 March, 1768; TIMOTHY, b. 6 Sept., 1770; DOLLY, b. 28 Nov., 1773, m. Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel Davis, of Montpelier, Vt., her cousin.

21. JEREMIAH, son of Elisha (20), m. 19 Nov., 1778, Hannah, dau. of Thomas Davis, his cousin; he d. 20 Dec., 1822, she d. 5 Oct., 1803; settled on the farm of his uncle Thomas, H. 15, miller, several years selectman. . . . Children: ELISHA, b. 10 Jan., 1780, m. 17 Jan., 1819, Fanny, dau. of Thomas Davis, his cousin, removed to Sutton where he d. 3 Aug., 1839, she d. 15 May, 1877, no ch.; ALICE, b. 30 Jan., 1783, m. Maj. William Moore.

22. ABIJAH, son of Elisha (20), m. (1) 30 June, 1785, Abigail, dau. of Ebenezer Davis of Charlton, she d. 9 Feb., 1797; m. (2) 11 Aug., 1799, Mary, dau. of Marvin Moore, she d. 22 Oct., 1812; m. (3) 1 Dec., 1814, Mrs. Abigail Barker, dau. of Nathan Hall of Ox., he d. 28 March, 1833, she m. (2) Peter Butler. He was a leading man of his time, long a magistrate, a thrifty farmer of much practical wisdom and sagacity in business matters, much looked up to by his townsmen, largely engaged in public affairs, representative many years, chairman of selectmen, captain of militia. . . . Children, by first m.: ABIJAH, b. and d. 1796; by second m.: ABIGAIL, b. 1801, d. 1803; MARY, b. 1 Feb., 1804, m. 28 Sept., 1823, Col. Reuben Waters of Sutton,

representative, postmaster, a leading democrat at Sutton; she d. 20 Oct., 1870, at Fitchburg; they had *Abigail D.*, b. 1824; *Abijah D.*, b. 1826, d. 1848; *Reuben K.*, b. 1828; *Tamar S.*, b. 1830; *Mary E.*, b. 1831; *Benton*, b. 1835; *Edna A.*, b. 1837; *Ellen C.*, b. 1842; *Loring D.*, b. 1844; *ABIJAH*, b. 8 Aug., 1806, m. 6 Feb., 1839, Sarah Faulkner, no ch., he d. 18 April, 1875, she d., aged 67. 7 March, 1868; *ERASTUS*, b. 18 April, 1808, m. 15 March, 1836, *Hannah Bugbee*, settled at Millbury, no ch., he d. 1 Aug., 1875; *LORING*, b. 25 April, 1810, d. 5 Oct., 1842, unm.; by third m.: *ABIGAIL*, b. 8 Feb., 1816, m. Dr. Samuel C. Paine; *ALICE F.*, b. and d. 1820.

23. THOMAS, son of Elisha (20), m. 28 March, 1793, Jerusha Pratt, he d. 16 April, 1832, she d. 20 April, 1832, both at Sutton. He settled on the hill east of Ox. centre, H. 28, a part of his father's farm, removed 1824 to Sutton. . . . Children: *FANNY*, b. 30 May, 1794, m. Elisha, son of Jeremiah Davis, her cousin, no ch.; *THOMAS*, b. 30 April, 1798, m. 1 Sept., 1818, Eliza Wait, removed to Ellisburgh, N. Y.; he d. 5 April, 1842, at Sutton, she d. 16 April, 1875, at Lansing, Mich.; they had *Caroline E.*, b. 1820, d. 1852, unm.; *Franklin E.*, b. 1822, m. Lovisa W. Daniels, settled at Waconsta, Mich.; *Eli H.*, b. 1826; *Mary F.*, b. 1832; *Arthur T.*, b. 1837, settled at Lansing; *Helen M.*, b. 1841, m. Luther B. Baker of Lansing, Mich.; *ELI*, b. 20 Sept., 1804, m. 1 Sept., 1829, Catherine F. Richardson, settled at Ellisburgh, where he was a physician, they had *Laura A.*, b. 1833, m. Jerome Stone; *Martha J.*, b. 1837; *Kate A.*, b. 1841; *ESTES*, b. 13 Aug., 1807, m. (1) 25 Dec., 1850, Elmira Lewis, settled at Cincinnati, O., she d. 1855; m. (2) 31 March, 1857, Ruth A. Evans, he d. 10 Dec., 1873, she d. 10 Aug., 1866; they had *Estes*, b. 1852, d. 1864; *Lewis*, b. 1853; ch. by second m., *Elmira*, b. 1858, d. 1861.

24. NEHEMIAH, son of Elisha (20), m. 22 March, 1801, Hannah, dau. of Elijah Davis, he d. 25 Feb., 1821, she d. 9 Aug., 1815, lived upon the home-stead, he was an enterprising public spirited man, selectman and assessor, captain of militia, noted fisherman. . . . Children: *DANIEL*, b. 9 Sept., 1801, m. 18 May, 1830, Phebe, dau. of William Robinson, he d. 17 Oct., 1876, she d. 19 Dec., 1868, no ch.; *SAMUEL*, b. 17 March, 1806, m. 19 Dec., 1832, Lucinda, sister of wife of his brother Daniel, he d. 26 Jan., 1881, she d. 25 Jan., 1888, no ch.; *NEHEMIAH*, b. 17 April, 1809, d. 4 Sept., 1837, unm.

25. TIMOTIHY, son of Elisha (20), m. Sally, dau. of Samuel Davis, resided at Oxford and Sutton. He d. 15 Nov., 1821, at Ox., she d. 1 Aug., 1853, in Maine. . . . Children: *CYNTHIA*, b. 22 March, 1796, at Ox., m. Calvin Comins, settled at Eddington, Maine, removed to Passadumkeag, where she d. 24 Sept., 1865; they had *Elmore D.*, b. 15 July, 1830, m. 1860, Nannie D. Oakes, residence, Modesto, Cal.; *SALLY*, b. 27 Nov., 1797, m. Ezra D. Sparhawk of Ox.; *SALEM*, b. 8 Nov., 1800, d. aged 78, 10 Nov., 1878, unm.; *MARY*, b. 26 Oct., 1803, m. 22 Nov., 1831, Franklin Adams, settled at Eddington, Me., removed to Bangor, where she d. 21 April, 1871; they had *Benjamin F.*, b. 1833, residence, Bangor; *Abby A.*, b. 1839; *Daris F.*, b. 1840; *Estes F.*, b. 1843; *ESTES H.*, b. 2 March, 1809, d. 1838, at Ox.; *ELSIE*, b. 30 Dec., 1812, m. (1) 6 April, 1840, Jairus Sparhawk, no ch., he d. 26 June, 1860; m. (2) 17 July, 1863, Maverick Jennison; *AUGUSTUS*, b. 1815, d. 1833, at Grafton; *FREEMAN*, b. 22 Nov., 1817, m. 15 Aug., 1858, Catherine Oakes, settled at Eddington, and had *George E.*, b. 1861; *Catherine E.*, b. 1863; *Charles A.*, b. 1865, d. 1874.

26. JOHN, son of Samuel (1), m. (1) 27 Oct., 1757, Deborah Weld of Roxbury, his cousin, who d. 6 Oct., 1777; m. (2) 7 Oct., 1778, Mrs. Susanna Kidder of Dudley; he d. 10 May, 1801, she d. aged 65, 31 May 1813; settled on

the homestead, was a good member of society, and deacon of the Church, constable and assessor. . . . *Children*: MARY, b. 30 June, 1760, m. 3 Jan., 1788, Nathaniel Healy and settled at Dudley, he d. 12 June, 1812, she d. 21 Dec., 1826; JOHN, b. 1762, d. 1774; DEBORAH, b. 1764, d. 1766; DEBORAH, b. 9 Nov., 1766, d. 1831, unm.; SARAH, b. 1769, d. 1773; JESSE, b. 1771, d. 1827, at Livermore, Me., unm.; SARAH, b. 10 Feb., 1774, m. Peter, son of Ebenezer Humphrey; ch. by second m.: JOHN, b. 14 May, 1779; NATHANIEL, b. 9 June, 1781; LUTHER, b. 1783, d. 1786; ENOCH, b. 1785, d. 1786; LUTHER, b. 29 Sept., 1787, m. (1) 1827. Mrs. Sarah Sweetland, settled at Concord, N. Y., she d. 10 Nov., 1833; m. (2) 1842, Mrs. Sarah Rice, he d. 11 Jan., 1864, she d. 1863; ch. by first m., *Adeline M.*, b. 1828, m. 2 June, 1858, Edward G. Gibson; SUSANNA, b. 10 June, 1791, m. Francis Sibley.

27. JOHN, son of John (26), m. 25 Nov., 1809, Dolly, dau. of Asa Larned, settled at Oxford, removed 1811 to Montague. He d. 7 Feb., 1862, she d. 24 Oct., 1852, both at Montague. . . . *Children*: LARNED, b. 28 Feb., 1811, m. (1) 5 Sept., 1833, Mary A. Parmenter, removed to Mt. Palatine, Ill., where she d. 29 July, 1848, m. (2) 5 April, 1849, Keziah J. Laughlin, he d. 14 Dec., 1887; ch. by first m., *John*, b. 25 Sept., 1834, m. in Iowa; *Dwight*, b. 14 July, 1837, m. and settled at Chatsworth, Ill.; *Otis B.*, b. 5 Jan., 1839, m. and resides in Illinois; *Everett P.*, b. 9 Dec., 1841, m. and settled at Mt. Palatine, Ill., where he d. 28 Aug., 1875; *Philena M.*, b. 14 April, 1847, m. James H. Morris and settled at Ashland, Neb.; *Elisha*, b. 27 Aug., 1813, at Montague, m. 9 May, 1843, Mary C., dau. of Daniel Larned of Weathersfield, Vt., his cousin, he d. 18 Nov., 1869, at Montague; they had *Alma M.*, b. 1844; *Lucy E.*, b. 1845; *Elisha E.*, b. 1857; *SUSAN*, b. 1818, *SYLVIA*, b. 1819, both d. young.

28. NATHANIEL, son of John (26), m. 4 Dec., 1817, Lucy, dau. of John Mayo, settled on the homestead, where both d. He d. 28 Oct., 1850, she d. 17 July, 1870. . . . *Children*: LUCY, b. 9 Dec., 1818, unm.; JOHN, b. 14 Nov., 1820, m. 18 April, 1852. Mrs. Marilla Thompson, m. n. Greenman, of Buffalo, N. Y., settled at Ox., he d. 19 May, 1886, she d. aged 55, 5 March, 1886; they had *Nathaniel M.*, b. 24 Nov., 1853, m. 26 Sept., 1877, Nellie R., dau. of George Appleby, residence, Worcester; they had Ida, b. 1878, d. 1879; Charles H., b. 12 July, 1881; *John F.*, b. 28 Jan., 1856; *Samuel A.*, b. 30 Nov., 1858, unm., d. Sept., 1888, at Worcester; *William H.*, b. 12 Oct., 1861, d. 1890, at Worcester; *Mary Anne*, b. 10 March, 1865, m. Elmer E. Keith; *Lucy L.*, b. 1868, d. 1881.

BENJAMIN, son of Benjamin of Dudley [who was grandson of William and son of Ichabod, both of Roxbury, and resided 1750 at Dudley, and known as "Retailer Ben"], b. 1710, at Roxbury, came about 1734 from Dudley to Ox., bought 1740 of Samuel Davis 85 acres Bernon land in east part of the town, near Lucien M. Chaffee's. H. 22, house long ago removed, was Lieut. in the French war, settled on his return near Nipmuck Pond, on Thompson's grant, where, tradition says, he had a contract with heirs of Thompson to clear land for sheep-walks. Later in life he was ejected on a suit at law. He was a man of integrity and judgment, whose standing is shown from the fact that in 1763, when trouble arose in Sutton on the matter of Dr. Hall's salary, Mr. Davis, and Josiah Brewer and Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty, both of Worcester, were chosen a board of referees to settle the case. He was representative in 1749.<sup>1</sup> He m. 13 March, 1734, Sibyl, dau. of Joseph Rockett, first female ch.

<sup>1</sup> From his house a bridle [bridal?] path ran of Stephen Streeter in Douglas. Three sons of southeast through the woods to near the house Davis m. three daughters of Streeter.

recorded in Ox., he d. 1787. . . . *Children*, except last, b. at Ox.: SIBYL b. 28 Dec., 1736, m. William Davis; JOSEPH, b. 1739, d. 1741; JOSEPH; CRAFT, b. 15 April, 1744; BENJAMIN, b. 5 March, 1747; SUSANNA, b. 1749, m. John Bound; JAMES HOVEY, b. 27 July, 1751; EZEKIEL, b. 17 Jan., 1754; SARAH, b. 3 Dec., 1759, m. Francis Blandin, no ch.

2. JOSEPH, son of Benjamin (1), m. (1) 15 Jan., 1771, Hannah, dau. of William Lamb, m. (2) Jemima, dau. of William Davis, bought in 1790 the Thomas Hunkins place, H. 34, sold in 1795 and removed to the Silas Fitts place, H. 39, and thence in 1807 to the place in the north part of Webster, now George Tanner's, where he d. 14 Sept., 1813, teamster to Boston many years, known as "Honest Joe." . . . *Children*: WILLIAM, b. about 1779; POLLY, d. unm.; LUCY, m. John Mayo; LOIS, m. William Hurd.

3. WILLIAM, son of Joseph (2), m. 6 Sept., 1803, Rachel, dau. of Dea. Ebenezer Humphrey, lived 8 years at his father's and removed to Dudley, he d. 28 Feb., 1848, at Webster, aged 69, she d. 9 March, 1873, at Southbridge.

. . . *Children*, first 4 b. at Ox.: JEMIMA, b. 10 Oct., 1803, m. 7 April, 1828, Elliot Mansfield of Dudley, where they settled, he d. 15 May, 1865, had 7 ch., all d excepting *George E.*, living with his mother at West Dudley; JOHN, b. 9 March, 1806, m. Adelaide, dau. of Dr. Daniel Tiffany, settled at Webster, where he d. 25 July, 1888; they had *Emily*, d. aged 20; *Edwin T.*, m. Frances Chase of Worcester, residence, Webster; *John P.*; EBENEZER H., b. 4 May, 1808, m. Polly Taft of Uxbridge, where they settled, had *Robert H.*, d. 1868, aged 31, he d. 12 Jan., 1888, at Webster; RUTH A., b. 9 Dec., 1811, m. Joshua Jacobs of Scituate, where they settled, removed to Medford; had *Mary E.*, m. Henry Hinckley, residence, Medford; MARY, b. 5 Dec., 1814, m. Homer P. Hunt of Douglas, no ch., he d. 5 April, 1883, she d. 24 Sept., 1845, both at Providence, R. I.; ALONZO, b. 3 July, 1816, m. Miranda Jacobs of Northbridge, where they settled, removed to Franklin, had ch., residence, 1888, East Douglas; WILLIAM H., b. 1 Feb., 1820, m. Emily M., dau. of Samuel Reynolds of Killingly, Conn., settled at Webster, prominent citizen, justice of the peace, associate justice of the Court for the Southern District of Worcester, special County Commissioner, he d. 20 Oct., 1882, from the effects of a fall in July previous; they had *Sarah E.*, m. William F. Branch of Norwich, Conn., residence, Webster; CLINTON W., residence, Webster; ANNIE L.

4. CRAFT, son of Benjamin (1), m. 16 Jan., 1772, Catherine, dau. of Stephen Streeter of Douglas, settled in south part of Ox., now Webster, 1 mile from the east village, noted hunter and fisherman, she is spoken of as having been a person of uncommon worth, he d. 5 Dec., 1836, aged 92, she d. about 1812. . . . *Children*: SARAH, b. 26 Sept., 1772, d. young; BENJAMIN, b. 20 Sept., 1774; SALLY, b. 5 Dec., 1778, m. (1) Joshua Wetherell, m. (2) Rufus Humphrey; WARD, b. 1 Dec., 1782; KATIE, b. 2 April, 1784, m. 31 May, 1804, Roger Stevens of North Brookfield, where they settled, 4 ch., she d. 19 July, 1870; CRAFT, b. 18 July, 1786; JOHN, b. 13 Oct., 1788, d. 1803; STEPHEN, b. 22 June, 1791; SUKEY, b. 15 Aug., 1794, m. N. Webb Hall; JAMES HOVEY, b. 7 Nov., 1797; LUCETTA, b. 21 April, 1803, m. Jonathan Harrwood.

5. BENJAMIN, son of Craft (4), m. 3 Oct., 1796, Theodocia Barnes of Ware, b. 23 June, 1776, settled and d. at Ware, he d. 19 Sept., 1861, she d. 29 Jan., 1861. . . . *Children*: NANCY, b. 17 March, 1800, m. (1) Reuben Sherman, m. (2) William Goodwin, residence, Stafford Springs, Conn.; ELMIRA, b. 31 Dec., 1801, m. Calvin Whitaker, residence, Ware; CYNTHIA, b. 21 Feb., 1804,

m. Elmer Loomis, residence, Ware; **WILLIAM P.**, b. 6 Sept., 1806, m. 1836, Elizabeth Bullock, was graduated 1833 at Union College, N. Y., clergyman, settled 1835 over Reformed Dutch Church at Guilderland, N. Y., for 35 years, removed 1879 to Lawyersville, N. Y., where he was, 1885, the settled pastor; they had *Elizabeth M.*, b. 1838; *Caroline*, b. 1842; *William E.*, b. 1845, clergyman in high standing at South Branch, N. J.; *Susan J.*, b. 1848; *Mary S.*, b. 1851; *Catherine T.*, b. 1855; *Joseph P.*, b. 1859, studying, 1881, at New Brunswick Theological Seminary; *SARAH*, b. 13 Feb., 1809, m. James F. Brooks, residence, Stafford Springs, Conn.; **BENJAMIN**, b. 16 July, 1811, m. 4 May, 1836, Cordelia Buffington of Ashford, resided at Ware and Palmer, a leading citizen; they had *Benjamin F.*, b. 1837, prominent at Enfield, representative; *George R.*, b. 3 Jan., 1840, at Palmer, lawyer at Chicago, went to the late war with the nine months men as Captain of Co. H, 8th Regt., Mass. Vols., next enlisted and served to the close of the war as Major of 3d R. I. Cavalry, served with Sheridan in the Indian campaign, and later in Quartermaster's Department at Chicago, left military life and was general agent of Hartford Life and Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Companies for the Northwest, was six years representative in Congress from second district of Chicago, next four years County Treasurer of Cook Co., Ill., including Chicago, his term expiring Dec., 1890, at present, 1891, Director General of the World's Columbian Exhibition, Chicago; *Henry C.*, was graduated at Harvard College, successful lawyer at Ware; **WILLARD G.**, b. 1 March, 1814, m. 3 March, 1846, Mary A. Tygert of Dunnsville, N. Y.; no ch.; was graduated at Albany Medical College, physician at D. for over 40 years; **LUCY P.**, d. unm.; **CAROLINE**, m. John Baker of Stafford Springs, Conn., where she d. [Seven sons of the daughters of Benjamin (5) served in the late war.]

6. **WARD**, son of Craft (4), m. Roby Green of Smithfield, R. I., settled at Ox., removed about 1810 to Brookfield and thence to Ware, where he spent most of his life, he d. 1863, at Worcester, she d. 1846. . . . *Children*: **ADDISON**, b. 25 Dec., 1805, d. 1826; **POLLY GREEN**, b. 20 May, 1807, d. 1826; **JOHN**, b. 29 March, 1809, m. (1) July, 1833, Clementina Buck, 5 ch., m. (2) 3 April, 1845, Emily Buck, residence, Geneseo, Ill.; **WARD**, b. 1813, m. 11 Oct., 1836, S. E. Wetherell, 8 ch., residence, Genesco; **CATHERINE**, b. 1815, d. 2 July, 1843; **ROBY**, b. 1817, m. 10 Sept., 1846, John Speare; **FANNY**, b. 1819, d. 8 Oct., 1845; **CALEB G.**, b. 1821, d. 1825; **STEPHEN**, b. 1824, d. 1825; **ADDISON**, b. 1 Aug., 1826, twice m., d.; **MARY G.**, b. 1830, m. Charles Gage, 3 ch., residence, Louisa, Ky.

7. **CRAFT**, son of Craft (4), m. intentions 12 May, 1810, Lucinda, dau. of James Cudworth, settled in southeast part of Ox., H. 40, carpenter and farmer, he d. 7 April, 1871, she d. aged 88, 22 Sept., 1871. . . . *Children*: **JARED**, b. 9 Oct., 1811, m. Rosina, dau. of Robert Smith of Webster, settled at Ox., removed 1836 to Concord, N. Y.; **J. BRIANT**, b. 6 Dec., 1812, drowned in Dudley, 21 Nov., 1827; **EMERY**, b. 19 Jan., 1814, m. intentions 27 Oct., 1836, Ruth, dau. of Royal Corbin of Webster, settled at Ox., removed to Iowa; had *Charles E.*, resided at Lafayette, Ind.; *George H.*, m. Emily, dau. of Franklin F. Ryder; *Albert*, resided in Iowa; *Lewis*, resided in Iowa; *Emery*, the father, d. in Iowa; **JOSEPH C.**, b. 13 May, 1816, m. 19 April, 1840, *Mary*, dau. of David Worseley, lived in Ox. and Webster, now at Eastford, Conn.; they had *Elizabeth*, m. Whitman Bosworth of Woodstock, Conn.; *Augusta*, m. Ammi Hull of Woodbury, Conn.; *Levira*, m. 13 June, 1847, Truman Parsons of Amenia, N. Y., resided in New York city, Penn. and Ox.,

removed 1883 to Spencer; had Ida, b. 1868, at N. Y.; Walter, b. 1870, at Athens, Pa.; Everett, b. 1872, at Ox.; Mary A., b. 1874; Ella H., b. 1876; Eugene F., b. 1877; Maud, b. 1879; Warren, m. and lives West; Luman. *Welcome, Arthur, John, Nelly*, m. John Williams of Eastford; CRAFT, b. 6 April, 1818; JOHN, b. 1 May, 1821, m. (1) 16 Oct., 1845, Ruth, dau. of Joseph Healy, and had *Clorinda*, resided, 1888, at Providence, R. I.; *Mary*, d. 1857; *Austin*, d. 1877, aged 24; she d. 22 Oct., 1855, he removed to Ill. and thence to Neb., m. again and d. 1888, at Kearney, Neb.; *LUCINDA*, b. 17 July, 1823, m. 30 April, 1843, Stephen H. Morse, b. 10 Oct., 1821, at Boston, and had *Burrill W.*, b. 23 Dec., 1843, m. Addie E. Jenks; *B. Winslow*, b. 12 March, 1845, m. Sarah H. Curtis, druggist at Indian Orchard; *James B.*, b. 24 Aug., 1847, m. Hannah C. Peck of Seekonk; *Jesse C.*, b. 1 Nov., 1856, at East Thompson, Conn., m. Nellie F., dau. of Alonzo H. Dana; *Stephen H.*, b. 21 Aug., 1862, d. young.

8. CRAFT, son of Craft (7), m. 1 Jan., 1849, Hannah E. White of Monroe, Me., settled at Ox., shoe manufacturer and farmer, he d. 25 Dec., 1883. . . . *Children*: AGNES L., b. 24 June, 1861; WALTER, b. 1 May, 1865; ADA L., b. 31 Oct., 1870.

9. STEPHEN, son of Craft (4), m. (1) intentions 22 Jan., 1814, Anna Wadsworth of Grafton, settled in Ox., where she d. 10 Aug., 1857, m. (2) 5 June, 1862, Maria Moore, he d. 19 April, 1879, aged 87. . . . *Children*, all by first m.: REUEL S., b. 22 April, 1816, m. Ellen Wyman of Vt., was graduated at Meadville Theological Seminary, Unitarian, preached at Leicester and Sherborn, removed to Sycamore, Ill., where he was prominent, judge of police court, he d. Aug., 1887, at Sycamore, had ch.; ERI B., b. 30 June, 1818, m. Catherine L., dau. of Artemas Goddard of Charlton, she d. aged 48, 19 Jan., 1876, at Ox.; they had *Anna C.*, *Henry G.*, both d. young; he removed to Ill.; DEXTER, b. 1 Jan., 1821, at Dudley, m. intentions 12 June, 1847, Elvira S., dau. of Rufus Hayward, removed to Wis., where she d. 1880, 2 ch.; JULIA ANN, b. 24 Aug., 1823, at Dudley, m. Spaulding Howard of Townsend, settled at Webster, where he was killed in 1879 by being thrown from a carriage; they had *Albert S.*, b. 21 Nov., 1847.

10. JAMES HOVEY, son of Craft (4), m. 3 May, 1821, Lucy, dau. of Lemuel Cudworth, settled at the homestead, removed about 1830 to West Brookfield. . . . *Children*: OLIVER, b. 10 April, 1822, unm., residence, West Brookfield; TURNER C., b. 1 June, 1824, m. 8 Sept., 1846, Maria, dau. of Asa May of Spencer, and had *Alice*, b. 29 Nov., 1848; LUCY ANN, b. 26 June, 1826, m. Japheth, son of Ozias Cortis, residence, Thompson, Conn., had ch.; JAMES B., b. 4 Oct., 1829, residence, West Brookfield; MARY B., b. 12 Oct., 1831, at West Brookfield, m. 18 Jan., 1850, Nathaniel Bangs of Prescott, she d. 25 May, 1856, at West Brookfield; AZARMA A., b. 21 Dec., 1834, m. 10 April, 1851, Dexter A. Hill of North Brookfield, he d. 9 Feb., 1859; L. CHAUNCEY, b. 8 March, 1838, m. 22 June, 1857, Elizabeth Thrasher of New Braintree, settled at West Brookfield, had ch.; WARREN A., b. 2 Feb., 1846, m. 30 July, 1869, Sarah A. Smith of North Brookfield, residence, West Brookfield, had ch.

11. BENJAMIN, son of Benjamin (1), m. intentions 4 Nov., 1780, Hannah, dau. of Stephen Streeter of Douglas, b. 30 March, 1763, settled a half mile north of East Village, on the west side of the road, now Slater's, where he d. 29 June, 1803, she d. 5 March, 1847, at Worcester. . . . *Children*: HANNAH, b. 24 Aug., 1782, m. John Chadwick of Worcester, where they

settled, he d. before 1817, she d. 18 March, 1847; they had *Stephen*, d. unm.; *BETSEY*, b. 15 April, 1784, m. Josiah Hume of Douglas, lived at various factory villages, both d. at Millbury; they had *Eliza*, m. Francis Collier of Worcester, and had William F.; *Adaline*, m. William Ryan of Millbury; *Lucina*, m. Silas Earle of Hubbardston; *Mary*, m. Edward Dunham of Ox.; *Mercy*, m. Edwin Livermore of Millbury; *Hannah*, m. Cyrus Prouty of Leicester; *Benjamin*, m. Lucy Gale of Millbury; *Julia*, m. Joseph Wickham of Savannah, O.; *Reuben*, m. Delia Bacon of Millbury; *Willard*, m. Mary A. Fuller of Millbury; *Isaac*, m. Lydia Fuller of Millbury; *Fidelia*, m. Edward Blodgett of Holland; *ANNA*, b. 18 May, 1786, m. Ebenezer Foster; *MARY*, b. 11 April, 1788, m. Luke Rice of Worcester, 4 ch., all d., he d. at Southbridge, she d. 27 March, 1868, at Worcester; *ISAAC*, b. 4 Oct., 1790, m. Jerusha Nash of Holden, lived at Ox., Holden and Brookfield, he d. 1864, at New Braintree; *SAMUEL*, b. 5 Feb., 1793, m. Judith Nash, 3 ch., he d. 1826 at Rowe from the kick of a horse, she d. 1829, at Holden; *REUBEN*, b. 28 April, 1795; *OLIVE*, b. 26 March, 1797, m. 10 Jan., 1815, Daniel Tatman of Worcester, where he d. 17 Dec., 1865, she d. 23 April, 1884; they had *Olive*, b. 1816; *Daniel D.*, b. 1819; *Benjamin D.*, b. 1822, d. 1839; *Stephen*, b. and d. 1826; *Luther D.*, b. 1831, d. 1832; *Rufus D.*, b. 1834; *PRUDENCE*, b. 7 April, 1802, m. 6 Dec., 1821, John Tatman, brother of Daniel, settled at Worcester, he d. 8 April, 1870, aged 84, she d. 25 Aug., 1880; they had *Lucy*, *Sarah*, *Emily*, d., *Charles*, *Nancy*, d., *John*, *Samuel*.

12. *REUBEN*, son of Benjamin (1), m. (1) 18 Feb., 1819, Charlotte Richardson of Boston, b. 1795, at Boston, m. (2) Calista Sargent of Webster, he d. 1878, at Thompson, Conn. . . . *Children*: *THOMAS R.*, b. 24 May, 1820, m. (1) 1842, Elizabeth McCombas of Pa.; they had at Ox. *James A.* and *George W.*; m. (2) Ellen Blazier, b. 1862, at Worcester, and had *Reuben*, b. 1864, in Pa.; *Charlotte M.*, b. 1866, at Thompson, Conn.; *Thomas G.*, b. 1870, at Thompson; Thomas, the father, d. 7 March, 1872, at Thompson; *HANNAH S.*, b. 1 Nov., 1821, m. 30 Oct., 1841, Jacob W. Saunders, and had *Ellen*, b. 1851, at Webster; *Hannah S.*, d. in Minn.; *REUBEN A.*, b. 4 July, 1825, d. aged 19, at Ox.; *SAMUEL*, b. 16 July, 1828, at Worcester, m. 6 Dec., 1842, Maria Byfield of Thompson, Conn., and had *Henry F.*, b. 1848, at Ox.; *Samuel A.*, b. 1851, at Webster; *JOHN*, b. 13 March, 1830, at Ox., m. 3 Dec., 1818, Lydia, dau. of Godfrey Morris of Webster; had *Angenette*, b. 1851, at Webster; *John*, b. 1854, at Webster, residence, Dayville, Conn.; *JOSEPH B.*, b. 16 July, 1832, d. young; *BENJAMIN*, b. 23 Jan., 1837, d. aged 16, at Webster.

13. *JAMES HOVEY*, son of Benjamin (1), soldier in the Revolutionary war, m. intentions 5 July, 1777, Mary, dau. of Stephen Streeter of Douglas, he d. 1803 [James Hovey Davis, d. 3 Jan., 1797, Ox. Rec.], she m. (2) Jacob Kingsbury. . . . *Children*: *EZEKIEL*, b. 20 June, 1784, unm., insane, d. at Webster almshouse; *HENRY*, b. 27 May, 1786, m. Sally Torrey, removed to Maine, where he d., had ch.; *ASA*, b. 5 Aug., 1788, lived and d. at Charlton, blacksmith; *REBECCA*, b. 30 April, 1791, m. Rufus, son of Daniel Kingsbury; *SYBELA*, b. 4 March, 1796, m. Rufus Kingsbury, second w.

14. *EZEKIEL*, son of Benjamin (1), m. intentions 25 Jan., 1783, Elizabeth, dau. of Theodore Kingsbury, settled near Webster line, H. 53, he d. 10 April, 1845, she d. 11 Aug., 1846, aged 83. . . . *Children*: *ALICE*, b. 27 July, 1783, m. Lyman, son of Ebenezer Gould; *BETSEY*, b. 19 Dec., 1786, m. Willard Young; *JOSEPH*, b. 22 May, 1789, m. (1) intentions 30 Jan., 1812, Cynthia

Bigelow of Worcester, m. (2) Nancy Stockwell of Thompson, Conn., no ch.; **LUCY**, b. 3 Nov., 1792, d. 5 Dec., 1867, unm.; **SOLOMON**, b. 25 Jan., 1796, m. (1) intentions 16 Dec., 1821, Eliza Nash of Holden, resided at Ox., Paxton and Holden, tavern keeper, she d. 10 Dec., 1823, m. (2) Tabitha Snow, he d. 7 Sept., 1867; ch. by first m. *Francis N.*, m. Lucy, dau. of Ebenezer Foster, he d. 11 Dec., 1884, at Webster; they had William, b. 1852, Charles, b. 1855, both Methodist ministers; **LAVINA**, b. 5 March, 1798, m. 5 July, 1820, Capt. Solomon Harwood, second w., she m. (2) Perry Curtis; **MARTHA**, b. 24 June, 1800, m. Francis Nash; **ROSALINDA**, b. 6 May, 1804, m. Amos Shumway, Jr.

15. **ABEL**, grandson of Benjamin (1), m. 9 Dec., 1806, Tryphena, dau. of James Hill of Dudley, he d. aged 69, 10 Jan., 1854, she d. aged 78, 16 May, 1864. . . . *Children*: **BARNABAS**, d. 18 Aug., 1808; **BARNABAS**, b. 6 Aug., 1809, m. (1) Lydia Morse of Douglas, where they settled, removed to Ox., m. (2) 6 Sept., 1857, Esther E. Cooper of Burrillville, R. I., she d. 6 Aug., 1877, m. (3) 9 May, 1878, Sophia Wakefield of Webster; ch. by first m. *Martin V. B.*, b. 1834, at Douglas, m. (1) Louisa Sayles of Burrillville, and had at Ox. Everett and Evelyn; m. (2) Sarah J., dau. of Barlow Hoyle of Webster and had *Miriam C.*, family removed 1879 to Detroit, Minn.; *Miriam*, m. Charles Copeland of Millville, where they settled, and had Ernest; **SALLY**, b. Sept., 1810, m. Uriah Knight, resided at Waterloo, N. Y., where she d. about 1876, no ch.; **ABIGAIL**, b. 3 July, 1813, m. (1) George Moore of Stafford, Conn.; had *George*, d.; m. (2) 1844, Sylvester Phipps, second w., he d. 13 Sept., 1879; **LAMENT**, b. Nov., 1815, m. Adaline Albee of Uxbridge, where they settled, 2 sons; **ABEL**, b. Aug., 1819, residence, 1890, H. 57, south part of Ox., m. (1) 11 May, 1845, Abigail, dau. of William Larned of Ox., she d. 16 Sept., 1861; they had *Laura*, b. 27 Jan., 1846, m. 30 June, 1867, Emory Humes; *Ira W.*, b. 6 Feb., 1852; *Henrietta*, b. 16 Aug., 1854; Abigail, the mother, d. Sept., 1861, m. (2) Jane, dau. of Ethermore Vinton of Charlton, and had *Luman*, b. 27 Jan., 1865; *Jane*; the mother d., he m. (3) *Maria J.*, dau. of Aaron Ingraham of Bolton, Conn., and had *Herbert A.*, b. 22 Feb., 1870; *Grace A.*, b. 12 Dec., 1877; **DIANTHA**, b. March, 1822, m. Loren W., son of Elisha Cady of Brooklyn, Conn., settled at Southbridge, removed to Ox., where he d. 19 Aug., 1865; they had *George D.*, b. 20 Sept., 1847, d. young; *William C.*, b. 29 June, 1851; *Flora A.*, b. 18 Aug., 1861; *J. MILTON*, b. May, 1825, m. Roxana, dau. of Ono E. Humphrey; had *Fred*, b. Jan., 1855, m. Minnie Harris; *Arthur*, b. June, 1861. [GEORGE A., son of Abel, aged 23, d. 26 Aug., 1874.]

**WILLIAM**, son of Joseph of Woodstock, Conn., baptized 6 March, 1743, m. 5 July, 1764, Sibyl, dau. of Benjamin Davis (1). His father removed to a farm near the southeast corner of Oxford in Douglas.<sup>1</sup> He made trays, brooms and other wood utensils, which he and his son William peddled in the vicinity. He d. not far from 1815. . . . *Children*: **RUTH**, unm., d. on the homestead; **JEMIMA**, m. David Hicks of Sutton, and had *Davis*, d. young; **RACHEL**, m. Simeon Upham of Dudley; **CHLOE**, m. Joshua Jenney of Rhode Island, settled near the homestead, and had *Joseph*, unm., residence 1890 at the homestead; **JAMES**; **BENJAMIN**, m. Anna, dau. of Noah Hill of Douglas, where they settled; **WILLIAM**, unm., of unsound mind; **LAVINA**, m. Daniel Leonard of Taunton, settled at Oxford, and had *Larina*, removed to Taunton. He had by a former wife Daniel, Jesse, Ruth, and others.

<sup>1</sup> The Court record names him as of Woodstock in May, 1745, and of Douglas in Feb., 1747.

2. JAMES, son of William (1), m. 29 March, 1798, Roxana Briggs, settled near the homestead, d. aged 76, 12 Dec., 1842 [Ox. Rec.]. . . . *Children:* JAMES, b. 23 June, 1799, m. Rhoda, dau. of Benj. Pierce of Ludlow, Vt., residence, Vermont, had ch. Leander, his son, was in the late war and d. soon after his return. James, the father, was killed in a mill wheel in 1840, she d. about 1836; ALPHEUS, b. 26 July, 1801, m. intentions 7 Nov., 1826, Dulcena, dau. of Nathan White of Sturbridge, b. 11 Jan., 1806, settled at Ox., removed to Charlton; they had *Eleanor, Mary Ann*, d., *Alpheus, Dulcena, Orison* in Ox., *James W., Winthrop, Mary Ann, Anne* d., *Frances, Martha A.*, d., last 5 b. at Charlton; he d. 30 Oct., 1877, she d. 8 Dec., 1863; BOWERS, went to Vermont, d. Oct., 1836; REUBEN, m. 8 Dec., 1833, Jerusha, dau. of Capt. Cornelius Putnam of Ox., settled at Ox., he d. aged 58, 12 Nov., 1863; they had *Olive A.*, b. 18 March, 1834, m. Levans W. Sibley of Sutton, removed to Michigan; *Cornelius P.*, b. 15 April, 1837, unm., soldier in the late war in 51st Regt. Mass. Vols., d. 1 July, 1863, at New Berne, N. C.; *Bowers*, b. 14 Jan., 1840, m. Sarah J., dau. of Elbridge Wallis of Douglas, residence, West Sutton, had ch., was a soldier in the same Company with Cornelius P.; *Reuben*, b. 21 March, 1842, m. Josephine L. Tinkham of North Scituate, R. I., where they resided; *Maria L.*, b. 15 April, 1844, was a successful teacher, m. and resides South; ROXANA, m. Edward Putnam of Sutton, where they settled, resided at Southbridge and other places, she d. in 1883 at Centre Harbor, N. H.; they had *Davis*, went West, *Roxana, Andrew J., Lydia*, the two latter reside at Centre Harbor; WINTHROP, b. about 1816, d. 1837, aged 21; WILLIAM J., unm., learned the carpenter's trade at Southbridge, became a Roman Catholic, studied at the College in Worcester, left for San Francisco, entered business and was pecuniarily successful, embarked for the east in the "Golden Gate," and was lost; JEMIMA, m. Hiram L. Clements of Hampton, N. H., where he d. about 1875, no ch.; ANDREW J., left his home in youth and not heard from.

WILLIAM, son of William of Roxbury, b. 6 June, 1704. [His father was the son of John of Roxbury and brother of Dea. Samuel of Oxford.] He bought land in Ox., 1724, and probably came here about that time; in 1739, and for several years after, was a licensed innholder; owned the Benjamin Chamberlain property on the west side of Main Street from Quaboag Lane at the Benjamin Paine house, H. 221, northward to the present Mrs. Hyde's place, H. 240. It is impossible to fix upon his residence. It may have been the Dr. Cushman house or the old tavern stand. He m. 4 Feb., 1742, Elizabeth, dau. of Isaac Larned, no ch. He d. 14 Aug., 1775, she d. aged 76, 1 March, 1796. He sold in 1760 his estate on the Plain and 1761 bought the house and lot in the fork of the Sutton road, H. 25, where both d.

[Extract from his will, "I give to Elizabeth Davis, my wife, one-half of all my indoor movables of all sorts and one-third of the income of all my real estate, so long as she is my widow but to cease at her marriage. . . . I give to four children of my brother John Davis of Roxbury, viz: John, Nathaniel, Charity Murdock, and Abigail Davis, all my real estate and all the remainder of my personal estate." Elisha Davis was executor. The selectmen fearing she would become a town charge arranged with these heirs for her support, they yielding to her the house and outbuildings and agreeing to pay not less than nine or more than ten pounds per annum towards her support.]

EBENEZER, supposed son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Lane) Davis of Brookline, near Roxbury, b. 11 Nov., 1717, bought of William Davis, in 1739, fifty

acres on Long Hill now Shepardson's; m. 12 Oct., 1742, Lydia Dana, perhaps sister of Phinehas. He d. May, 1792, she d. before that date. Edward Davis of Dudley was his executor. . . . Children: ELIZABETH, b. 2 May, 1743, m. 19 Jan., 1763, Dea. Edward Davis of Dudley, and had Amasa, b. 26 Dec., 1763, at Ox.; Elizabeth, b. 22 Feb., 1766, d. 1775; Edward, b. 5 Jan., 1768: Tamma, b. 25 Nov., 1769; Dolly, b. 18 Feb., 1772; Eden, b. 27 March, 1774, d. 1 Oct., 1822, unm.; she d. 16 Oct., 1775; EBENEZER, b. 4 Oct., 1744, Revolutionary soldier, m. (1) intentions 25 April, 1777, Mrs. Sarah Town of Sutton, m. (2) 10 Jan., 1784, Mary Wakefield of Sutton, m. (3) 20 Oct., 1787, Hannah Gary of Pomfret. he d. 13 July, 1794; LYDIA, b. 28 Sept., 1746, d. young; ABIGAIL, b. 6 Feb., 1749, m. Jonathan Pratt, Jr.; JONAS, b. 5 May, 1751, d. young; LYDIA, b. 5 May, 1754, m. Ebenezer White of Dudley: SUSANNA, b. 11 July, 1757, d. young; MARY, b. 21 Jan., 1760, m. Abner Allen of Charlton; SUSANNA, b. 31 Jan., 1762, m. (1) John Carroll of Sutton, they had a dau., m. John Howard, John, d. young, Henry, she m. (2) Dea. Aaron Elliot of Sutton, he d., she removed to Ox., where she d. 20 April, 1845, aged 83; REBECCA, b. 8 March, 1765, m. Joseph Sparhawk, no ch., she d. 1837; DORCAS, b. 24 Feb., 1769, m. 14 Jan., 1795, Gilbert Crane.

JOSEPH L., b. 16 July, 1800, at Montville, Conn., son of Micajah and Betsy (Latimer), came to Oxford in 1838, settled at Texas Village where he lived eight years, and bought in 1847 of Reuben Aborn, H. 130, a lot and built the house in which he resided until his death; blacksmith. He m. Oct., 1838, Finelia, dau. of Nathan Streeter of Southbridge, b. 1811. He d. aged 84, 2 March, 1885. . . . Children: JOSEPH L., b. 20 Sept., 1839, m. Sarah F. Putnam of Worcester, where they settled, had ch.; ELIZABETH, b. 9 May, 1842, m. 1869, Lemuel W. Harris of Worcester, second wife, and had George W., b. March, 1870, residence, Worcester; JAMES E., b. 1 June, 1845, m. Jennie Ray of Woonsocket, R. I., merchant at Rochdale, resided in 1888 on the homestead.

GEORGE W., b. 9 Dec., 1827, in Rhode Island, son of Robert, m. 5 Jan., 1849, Emily A., dau. of Edward H. Shunway, settled at North Oxford, and had AUGUSTA E., b. 3 Aug., 1855, m. 1882, George H. Browning; MIRANDA S., b. 13 Oct., 1858, m. 1881, William P. Bowditch.

JONAS, Revolutionary soldier.

JUDE, his son JOHN, and an infant resided at Oxford 1780.

EBENEZER, aged 49, d. 13 July, 1794.

RUTH, w. of Samuel, Jr., d. 28 July, 1797.

RUTH, widow, aged 96, d. 4 March, 1799,

HANNAH, w. of Ebenezer, d. 24 Sept., 1802.

EMILY, dau. of Joseph, d. 26 Feb., 1824.

NANCY, w. of Joseph, d. 22 Feb., 1826.

DEBORAH, aged 65, d. 30 April, 1831.

JAMES, and Abigail Sibley, m. intentions 30 March, 1834.

WILLARD, aged 46, d. 1 April, 1834.

HANNAH S., and Jacob W. Saunders of Smithfield, R. I., m. int. 2 Oct., 1841.

ALEXANDER, son of Reuben, aged 19, d. 15 Aug., 1842.

SARAH J., dau. of Charles, d. 22 Aug., 1844.

ANN, w. of Eden, aged 48, d. 28 June, 1847.

SALLY, aged 77, d. 31 Oct., 1848.

POLLY, aged 76, d. 3 Jan., 1851.

LOUISA M., dau. of George, of Burrillville, R. I., aged 32, d. 28 July, 1872.

JOSHUA, aged 69, d. 17 Jan., 1877.

ESTHER, m. n. Cooper, d. 6 Aug., 1877.

**DAY, RALPH.** Dedham, 1645, had RALPH, m. Sarah Fuller. They had, with others, RALPH, b. 1683, m. 30 June, 1716, Martha Battle, and had RALPH, b. 1717, and JONATHAN, b. 22 Dec., 1719, m. (1) 7 July, 1743, Hannah Battle of Dedham; m. (2) intentions 7 Aug., 1784, Prudence Whiting of Dedham; bought 1783, being then of Needham, the home lot of Joseph Chamberlain, Bondet Hill, H. 38, sold one-half 1784 to David his son, and d. there 4 Jan., 1802. . . . Children: JONATHAN, b. 4 May, 1744, m. 21 May, 1767, Mary, dau. of John Mayo, settled at Dudley, now Webster, prior to 21 Oct., 1776; he was a leading man, able and honorable, colonel of militia, coroner: he d. 10 May, 1819; ch.: *Jonathan*, b. 1768, d. young; *Mary*, b. 1770, d. young; *Jabez*, b. 1772, m. Sally Eddy, settled in Dudley [father of Gen. Jonathan, b. 1779, d. 1871, at Worcester]; *Jonathan*, b. 1774, d. young; *Dolly*, b. 1776, m. Asa Harris; *Hannah*, b. 1778, m. Augustus, brother of Sally Eddy; *Rebecca*, b. 1781, m. Parker Palmer; *Elizabeth*, b. 1784, m. Rufus Larned; *John H.*, b. 1787, m. 9 Sept., 1821, Patty Kidder, he d. 1865 [father of Augustus E. of Webster]; DAVID, b. about 1759.

2. DAVID, son of Jonathan (1), m. Mercy, dau. of Nathaniel Fisher of Franklin, settled on his father's farm, where he d. aged 33, 17 June, 1792; ensign in militia. His widow m. 29 April, 1798, Ebenezer Howard of Thompson, Conn., she d. 3 Aug., 1841, aged 85. . . . Children: EBENEZER, d. young; DAVID, b. 12 April, 1779, m. (1) 30 March, 1808, Sarah Gates of Worcester, where they settled, she was long an invalid, d. 7 Oct., 1831, aged 49; m. (2) 7 April, 1835, Rebecca, dau. of John Mayo, returned to the homestead on Bondet Hill, where both d.; he d. 7 Jan., 1860, she d. aged 90, 11 April, 1876; ch. by first m.: *Jonathan*, b. 9 Jan., 1812, m. 2 Dec., 1834, Elizabeth Hinds, resided at Leominster, they had *Hannah H.*, b. 1835, David W., b. 1837, *Rebecca E.*, b. 1844; *William F.*, b. 14 Sept., 1814, m. *Hannah Colton*, and had Julia A., d.; he was a hotel keeper at Fitchburg, where he d.; *JONATHAN*, b. 1781, m. 3 March, 1805, Elizabeth or Betsey Earle of Leicester, of Quaker parentage, settled in Ox., where he d. 2 June, 1809, she removed to Leicester; they had *Orrin E.*, b. 23 Aug., 1806, d., no ch.; EBENEZER, b. 7 Oct., 1783, m. 26 Jan., 1815, Abigail Nutting; he was of Boston in 1807, and removed soon to Buffalo, N. Y., where he became wealthy at building and selling houses after the great fire; he d. 16 March, 1871; they had *Abigail L.*, b. 20 Dec., 1816, m. William Martin of Buffalo; *Mary Ann*, b. 5 Sept., 1819, m. E. H. Esterbrook of Buffalo; Ebenezer, b. 21 March, 1822, a physician at Grand Tower, Ill.; *DeWitt C.*, b. 1824, d. young; *Hiram C.*, b. 25 Dec., 1826, lawyer in Buffalo, unm.; *David F.*, b. 11 June, 1829, lawyer in Buffalo, representative to State legislature; FISHER, b. 18 April, 1787, surgeon in United States army in the war of 1812, and d. 1814 in the service.

REBECCA, and Peleg Corbin of Thompson, m. 26 May, 1789.

JONATHAN, and Emily Mellen of Westboro', m. intentions 22 May, 1824.

LEWIS M., son of Nathaniel of Maine, aged 33, d. 22 March, 1827.

ZEBINA, and Thankful Vinton of Dudley, m. 5 March, 1837.

THOMAS J., w. Clarissa, had CHARLES G., b. 13 June, 1844.

HIEL, son of Samuel of New Salem, aged 70, d. 19 Jan., 1873.

**DEAN, REV. WILLIAM N. T.**, b. 18 July, 1846, at Fall River, son of Nathan D. and Eliza W. [Durfee] Dean, studied at Bangor, Me., from Oct.,

1868, till his graduation in June, 1873; post graduate course at Union Theological Seminary, New York, 1873-4; ordained and installed 3 Feb., 1875, at Somerset, dismissed 19 June, 1876; acting pastor at Norton, 1 July, 1876, to 30 Sept., 1881, and at Orange 1 Jan., 1882, to 31 Jan., 1886. Began preaching at Oxford 16 Jan., 1887, and installed 16 Nov., 1887. He m. 1 Aug., 1876, Clara F. Copeland of Holden, Me. . . . Children: NATHAN J., b. 12 and d. 13 May, 1877, at Norton; EVELINE L., b. 24 Sept., 1878, at Norton; ELIZA W., b. 20 Dec., 1882, at Orange.

**DOLLY**, of Dudley, and Thomas Larned, m. intentions 29 Jan., 1829.

**DELANY, ESTHER**, of Ward, and William Smith, m. 30 Dec., 1778.

**DELVEE, PETER**, m. intentions 7 June, 1766, Lucy Town of Charlton; ch., **BATHSHEBA**, b. 14 Nov., 1766; **LUCY**, b. 8 Oct., 1768.

**DEMMONS, PRUDENCE**, resided at Oxford, 1780.

**DENEHY, MICHAEL J.**, aged 23, d. 25 Jan., 1888.

**DENNIS, DAMARIS**, of Dudley, and Joseph Clemons, m. int. May, 1750. **SALLY**, and William Mayo of Dudley, m. intentions 5 June, 1825. **ERASMUS**, and Chloe Taft, m. intentions 26 May, 1827. **ANNE F.** (Irish), aged 22, d. 1 July, 1853.

**DERBY, MARY**, aged 78, d. 14 Aug., 1854.

**ORTHIA** (Canadian), aged 24, d. 30 June, 1880.

**DE WITT** [WITT, name changed about 1830 to DeWitt], JOHN, Lynn, 1650; had, with others, JOHN, also of Lynn, m. Elizabeth Baker, and had JOHN, b. 1679, m. Mary Dane, removed about 1707 to Marlboro', and had, with others, JOHN, Lieut., m. Sarah ——, resided 1744 at North Brookfield, one of 48 constituting the Second Church in Brookfield, 28 May, 1752, and had, with others, BENJAMIN, b. there 15 Aug., 1750, m. 13 Feb., 1787, being then of New Braintree, Olivia, dau. of Duncan Campbell, settled at Oxford, soldier in Revolutionary war, removed about 1794 to New Braintree. [There is positive evidence that the family resided at Oxford, Dec., 1793.] He d. 17 April, 1818, at New Braintree, she m. (2) Daniel Bacon of Charlton, and d. 5 Feb., 1848, at Ox. . . . Children: STEARNS, b. 22 Dec., 1787. [He was named for his maternal grandmother Elizabeth Stearns. This name in England has always been "Sterne," and Captain DeWitt early discarded the *a* and wrote "Sterns." We have adhered to the original orthography for the sake of uniformity.] SOPHIA, b. 22 April, 1789, m. 14 Aug., 1808, William Earle, resided at New Braintree, Oxford, Franklin, and Boston, where he d. 27 Aug., 1867, she d. 3 Jan., 1885; they had *Olivia S.*, b. 1812; *William*, b. 1814; *Samuel H.*, b. 1816; *Benjamin A.*, b. 1818; *Paul*, b. 1821; *Henry A.*, b. 1824; *Mary M.*, b. 1829; *Nancy S.*, b. 1831; POLLY, b. 22 March, 1791, m. 1810, Amos Thompson; HOLLIS, b. 22 Dec., 1792; ARCHIBALD, b. 27 Oct., 1794, m. Martha, dau. of Asa Fisher of Franklin, where they settled; he d. 17 May, 1859; they had *George*, *Alexander*, *William*, *Martha*, *Horace*; SUSAN, b. 17 Aug., 1796, m. Rufus Harris; ALEXANDER, b. 2 April, 1798; NANCY, b. 29 March, 1800, m. Horace Smith of Leicester, second wife, she d. 24 Sept., 1830; they had b. at Leicester, *Eliza L.*, b. 2 May, 1825, m. Dr. William Newton; *Horace D. W.*, b. 2 Oct., 1828 (took the name of De Witt), m. 29 March, 1852, Sarah Jane, dau. of James Phelps of Sutton, he d. 4 May, 1859; they had Alexander, b. 7

March, 1854, at Pepperell, m. 21 Sept., 1880, Caroline, dau. of Joshua Murdock of Leicester; banker at Worcester. These children of Nancy were brought up at Col. Alexander De Witt's. ELIZABETH, b. 17 Feb., 1803, m. Jonas Bacon.

2. STEARNS, son of Benjamin (1), m. 24 Dec., 1815, Hannah, dau. of Anthony Butler; saddler, left the occupation 1815 and engaged in trade in which he prospered, continuing until 1826, when he entered upon and built up at Augutteback Village, the most brilliant business enterprise in the history of the town. [See Ox. Woolen Mfg. Co.] He continued as agent and manager, until he sold his interest in 1836, and was later agent at the North Oxford Woolen Mill, Texas Village. He filled well his position as a member of the Church and society to which he belonged and as a private citizen, was public spirited and influential, but did not aspire to public office, was widely known as Capt. De Witt. In person he was short and thick-set, with dark complexion, a pleasing address, entirely devoid of ostentation; was fond of a good horse and drove about town in a sulky in the management of the affairs of the manufacturing company. He built the house, now Mary D. Hyde's, H. 240, where he d. after a long illness, 29 Nov., 1848; she d. 19 Nov., 1867, at Sutton; Children: MARY B., b. 4 July, 1817, m. 5 March, 1862, Freeman Freeland of Sutton, where they settled, he d. 22 Feb., 1875; ELIZABETH K., b. 22 May, 1820, d. 27 Sept., 1856, unm.

3. HOLLIS, son of Benjamin (1), was early in trade with his brother Stearns in the north part of the old tavern building, later was a thread manufacturer for a short time and a farmer. He built in 1834-5 the house on the west street, now Wellington's, H. 234. In May, 1836, he fell in his barn and was so injured he never walked afterward, but was a great sufferer through life. He m. (1) Sarah, dau. of Asa Harris, she d. 9 June, 1840; m. (2) 10 March, 1842, Mary Howes of Dennis. He d. 30 July, 1853. . . . Children: CAROLINE, b. 18 Nov., 1820, m. Charles Fuller; BENJAMIN A., b. 18 Nov., 1822, m. 3 Feb., 1848, Lurana J., dau. of Lyman Wetherell, no ch., farmer, settled in Ox., removed 1875 to Sutton, where he d. 10 Oct., 1881; WILLIAM M. T., b. 25 Jan., 1825, m. Elsie Childs of Thompson, Conn., removed to Elgin, Ill.; they had Frank, m. and resides at Rockport, Ill.; Clinton; William, m.; Elmer; last three reside at Elgin; MARY M., b. 22 Sept., 1827, unm.; CHARLES H., b. 1831, d. 1832.

4. ALEXANDER, son of Benjamin (1), was, says Ammidown in his Historical Collections, "emphatically what is termed a self-made man. . . . Self-reliance was his motto; and from this resource he arose to whatever position he sustained in either public or private life." His opportunities for education were small. He went at 15 years of age into the store of the Merino Manufacturing Co. of Dudley, remaining four years, travelling a part of the time to sell goods, and thence in 1818 to Franklin into cotton thread manufacture in partnership with Dr. Miller, and the next year leased and operated a mill at Foxboro', and also opened a country store, himself selling his thread from a wagon on the road. After his marriage he manufactured thread at Franklin with his father-in-law till 1823, and in 1824 in partnership with his three brothers, Stearns, Hollis and Archibald, began the same business at the present Buffum Village in Ox. He continued here but a few years, and as his means increased became interested in manufacturing cotton and woolen goods in other places, continuing his residence in Oxford during his life with the

exception of three years, from 1837 to 1840, when he was a partner in a commission house in Boston and resided there, and about one year, 1848 to 1849, when he resided at Worcester. He was pecuniarily interested in various railroads, banks and insurance companies, and held offices in several prominent corporations, 26 years director in the Worcester Merchants' and Farmers' Insurance Co., 27 years in the State Mutual Life Assurance Co., 20 years with the Mechanics Savings Bank as president and trustee, 21 years with the Mechanics National Bank, nine years as president, five years president of the Oxford Bank, three years president of the Worcester and Nashua Railroad, 17 years director of the Providence and Worcester and 25 years director of the Norwich and Worcester Railroads. He was often moderator in town meetings, was representative to the General Court for five years, in 1842, 1844, 1850 and 1851 State Senator, in 1853 member of the convention for amending the State constitution. In Dec., 1852, he was elected over the Whig and Democratic nominees as representative to Congress from the ninth Mass. district on the Free Soil ticket, was re-elected, serving two terms, from 1853 to 1857. He accumulated a handsome estate, gave freely of his means to charitable objects, and was many years the largest contributor in the town to religious institutions. In person he was large, of a florid countenance, attractive, and in manner social, free and jovial. Both himself and widow left legacies to the Congregational Church, noted under "Ecclesiastical affairs."

[An incident of his boyhood gives a hint as to his qualities. He had a contest on a certain occasion with a school-fellow as to the occupation of a favorite seat in the school-house. The teacher on being appealed to decided that the one being first at school the next day should have it. Alexander went home, told his mother of the case, got his supper and returning to the school-house established himself in the coveted seat and there spent the night. Very early in the morning his competitor arrived but only to find himself outwitted.]

He m. 5 June, 1820, Mary, dau. of William Makepeace of Franklin; he d. 13 Jan., 1879, she d. aged 89, 6 April, 1887, no ch.

**DIETLER, MRS. MARY** (German), aged 27, d. 15 Oct., 1860.

**DIKE, SARAH**, resided at Ox. May, 1759.

**ANTHONY**, and Ann Jennison, m. 16 Jan., 1775.

**EBENEZER**, and Abigail Call, m. intentions Dec., 1843.

**DIMON, MARTHA G.**, m. n. Sawyer, dau. of William of Warner, N. H., aged 36, d. 9 Nov., 1872.

**DINSMORE, MELISSA**, dau. of John, aged 23, d. 9 March, 1867.

**DISPAU, LOIS**, of Ward, and Asa Cheney, m. intentions 22 July, 1815.

**DIXIE, EDMUND F.**, from Marblehead, came in 1827, was about two years bookkeeper of Ox. Woolen Mfg. Co., and 1828 to 1833 trader at centre, a good singer, several years chorister at the Congregational Church, removed to Worcester, m., no ch.

**CAPT. WOLSTAN**, brother of Edmund F., resided here one year, and was trader at centre 1838.

**DIXON, JOHN**, b. 7 April, 1791, at Carlisle, Eng., m. (1) 14 Jan., 1810, Sarah Ramsey, b. 20 Aug., 1791, at Carlisle, dyer and bleacher at East Village,

now Webster, she d. 28 Jan., 1835, at Webster, m. (2) 12 March, 1836, Mary Rutledge, b. at Kirkoswald, Eng., he d. 11 May, 1849, at Webster. . . . *Children:* JOHN, b. 8 Jan., 1814, in Eng., m. 4 July, 1841, Mary A. Ireson of Webster, had 5 sons and a dau., he d. in 1872 at Brooklyn, N. Y.; GEORGE, b. 3 Sept., 1818, in Eng., m. 21 Dec., 1848, Ann Lilley, and had *Anne*, b. 15 March, 1858, d. 1884, at Worcester, he d. 6 Nov., 1858, at Webster; ROBERT, b. 25 Dec., 1820, in Eng., m. 12 May, 1852, Louise B., dau. of Ruel Moffitt, no ch., he d. 26 Sept., 1854, at Webster; JAMES P., b. 4 March, 1826, at Ox., drowned 21 July, 1833; JOSEPH, b. 27 Sept., 1827, m. 4 July, 1851, Priscilla Hood, he d. 20 Aug., 1878, in Texas; SARAH A. E., b. 28 Jan., 1832, m. 10 Sept., 1868, Robert C. Taylor, settled at Quincy, Ill., where he d.; WILLIAM J., b. 1834, d. 1841; by second m. CHARLES W., b. 13 Dec., 1836, m. 30 July, 1860, Angelina Phipps; MARY JANE, b. 1839, d. 1841; WILLIAM H., b. 26 Oct., 1842, m. 20 May, 1872, Kate Young of Brookfield, Mo., residence, Wy. Ter.

CURTIS, and Lydia Wight, both of South Gore, m. 4 April, 1776, Revolutionary soldier.

DODGE, DAVID, m. intentions 9 Aug., 1823, Lucena Fitts of Charlton: they had WILLIAM F., b. 11 Aug., 1824, she d. same day, aged 22.

ALGERNON S., son of Abner of Northbridge, removed to Ox. about 1850, m. Julia Ann, dau. of John Gates, he d. aged 71, 13 Sept., 1887. . . . *Children:* GEORGE H., b. 11 Dec., 1840, m. 13 May, 1873, Charlotte Wellington, selectman, school committee; CHARLES P., b. 8 Oct., 1842, m. Mary, dau. of Ashley Wood of West Boylston, she d. 6 July, 1880; NELSON G., b. 12 July, 1849.

NOAH, of Dudley, and Mary Wiley, m. 12 March, 1761, Revolutionary soldier from Ox. 1780.

ISAAC, of Sutton, and Mrs. Martha Town, m. intentions 9 Dec., 1775.

DANIEL, of Ward, and Elizabeth Parsons, m. intentions 26 Jan., 1785.

MARK, of Dudley, and Bethia Hill, m. 19 Nov., 1789.

DAVID, and Polly Heyward, both of Charlton, m. 16 Dec., 1794.

DANIEL, JR., of Ward, and Melicent Heyward, m. 30 Nov., 1817.

RELIEF, of Ward, and Eli Barton of Leicester, m. 8 May, 1821.

DAVID, and Ruth Freeman, m. 14 April, 1826.

MRS. OLIVE, aged 66, d. 4 March, 1872.

WILLIAM, aged 77, d. 8 Aug., 1877.

MARY C., m. n. Wood of Boylston, aged 29, d. 15 July, 1880.

DOLLARD, MICHAEL, aged 50, d. 24 Jan., 1854.

DONLEN, ELLEN, aged 24, d. 2 Feb., 1883.

DONOHOE, JOHN, aged 48, d. 28 Sept., 1861.

MARY ANN, aged 20, d. 24 July, 1867.

MRS. ANN, aged 50, d. 7 Feb., 1871.

MICHAEL, aged 64, d. 16 Oct., 1871.

JOHN, aged 28, d. 21 May, 1872.

DOOLAN, MARY, widow, aged 80, d. 6 March, 1865.

DORE, JOHN, son of James of Newfield, Me., aged 50, d. 15 Sept., 1865.

ELIZABETH, w. of James, aged 20, d. 6 Aug., 1852.

DORRANCE, ROBERT, came to North Ox. before May, 1827, cotton manufacturer, in partnership with William K. Greene in 1832-3. He m. Lucy,

dau. of Dea. Jedediah Kimball of Woodstock, Conn., joined Ox. Church 19 April, 1829. 14 June, EDWARD [Robert?] A. d. young, and JEDEDIAH K. were baptized, family removed to Killingly, Conn., before May, 1834, later resided at Hampton, Conn., where he d. 11 Oct., 1861, she removed to Amsterdam, N. Y., where she d. April, 1878, aged 83. They were worthy people, active in Church affairs, he was chosen one of the standing committee 1832. JEDEDIAH K. m. Jane Spicer of Hampton, had ch.

**DORSEY, MRS. ELLEN**, aged 37, d. 11 Nov., 1870.

**MICHAEL**, son of James, aged 19, d. 11 May, 1879.

**DOUGHTY, DANFORTH**, and Betsey Cudworth, m. 11 Dec., 1838.

**SOLOMON** [Salmon?], aged 73, d. 25 April, 1877.

**ANNA**, widow, m. n. Newell, Barre, aged 74, d. 7 Jan., 1878.

**DOW, DOWE, AMASA**, b. 9 March, 1775, at Coventry, Conn., d. 14 Sept., 1808, in "John Brown's Tract," New York. He m. Anna Marsh of Sutton, b. 15 Aug., 1780, d. 30 Dec., 1814, at Ward. They had **DANIEL**, b. 31 Aug., 1804, d. 5 Nov., 1865, at Auburn; **EMELINE**, b. 17 Oct., 1806, m. 25 Dec., 1825, James Patterson of Southbridge, and d. in 1830, at Leicester; **AMASA**, b. 26 Oct., 1808.

2. AMASA, son of Amasa (1), came in childhood with his mother to Oxford. A few weeks before his birth his father had died in the wilds of New York State; she was on her journey back to Massachusetts, and at a place about 30 miles from Utica Amasa was born. Lived in childhood with David Nichols, in youth employed at South Leicester and the Oxford Woolen Mill, and in Rhode Island Mills, returned about 1840 to Oxford Woolen Mill, and went thence in 1842 into centre tavern as partner with Rice Barton, after six months, went into the watch and jewelry shop of Daniel R. Dana in Sigourney's building, later burnt, and in 1844 became proprietor, in 1845 removed to Danielsonville, Conn., where he has since resided; watchmaker and jeweller. He m. 14 May, 1834, Harriet S. Adams, b. 30 March, 1812, at Sturbridge, she d. 12 April, 1879, at Danielsonville, . . . Children: MARSHALL P., b. 20 June, 1835, at North Providence, R. I., residence, Danielsonville; CHARLOTTE E., b. 12 Nov., 1840, at South Leicester, d. 1846, at Danielsonville; HARRIET A., b. 28 April, 1843, at Ox.

**DOWLING, MRS. MARY**, aged 64, d. 25 June, 1863.

**WILLIAM** (Irish), aged 29, d. 27 July, 1863.

**MRS. MARGARET**, aged 63, d. 3 May, 1869.

**DOWSE, SAMUEL**, son of Eleazer of Sherborn, b. 27 June, 1797, came to Oxford about 1819, began business in copartnership with Stearns Witt at the Col. De Witt homestead, H. 226. In 1824 they built the store opposite, where he remained in trade many years. Meantime the Oxford Woolen Co.'s factory in which he was interested was built, in which he was owner until 1841. He was also for a time an owner in the thread mill. He was a worthy man, active in Church affairs, attractive and social in manner, and few men in his time equalled him in the management of country trade. He m. 5 June, 1824, Casendiana, dau. of Leavens Shumway. He d. 13 Sept., 1844, at Ox., she d. 3 Dec., 1860, at Pittsfield. . . . Children: **MARY B.**, b. 1 April, 1825, m. Henry G., son of Jona. Davis; **ELIZABETH D.**, b. 2 Dec., 1828, m. 2 Nov., 1853, Jabez L. Peck, leading citizen and woolen manufacturer, Pittsfield;

they had *Thomas*, b. 1857; *Mary C.*, b. 1867; and others d. young; THOMAS, b. 10 May, 1833, m. 6 Nov., 1860, A. Fish, residence, Duluth, Minn.; had *Fred*, b. 1861; *Robert P.*, b. 1865; *Nathalie R.*, b. 1870; MARTHA, b. 10 May, 1840, m. 8 Jan., 1873, Everett H. Converse, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**DRESSER, JOHN, JR.**, of Rowley, m. 21 Nov., 1662, Martha Thorla, and had, with others, JONATHAN, b. Jan., 1674, and RICHARD, b. 29 June, 1679. Jonathan bought land 1717 at Pomfret, Conn., where he settled and was father of John, who settled in Killingly. In Feb., 1738, Gideon Stevens of Gloucester, fisherman, sold to Jacob Dresser of Killingly 140 acres in Oxford township—Papillon land—and 5 April, 1739, Dresser conveyed the same to John Dresser (supposed to have been the above), who removed there, m. intentions 2 Feb. 1740, Sarah Scott of Dudley, and d. there; date of order of appraisal 7 Dec., 1789. . . . Children recorded at Oxford: SARAI, b. 2 Dec., 1740, m. 22 Feb., 1759, John Coburn; HANNAH, b. 9 Oct., 1742, m. —— Lyon; JOHN, b. 7 Sept., 1744, m. Patience ——, and had *Caleb*, *Joshua*, *Anna*; he d. about 1776; ASA, b. 6 May, 1746, administrator of his father's estate; ABIGAIL, b. 3 July, 1748, m. Elisha Thompson; JOSEPH, b. 8 July, 1750; BENJAMIN, b. 16 Sept., 1753; PRUDENCE, b. 13 Aug., 1755, m. Asa Chamberlain; DAVID, ISAAC, MARY, m. Aaron Dresser, and JAMES are also named in settlement of estate.

RICHARD, son of John of Rowley, bought land in 1706 in Mashamoquet, now Pomfret, Conn., settled there, removed soon to Thompson, where he d. 1728. He had sons JACOB, the first male child b. in Thompson [Miss Larned], and RICHARD, b. 22 Sept., 1714. Jacob lived at the homestead, Richard having conveyed to him his right. The same date, 8 March, 1736, Jacob conveyed to Richard 100 acres with buildings at Oxford, now Charlton, where he settled. He m. 12 Oct., 1741, Dorothy, dau. of Col. Moses Marcy; d. 27, Aug., 1797; an influential man at Charlton, chairman first board of selectmen, and first town clerk. . . . Children recorded at Ox.: NANCY, b. 18 Sept., 1742; EUNICE, b. 15 Aug., 1744, d. 6 June, 1773; REUBEN, b. 26 Oct., 1746; DOROTHY, b. 1748, d. 1751; RICHARD, b. 21 April, 1751; MARY, b. 15 May, 1753. His son MOSES, b. 17 April, 1755, succeeded him as owner, the father having deeded to him on 7 March, 1788 (Moses being then of Goshen), "the farm whereon I now live," 200 acres, bounded south on Nathaniel Blood and Richard Blood, etc. Moses was to pay said Richard's debts, sundry legacies to children, maintain the mother and the negro man, etc., according to the terms of a certain bond. Moses was major of militia, m. Abigail Blood, and d. here 29 Nov., 1813, leaving a goodly estate for the times. HARVEY, his son, b. 5 Oct., 1788, was the next owner. He was well known in all the region and was one of the most competent business men the south part of Worcester County has produced, prominent Freemason, carried on carriage, harness, and furniture manufacturing extensively, and kept a store in addition to the cultivation of his large farm. The locality is known at this day as "Dresser Hill." He removed to Southbridge, engaged in cotton manufacture; d. 8 Feb., 1835, aged 46.

MERCY, of Oxford, and Joseph Knight of Middletown, Conn., m. 30 May, 1738, at Thompson.

AARON P., and Emma Hobart, m. 1 Oct., 1827.

**DRURY, DR. BENJAMIN**, Francestown, N. H., and Elizabeth Learned, m. intentions 1 Oct., 1781.

**DUDLEY, REV. ELIAS**, third pastor at Oxford, was b. 12 Aug., 1761, at Saybrook, Conn., son of Daniel and Susanna. The family removed to Newport, N. H., where the father d. 1811, aged 92. Elias was graduated, 1788, at Dartmouth College, studied theology with Dr. Emmons, ordained to his first and only pastorate, at Oxford, 13 April, 1791. He is represented as a man of excellent character and a faithful and efficient preacher, much interested in the education and moral culture of youth, receiving pupils at his own house who later spoke of him with much interest and commendation. He was of a melancholic temperament, subject to great depression of spirits, and constantly depreciated his own efforts. It is related of him that late in his ministry he would prepare for the Sabbath and, as the hour of service approached, would become so depressed that he felt obliged to send word to his waiting hearers that he could not appear before them. The esteem in which he was held by his people is shown by the fact that only after repeated requests from him and by the advice of physicians, would they consent to a council to consider the subject of his dismission. To a committee of conference on the question of his leaving, he wrote in Jan., 1799, "my health is yet extremely low, and my state I think precarious. From the nature of my complaints, being very much upon my lungs, I must freely own I see no probability of being able to preach." He removed in 1799 to Newburyport, where he engaged in business and took short voyages to Labrador for his health. From Newburyport he removed about 1805 to Prospect, Me., where he d. 25 Jan., 1808, aged 47. He m. 22 Oct., 1793, Mary, dau. of John Spring of Northbridge, she removed to Uxbridge after his death and died there. . . . Children: **HANNAH**, b. 19 Nov., 1794, m. Luther Bullard of Uxbridge, she d. 7 June, 1845, they had **Charles H.**, once minister at Rockville, Conn.; **OTIS**, b. 14 Nov., 1796, residence, Williamsburg, O., had ch.; **JOHN SPRING**, b. 19 July, 1798, d. 23 Aug., 1816, at Millbury; **ELIAS**, residence, Cincinnati, O.; **MARY**, d. 1 Aug., 1837, at Uxbridge, aged 32; two others d. young. [His Mendon Association.]

SAMUEL, and Abigail Waters, both of Sutton, m. 17 Feb., 1729.

MARY, and Jabez Tatman, both of Worcester, m. 23 Feb., 1761.

SAMUEL, of Sutton, and Phebe Putnam, m. 15 Feb., 1795.

NABBY, of Sutton, and Simon Gould, m. intentions 18 Nov., 1797.

SALLY, of Sutton, and Dexter Rawson of South Gore, m. intentions 13 Dec., 1802.

PRUDENCE, and Calvin Clemence, both of Sutton, m. 16 March, 1815.

WILLIAM, 2ND, of Douglas, and Lucy Putnam, Sutton, m. 23 April, 1826.

CLARISSA, and William Lesure, m. 9 Nov., 1828.

BENJAMIN, of Douglas, and Nancy M. Sibley, m. intentions 16 May, 1849.

CALEB F., and Aurelia A. Hervey, m. 31 Aug., 1850.

SALLY E., widow, aged 70, d. 18 March, 1872.

EDWARD A., son of Caleb F., aged 28, d. 27 Dec., 1883.

**DUNBAR, JOSEPH**, b. 29 March, 1805, at Elgin, Scotland, m. 18 March, 1826, Susan Sanderson, b. 19 Sept., 1803, at Duffries, Scotland, came to America about 1833, settled at Leicester and about seven years later came to North Ox., he d. 1 April, 1882, at Passaic, N. J., she d. 8 Feb., 1876, at Worcester. . . . Children: **JOHN**, b. 1 March, 1827, at Elgin, Scotland, m. in 1855, resided in Florida, d. 10 (?) Oct., 1872; **MARY**, b. 28 Feb., 1829, at Elgin, d. 27 Oct., 1844, at Ox. [20 Oct., 1841, Ox. Rec.]; **JAMES**, b. 27 Jan., 1831, at

Elgin, d. 26 July, 1859, at Ox.; ROBERT A., b. 1834, at Leicester, d. 1839; WILLIAM S., b. 31 Oct., 1836, at Leicester, residence, Boston; HELEN J., b. 6 Nov., 1838, at Leicester, m. 1 Jan., 1860, B. F. Evans, she d. 1 May, 1876, at Spencer; ROBINA B., b. 26 Feb., 1841, at Ox., m. 24 Feb., 1863, Joseph Burrough, woolen manufacturer, resided at Worcester and Passaic, N. J., where he d. 3 Nov., 1885, had ch.; MARIA E., b. 8 Dec., 1843, at Ox.

JOHN A., aged 46, d. 6 Oct., 1873.

**DUNCAN, WILLIAM**, tradition says was from the North of Scotland, impressed at Edinburgh and brought as a soldier to Quebec, escaped and came to Ox., where he began work at his trade, that of a saddler, resided here nearly 20 years. In 1796 in the sale of estate H. 240, the southeast boundary was at "William Duncan's bake shop." There is no record of the family to be found. He, being then of Ox., m. (1) 22 June, 1779, Sarah, dau. of Daniel Day of Sutton, Mary [error for "Sarah"?], w. of William Duncan, d. 14 June, 1796 [Ox. Rec.], he m. (2) 2 Oct., 1796, Mrs. Lucy Warren of Dudley. There is no evidence of his removal to Dudley before his second m. He was of Ox. 17 Sept., 1796, d. 1801, will approved 6 Oct. . . . *Children*, probably all b. at Ox.: SALLY, b. about 1782, removed to Paxton, where she d. unm. 30 March, 1847; WILLIAM, b. 4 June, 1784: DIADAMA, m. intentions 2 Dec., 1804, John Knowlton of Grafton, settled and d. at Weatherfield, Vt., bought land there 1804; they had *Elbridge G.*, b. 1806; *Diadama D.*, b. 1809; *Sally D.*, b. 1811; *Lucy A.*, b. 1815; CLARK, unm., went to sea and not heard from; POLLY, m. intentions 31 Aug., 1805, Nathan Johnson of Grafton; they had *Mary, Sally, Harriet, Calista, Samuel, Clark*, "Little dau. *Nabby*," named in his will.

2. WILLIAM, son of William (1), m. 3 May, 1808, Annice Morse of Charlton, b. 30 Jan., 1789, settled at Worcester, saddler, much respected, removed 1811 to Paxton, where he was a farmer, and 1857 to North Brookfield, resided with his son WILLIAM, d. 13 July, 1857, she d. 15 Nov., 1857. . . . *Children*: WILLIAM, b. 1810, d. 1811; CHARLES, b. 1811, m. Tryphosa Lakin of Paxton, 4 ch.; *Harlan P.*, hardware merchant of Worcester is a son; a dau. m. Hon. Theodore C. Bates; WILLIAM, b. 1812; ANGELINE, b. 1814; JAMES, b. 1818; ALMIRA, b. 1820; TIMOTHY M., b. 1821; CAROLINE, b. 1824; EMILY, b. 1827; ANNICE L., b. 1829; SARAH C., b. 1832; LEONARD C., b. 1834.

JOHN, b. about 1704, several years in the French war.

SARAH, spinster, sold land on Prospect Hill 1766.

**DUNHAM, DANIEL C.**, b. 21 April, 1806, at St. John, N. B., son of David N., a native of Conn., m. (1) 2 June, 1844, Julia A. Chase of Holden, she d. aged 29, 27 Sept., 1848, at Ox., m. (2) 2 April, 1849, Bathsheba Walker of Worcester, he d. 30 Jan., 1880, at Holden, came to Ox. 1843, bootmaker. . . . *Children*: DAVID N., b. 1845, d. 1846; GEORGE W., b. 18 May, 1848, d. 29 April, 1869, at Fitchburg, from injury on the railroad.

ZILPAH, and James Chadwick, m. intentions 12 Oct., 1827.

EDWARD, and Mary A. Humes, m. 17 April, 1828.

**DUNN, DAVID**, of Northbridge, and Louisa P. Slocum, m. 19 Sept., 1830.

**DUNNELL, LUTHER**, and Roxana Fuller of Sutton, m. int. 18 Dec., 1831.

**DUNTON, SILAS**, and Olivia L. Guild, m. intentions 15 July, 1846.

**DURGIN, LEVINA**, of Chelmsford, and Horace Vinton, m. intentions 24 April, 1841.

**DURNEN, ANDREW** (Irish), aged 70, d. 23 Aug., 1880.

**DUSOH, EMMA** (Canadian), aged 90, d. 10 Dec., 1887.

**DWINNELL, ELIZA**, and William G. Willson, Shoreham, Vt., m. 28 Jan., 1834.

**ALICE**, and J. M. Bailey of Ticonderoga, N. Y., m. 15 Jan., 1837.

**EAGER, STEPHEN**, of Sutton, soldier from Ox., d. 28 Nov., 1864, at New Berne, N. C.

**EAMES, WILLIAM A.**, of Leicester, and Harriet P. Waite, m. 8 May, 1835.

**EARL, MARTHA**, w. of Samuel H., aged 65, d. 10 April, 1886.

**EDDY, REV. WILLIAM**, of Crainbrook, Kent, England, had JOHN and SAMUEL, came from Boxted, Suffolk, England, to Plymouth, 29 Oct., 1630. Samuel settled at Plymouth. John, b. about 1595 (whom Gov. Winthrop called a "Godly man"), settled at Watertown. SAMUEL, his son, b. 30 Sept., 1640, m. Sarah Mead; they had SAMUEL, b. 4 June, 1668; BENJAMIN, b. 16 Sept., 1673. SAMUEL, b. 1668, m. 13 Dec., 1693, Elizabeth Woodward, he d. 6 Aug., 1746, she d. 7 Aug., 1753. . . . *Children*: JOHN, b. 6 May, 1696; ELIZABETH, b. 28 May, 1697, d. young; SARAH, b. 9 May, 1700, m. 1 June, 1730, Peter Hurd; SAMUEL, b. 18 Aug., 1701; ELIZABETH, b. 29 July, 1703; EBENEZER, b. 9 Jan., 1705; BENJAMIN, b. 30 Nov., 1707, m. 1733, Elizabeth Truesdell, and was a tailor at Winchendon or Royalston, where he d. aged 91. Of these ch. John, Sarah, Samuel and Ebenezer came to Ox.

2. JOHN, son of Samuel (1), bought land 1723 on Brush Hill, H. 166, m. (1) Mercy ——, she d. 23 April, 1747, m. (2) 18 June, 1747, Patience, widow of Edmund Town, she d. 1767, will approved 17 Dec., he d. before 20 April, 1762, at which date his will was approved. . . . *Children*: JOHN, b. 28 Feb., 1727, d. 30 Oct., 1749; JOSIAH, b. 18 Nov., 1728, d. 1738; BENJAMIN, b. 11 Feb., 1732, d. 28 April, 1756; HEZEKIAH, b. 19 Jan., 1733; MARY, b. 7 Aug., 1735, m. Richard Moore, 3d (?); HANNAH, b. 28 March, 1739, m. Thomas, son of Ebenezer Eddy; ESTHER, b. and d. 1743; ESTHER, b. 21 Nov., 1744; MERCY, b. and d. 1746; by second m.: JOSIAH, b. 25 Feb., 1748, m. Sarah Dennis, resided at Deerfield, Revolutionary soldier, d. before 6 April, 1824; EDMUND, b. 16 April, 1749, m. 15 Oct., 1772, Phebe Nichols, settled at Charlton, and had Edmund, d. young; Phebe, b. 1774; Edmund, b. 1776; Zilpah, b. 1779; John, b. 1781; Henry, b. 1785; Samuel, b. 1787; Amos, b. 1790; Polly, b. 1796; JOHN, b. 1751, d. 1756; MERCY, b. 1754, d. 1756.

3. HEZEKIAH, son of John (2), soldier in the French war, m. Susanna, dau. of Oliver Shumway. . . . *Children*: JONATHAN, b. 15 Aug., 1759; MERCY, b. 9 April, 1761; SARAH, b. 18 July, 1763.

4. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (1), m. 30 Jan., 1727, Elizabeth Bellows of Marlboro', settled in north part of Ox., now Auburn, where he d. 4 Aug., 1762. Inventory £578. On 20 May, 1724, Abraham Skinner of Colchester, Conn., sold to Samuel Eddy of Watertown, 60 acres on Prospect Hill. . . . *Children*: ELIZABETH, b. 24 Nov., 1728; SAMUEL, b. 1731, d. 1736; RUTH, b. 23 Oct., 1733, m. intentions 10 July, 1762, John Hart of Leicester; JONATHAN, b. 23 Dec., 1735, soldier in the French war, d. at Fort Edward; SAMUEL, b.

31 July, 1738; ABIGAIL, b. 5 Dec., 1740, m. 2 Jan., 1759, Joshua Meriam of North Gore; LEVI, b. 27 April, 1745, m. intentions 28 June, 1766, Sarah Stone [Smith?] of Charlton. [Eddy Genealogy gives JOHN, d. in the French and Indian war.]

5. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (4), m. 13 March, 1760, Susanna Meriam of North Gore, settled on the homestead, representative, Capt. of militia, he d. 4 July, 1798, she d. 17 Jan., 1803, aged 66. . . . *Children*: ISABELLA, b. 27 March, 1761; SAMUEL, b. 11 July, 1764; JOHN, b. 31 May, 1768; RUFUS, b. 6 April, 1772; SUSANNA; RUTH. In his will, dated 5 June, 1793, all these are named excepting Isabella.

6. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (5), m. Sarah Hart, he d. 11 May, 1813, she d. 17 Oct., 1838, aged 70. . . . *Children*: JAMES; SAMUEL, b. 19 July, 1796, settled on the homestead; LEWIS, b. 16 Feb., 1801; LEONARD; LYDIA, m. Daniel P., son of Reuben Eddy; SARAH, m. (1) Thomas Baird, m. (2) Swan Knowlton; SUSAN; MARY, m. W. T. Warren, resided at Holden.

7. LEWIS, son of Samuel (6), m. 14 May, 1823, Almira, dau. of Samuel Smith of Ox., settled at Ward, carpenter, he d. 14 June, 1875, she d. 5 June, 1867, both at Worcester. . . . *Children*: ELIZA N., b. 16 April, 1824, m. 22 Dec., 1847, Levi Eddy, settled at Worcester, he d. 5 Dec., 1870, she d. 1888; HENRY W., b. 17 Oct., 1826, m. (1) 3 Jan., 1850, Julia Foster of Fitchburg, m. (2) Nancy M. Merrill, carpenter and builder at Worcester; A. AMELIA, b. 1 April, 1829, m. (1) 10 April, 1849, William H. Richards, m. (2) 24 June, 1869, David B. Galloupe of Salem, no ch.; EMILY S., b. 24 Nov., 1831, m. 11 Dec., 1856, Charles A. Bowker, she d. 15 Jan., 1852; LEWIS M., b. 9 June, 1834, m. April, 1871, V. Adelaide Libby of Rockland, Me., residence, Boston; MARY F., b. 10 Feb., 1836, m. 29 Dec., 1859, John L. Peters of Westboro', residence, Worcester; SAMUEL S., b. 27 April, 1838, m. (1) 1 Jan., 1857, Susan W. Carry, m. (2) 14 Oct., 1880, Franc O. Webster of Rochester, N. Y. He was 2d Lieut., 51st Mass. Regt. in the late war and very efficient, in 1863 raised in Worcester, Co. F, 42d Regt., of which he was Captain; removed 1869 to Rochester, where he was Col. of the 54th Regt. National Guards, State of N. Y., manufacturer and trader; LUCIAN A., b. 5 March, 1842, m. June, 1863, Caroline A. Haskell of North Brookfield, residence, Syracuse, N. Y.; ALBERT M., b. 22 March, 1843, m. Dec., 1869, Caroline M. Hervey, residence, St. Louis, Mo.; A. THEODORE, b. 28 Feb., 1845, m. 12 July, 1864, Elizabeth S. Cummings of Nashua, N. H., she d. 1 April, 1878, he was a soldier in the 51st and 42d Mass. Regts.; HERBERT, b. 1849, d. 1850.

8. EBENEZER, son of Samuel (1), m. 4 April, 1737, Ruth, dau. of Eleazer Ward, settled at the Elliott mill place, soldier in the French war, he d. 15 Dec., 1768. . . . *Children*: SARAH, b. 11 June, 1737, m. 20 Dec., 1762, Joseph Gleason of Sandisfield [1769 Joseph and Sarah Gleason of Sandisfield deeded to Thomas Eddy their rights in estate of Ebenezer, their father]; THOMAS, b. 15 March, 1739; ABEL, b. 19 April, 1741; TABITHA, b. 27 Nov., 1743, m. Samuel, son of Samuel Town; EUNICE, b. 23 April, 1746, m. 4 March, 1772, William Mills, Jr., of Needham; ENOCH, b. 5 Nov., 1748, d. 1768; JEMIMA, b. 11 July, 1751, m. 20 Aug., 1776, William Talle of Leicester; RUTH, b. 17 April, 1755.

9. THOMAS, son of Ebenezer (8), soldier in the French war, m. 10 May, 1762, Hannah, dau. of John Eddy, was owner of the mill a short time after his father's death. . . . *Children*: MARY, b. 21 May, 1762; JOHN, b. 4 May, 1764; LUCY, b. 1766, d. 1769; HANNAH, b. 12 May, 1768; EBENEZER, b. 24 March, 1770; ESTHER, b. 2 April, 1773.

10. BENJAMIN, brother of Samuel (1), b. 1673, m. (1) 1707, Abigail Holden, no ch.; m. (2) Grace Holden, who d. 1714, leaving a daughter Grace, m. Isaac Stockwell; m. (3) 7 Nov., 1716, Elizabeth, dau. of Theophilus Phillips of Watertown, and had JONATHAN, b. 1717, d. 1730; ELIZABETH, b. 1719; JONAS, b. 1722, d. 3 June, 1745. In 1725, probably, Benjamin removed to Ox. and bought the farm known as the Pope place, H. 132, he d. 19 Dec., 1729, she d. aged 77, 25 Sept., 1759. His son WILLIAM was born 5 Feb., 1725. Lydia, the sister of his wife, m. in 1725, Jonathan Pratt, who lived near the same locality.

11. WILLIAM, son of Benjamin (10) progenitor of most of the Eddy families of Ox., Revolutionary soldier, m. Sarah Bellows of Southboro', he d. 16 March, 1805, aged 80, she d. 20 Jan., 1808. . . Children: JONAS, b. 10 Nov., 1747; SILAS, b. 1 Sept., 1749; REUBEN, b. 20 May, 1751; PERSIS, b. 18 Sept., 1753, m. John Barton; BENJAMIN, b. 1756, d. 1766; LYDIA, b. 7 Oct., 1758, m. 1800, Dr. Isaac Burnett of Dummerston, Vt., 2 ch.; WILLIAM, b. 1761, d. 1769; PARLEY, b. 14 Aug., 1763; SARAH, b. 1766, d. 1769; RACHEL, b. 7 Nov., 1769, m. 3 Feb., 1796, Elisha Cummings of Ward, removed to Montpelier, Vt., prosperous farmer, 9 ch.

12. JONAS, son of William (11), Revolutionary soldier, m. 26 Dec., 1770, Lucy Oakes of Charlton, settled at Ox., known as lieutenant, built the large house near North Oxford R. R. Station, H. 156, he d. 10 Dec., 1825, she d. 10 Sept., 1822. . . Children: SALLY, b. May, 1771, m. 9 May, 1800, Stephen Stockwell, Jr., of Sutton, where they settled, had ch., Jonas C. was a son; WILLIAM, b. July, 1773, m. Hannah Burnet or Burnap, removed to Dixfield, Me., d. 9 June, 1817, at Orange, O.; they had Cyrus, b. 1809, residence, Orange, two sons; ALPHEUS, b. Oct., 1775; JONAS, b. June, 1778; REUBEN and RUFUS, b. Oct., 1781; Rufus d. young, Reuben m. and settled in New Jersey, had ch.; LUCY, b. Nov., 1785, m. Thaddeus Hall.

13. ALPHEUS, son of Jonas (12), m. (1) 10 April, 1806, Susanna, dau. of Dr. Daniel Fisk, she d. 2 March, 1829; m. (2) intentions 2 July, 1842, Mrs. Sophronia Cummings of Douglas; farmer and butcher; he d. 4 July, 1861. [Ox. Rec.]. . . Children by first m.: CLEMENTINA, b. 1807, d. 1809; SUSAN F., b. 28 Oct., 1809, unm.; CELIA B., b. 21 June, 1811, m. 8 June, 1835, Amasa Alton of Thompson, Conn., mason, removed to Cape Girardeau, Mo., and had ch., all d. there; SOPHIA, b. and d. 1813; JOHN F., b. 1814, d. 1816; JAMES F., b. 3 May, 1817, d. 28 June, 1863, unm.; DANIEL F., b. 6 June, 1821, unm., lived in New York city, Philadelphia, and other places, was a railroad contractor, employed five years on the Erie Railroad. It is said he was drugged in Philadelphia and robbed, and died in a hospital from the poison, 23 July, 1858; SARAH, b. —, m. William J. Hancock, resided at Rome, N. Y., where she d.

14. JONAS, son of Jonas (12), m. 8 July, 1819, Betsey, dau. of Phinehas Parker; major of militia. He d. 15 June, 1832, at Worcester. . . Children: ELVIRA, b. 1 Jan., 1821, m. 28 Nov., 1844, James M. Belknap of Sturbridge, where they settled, no ch.; he resided at Southbridge; JONAS, b. 6 June, 1829, residence, Oxford; two others d. young.

15. SILAS, son of William (11), Revolutionary soldier, m. 29 July, 1773, Ruhamah, dau. of Josiah and Prudence Brown, b. 23 March, 1751, settled west of and near Howarth's village, H. 81, where he d. 31 Aug., 1807; she d. March, 1840. . . Children: CHARLOTTE, b. 19 April, 1774, m. — Taylor; STANTON, b. 29 Feb., 1776, settled at Newfane, Vt.; SALLY B., b. 2 Dec., 1777, m. 1798, Abner Harwood of Sutton, b. 8 Jan., 1776; he d. 24 July, 1865, she d. 8 Sept., 1866, both at Ware; they had Clarissa, b. 1799; Dauphin, b.

1802; *James S.*, b. 1804; *Tirzah*, b. 1806; *Ruhamah*, b. 1808; *Leri L.*, b. 1810; *Mary*, b. 1812; *Ellridge G.*, b. 1814; *Andrew J.*, b. 1817; *Sarah E.*, b. 1819; all at Barre; *Prudence P.*, b. 24 March, 1780, m. 24 March, 1800, Peter Harwood of Sutton, b. 23 Feb., 1763; he d. 8 April, 1847, she d. 3 June, 1867, both at Barre; they had *Daniel*, b. 1801, residence, Boston; *Peter*, b. 1804, d. 1876, at Barre; *Harrison*, b. 1808, d. 1843, at Barre; *Louisa*, b. 1816, m. — Houghton, residence, Peabody; *Benjamin*, b. 13 April, 1782, m. (1) 8 Nov., 1819, Sally, widow of John Torrey, she d. 5 Sept., 1823, aged 43; they had *Mary*, b. about 1821, d. 28 Feb., 1839; m. (2) 12 Sept., 1824, Nancy, widow of Alex. Nichols, m. n. *Willard*, of Charlton; they had *Nancy*, d. young; he d. 31 Oct., 1826, she m. (3) 10 April, 1831, John Balcom; *William W.*, b. 23 July, 1784; *Ruhamah*, b. 14 April, 1788; *Nancy*, b. 17 May, 1790, m. Samuel S. Gates, settled at Barre, no ch.; he d. 28 Sept., 1856, she d. 3 Nov., 1864, both at Barre; *Silas*, b. 3 May, 1792; *Jotham*, b. 5 Jan., 1795.

16. *Silas*, son of Silas (15), m. 4 March, 1815, Elizabeth B. Ward of Leicester, settled at Oxford; the father went late in life to Grafton, and d. there. . . . *Children*: *Harvlin T.*, b. 24 Oct., 1815, residence, Saundersville, Grafton; *Delano P.*, b. 22 July, 1818; *Nathaniel L.*, b. 20 July, 1821, *Lovica*, b. 2 Dec., 1823, m., residence, Grafton.

17. *Jotham*, son of Silas (15), m. 24 Oct., 1819, Betsey, dau. of Rufus Brown of Webster, b. 13 Feb., 1799, resided at Oxford, removed to Webster, where he d. 15 Feb., 1873; she d. 22 April, 1861. . . . *Children*, b. at Ox.: *Levira*, b. 24 Oct., 1820, m. 20 Dec., 1843, James D. Tourtellotte of Webster, she d. 19 Aug., 1846; they had *Martha J.*, b. 19 July, 1845, m. 31 Aug., 1884, Samuel P. Morris of Webster, second wife; *Lorin*, b. 28 Dec., 1824, m. 29 Oct., 1848, Augusta A., dau. of Bezaleel White of Westford, Conn., residence, Worcester, no ch.; *Rufus B.*, b. 30 Dec., 1827, m. 2 June, 1853, Mary N., dau. of Joseph H. Perry of Dudley, no ch., prominent citizen of Webster.

18. *Reuben*, son of William (11), Revolutionary soldier, m. (1) 25 Nov., 1773, *Sibyl*, dau. of Collins Moore, she d. 16 Feb., 1783; m. (2) 1784, *Mary*, dau. of Ebenezer Meriam, lived on the homestead. He d. 3 Oct., 1813. Executor of his father's will. . . . *Children*: *Lucretia*, b. 27 Jan., 1775, m. David C. Parsons, removed to Montpelier, Vt., where he d., 12 ch.; *Lavina*, b. 3 Feb., 1777, d. 14 Aug., 1800, unm.; *Betsey*, b. 13 April, 1779, m. 1798, John Cummings of Ward, settled at Montpelier, and d. there, had ch.; ch. by second m.: *Joel*, b. 12 Oct., 1786; *Daniel P.*, b. 17 Aug., 1788, m. Oct., 1815, Lydia, dau. of Samuel Eddy of Ward, resided at Ox. until 1826, removed to New Salem, thence to Ward, and soon after to Providence, R. I., spent a few of his last years at Greenwich, R. I., where he d. 1873, 8 ch., among them *Charles*, *Horace*, *James*, *John*, *Alden*; *Polly*, b. 8 Aug., 1791, m. Alexander C. Thurston; *Leonard*, b. Oct., 1793, unm., d. 1825, found dead in a field near his home; *Rachel*, b. Dec., 1797, m. Jos. Hudson.

19. *Joel*, son of Reuben (18), m. (1) 10 Oct., 1810, *Sally*, dau. of Nathan Thurston, b. 1790, at Rockingham, Vt., she d. 20 Dec., 1844; m. (2) March, 1846, *Prudella*, dau. of David Larned, she d. aged 88, 26 Sept., 1875. He d. 21 April, 1865. . . . *Children*, all by first m.: *Reuben T.*, b. 7 Dec., 1811, m. (1) 24 May, 1837, *Dulcenia Converse* of Spencer, settled at Ox.; had *Joel W.*, b. 1841, d. 1849; *Sally T.*, b. 12 Aug., 1844, m. Jotham Fitts; *Dulcenia*, the mother, d. 10 March, 1846, aged 28; m. (2) 1851, at Webster, *Harriet Foskett*, and had *Annie M.*, *Byron E.*; he d. 3 July, 1876, at Webster; *Mary M.*, b. 8 April, 1813, m. 18 Nov., 1835, *John F. Pond* of Providence, R. I., resided at

Worcester, where he d. 13 Oct., 1876; they had *Betsey F.*, b. 26 Sept., 1836, m. Albert W. Curtis, residence, Williamsport, Pa.; *John E.*, b. 10 July, 1839, m. Maria W. Niles, residence, Bridgeport, Conn., had ch.; *Daniel E.*, b. 12 June, 1841, m. Harriet Pickering, residence, Monticello, Ia., had ch.; *Emma L.*, b. 22 Feb., 1843, d. 1866, unm.; *Charles W.*, b. 1845, d. 1851; *Isabella M.*, b. 23 Aug., 1847, m. Charles F. Mann, residence, Worcester; *EMERSON*, b. 2 June, 1815, m. Oct., 1844, E. Maria Whitney of Millbury, she d. aged 56, 14 Jan., 1875; ch.: *Nathaniel H.*, b. Aug., 1845, m. Jenny Gage of Webster, had ch.; *Frank W.*, b. 23 Dec., 1853, m. Arabella M. Austin of Worcester; *Mary M.*, b. 28 March, 1857; *Cora B.*, b. 5 Nov., 1864; *NATHANIEL*, b. 27 Oct., 1818.

20. **NATHANIEL**, son of Joel (19), m. 8 April, 1852, Mary Stevens, b. 22 Oct., 1820, at Guilford, Vt. He d. 2 April, 1874, she d. aged 64, 13 Feb., 1885. He was graduated at Amherst, 1838, taught in several places in academies and high schools, State Senator in 1861, school committee. . . . *Children*: *WILLIAM H.*, b. 6 July, 1853, d. 16 Oct., 1874, unm.; *GEORGE S.*, b. 20 July, 1856, m. 24 June, 1879, Louie C., dau. of Edward W. Bardwell, constable, collector, farmer; they had *Horatio B.*, b. 28 May, 1880; *Florence L.*, b. 21 June, 1882; *CHARLES E.*, b. 20 Sept., 1857, m. 1882, Anne, dau. of Wm. E. Pease, she d. 22 May, 1883, at Kansas City; they had *Anne Myrtis*, b. 1882, at Kansas City; *HELEN L.*, b. 21 Feb., 1859, m. Nelson H., son of Russell A. Davis; *M. ESTELLA*, b. 9 Sept., 1861, m. 27 Oct., 1887, William R. Wood, residence, 1888, at Florence; *NATHANIEL*, d. young.

21. **PARLEY**, son of William (11), Revolutionary soldier six months, m. (1) 18 Dec., 1786, Amity, dau. of Phinehas Parker, b. 1762, settled in North Gore, H. 105, she d. 19 Sept., 1801, m. (2) 18 June, 1804, Hannah, dau. of Thomas Nichols [Thomas was son of Alexander of Ward, and m. intentions 1 April, 1782, Dorothy Boyden], he d. 10 Dec., 1831, she d. 27 May, 1856. . . . *Children*: *POLLY*, b. 1787, d. 1803; *PARLEY*, b. 1790; *RUFUS*, b. 18 March, 1797; ch. by second m.: *POLLY*, b. 1805, d. 1838, unm.; *LAURA*, b. 1807, d. 3 Feb., 1857, unm.; *CLARISSA*, b. 1809, m. Loriston Shumway; *LYDIA*, b. 1810, d. 23 May, 1878, unm.; *ALEXANDER H.*, b. 1814, residence, Millbury, d. 1890, unm.; *THOMAS FLINT*, b. 1817, m. 1852, Susan, dau. of James Phillips, residence, Nettle Creek, Ill., where she d. 1879, had ch.

22. **PARLEY**, son of Parley (21), m. 10 April, 1816, Celia N., dau. of John Merriam, residence, Ox., removed 1829 to Charlton, where he d. 4 April, 1841, she d. 1881. . . . *Children*: *MARY ANN*, b. 28 May, 1819, m. 16 Jan., 1839, Adams Boyden of Charlton, had ch., d. there; *RUFUS M.*, b. 8 Nov., 1820, m. Lucinda J. Bolster, and had *Celia J.*, m. Lewis Rheiu.

23. **RUFUS**, son of Parley (21), m. (1) 1827, Phebe Merriam, who d. 27 Oct., 1842, m. (2) intentions 13 Jan., 1844, Clarissa Gage of N. H., he d. aged 82, 15 May, 1880, she d. May, 1885, settled on the homestead. . . . *Children*: *HENRY E.*, b. 2 Feb., 1833, m. Mary Sprague of Leicester, where they settled, she d. 1879, 2 sons; *ADDISON*, b. 1840, d. 1843; *RUFUS*, b. and d. 1812; ch. by second m.: *ALBERT A.*, b. 9 June, 1845, m. 25 Nov., 1873, Mary McIntire, had ch.; *HARRIET A.*, b. 31 July, 1847, d. 25 June, 1870, unm.; *ADDISON G.*, d. unm. 5 Sept., 1882.

**MRS. ELIZABETH**, aged 83, d. 4 Sept., 1803.

**AMOS**, of Millbury, and Anna Stone, m. intentions 15 Oct., 1813.

**MARY**, d. 25 Feb., 1839.

**EMORY**, aged 26, d. 24 Sept., 1848.

**EMERSON**, aged 36, d. 10 Oct., 1850.

HANNAH N., aged 82, d. 27 May, 1856.

PAMELA, m. n. Hovey, dau. of Ezekiel, aged 58, d. 12 July, 1863.

ELIPHALET, aged 64, son of Jesse of Auburn, d. 5 Dec., 1874.

EDMUNDS, HANNAH, and Edward Chamberlain, m. int. Nov., 1745.

MRS. LUCY, of Killingly, Conn., and Jacob Streeter, m. int. 13 Nov., 1784.

**EDSON, SAMUEL**, of Salem 1639, removed to Bridgewater, among the first settlers, had JOSEPH, whose son JOSIAH was the father of ABIEZER, who was thrice m., Mary D. Packard being his third w. and the mother of RODOLPHUS, b. about 1753, m. in 1780, Lydia, dau. of Lemuel Crane of Berkley, came to Ox. in 1798, having bought 21 June, 1797, the present Tyler Holman place, H. 158, where he settled. In 1812, being then of Northbridge, he sold this farm and soon after returned to Ox., and with his sons Ephraim and Bradford G. owned and occupied H. 163, where he d. 5 Oct., 1833, she d. 15 Jan., 1841, aged 80. . . . Children: EPHRAIM, b. 27 May, 1781, lived with his father, unm., d. 23 June, 1851; BETSEY, b. 20 Jan., 1784, m. Ebenezer, son of John Pratt; BRADFORD G., b. 21 Sept., 1801, at Ox., unm., owns and occupies the homestead; intelligent thriving farmer.

**EDWARDS, LEMUEL**, b. 18 March, 1729, at Littleton, son of John and Sarah, m. 25 June, 1751, Prudence Meriam of North Gore. . . . Children: JOSIAH, b. 1751, d. 1752; LUCIE, b. 4 July, 1753; ROBERT MERIAM, b. 12 Oct., 1760; PRUDENCE, b. 20 Aug., 1763.

2. JOHN, supposed brother of Lemuel (1), m. Dorothy, settled on Cox's land, now in Charlton. . . . Children: DOROTHY, b. 26 Jan., 1745, at Littleton, m. 26 Dec., 1770, Clement Coburn; JOHN, b. 13 Jan., 1753, at Ox.; MARY, b. 26 March, 1756, m. 2 May, 1776, David Rich; THOMAS, b. 19 April, 1758, m. 5 March, 1782, Susanna Towne of Charlton.

3. JOSEPH, brother of Lemuel (1), b. 14 March, 1725, at Littleton, m. Joanna, dau. of Hezekiah Meriam, lived in North Gore on a part of the Hartwell farm, removed to North Ox., where he was part owner at H. 121. . . . Child: JOANNA, b. 3 June, 1763.

**EDWARD**, m. 21 Dec., 1786, Zilpah Nichols, she d. a widow, 21 Oct., 1826, [headstone]. . . . Children: BENJAMIN, b. 19 Nov., 1788, m. Lucy Parker of Douglas, and had Henry, b. 29 Oct., 1816; Peter, b. 4 Oct., 1818; the family removed to Douglas, others were b. there: ELEANOR, b. 3 June, 1787, m. Ebenezer Brown, second w.; PETER, b. 5 June, 1790, settled in New York State. [On a visit home he asked his mother what she would say if she knew he was a justice of the peace. She replied "I should say they were short of stock for justices in New York"]; ABIGAIL, b. 28 Sept., 1792, m. Benjamin Learned; LAVINA, b. 1802, d. 1803.

BENJAMIN, Revolutionary soldier.

ELEANOR, sister of Edward (?), m. 17 April, 1782, Rufus Bacon of Charlton.

WILLIAM, m. Nancy —, and had SARAH E., b. 10 Sept., 1837, at Worcester.

ELLA B., and William H. Stevens, m. intentions 16 March, 1844.

LUCY P., and Erastus W. Whiting, m. 5 March, 1845.

**ELLIOT, DANIEL**, father and son of the same name, two of the 30 original settlers. Daniel, senior, had lived at Sudbury or Marlboro', and came here from Framingham. He m. 1686 Hannah Cloyes of Framingham and had seven sons. He took up the mill lot near H. 135 and in 1715, by

the town's permission, resigned this to his sons EBENEZER and JAMES, and went a short distance up the stream and settled at the Pope farm, H. 132. Before March, 1720, he had removed to Sutton, and that year sold his home lot and half the mill to Richard Moore. Ebenezer and James remained but a short time but gave place to Jonathan Provender (who had bought a fourth part of the mill), they removing to Sutton.

DANIEL, JR., b. 17 Aug., 1687, m. Sarah, sister of Jonathan and dau. of John Provender of Framingham. His home lot was on Town's Plain, east side of the eight-rod way, H. 139, and he was an owner in the mills. He sold his whole estate in 1716 and removed to Sutton.

JOHN, third son of Daniel, senior, was employed by Bernon on his farm here before it was sold to Davis, Weld and Mayo.

EBENEZER, and Margaret Segal of Newtown, m. intentions 15 Oct., 1716.

CHARLES B., and Sally Marble of Grafton, m. intentions 23 Nov., 1821.

AARON, 3D, and Maria Putnam of Sutton, m. intentions 15 Nov., 1823.

SAMUEL D., and Betsey Morse, m. intentions 27 Sept., 1824.

AARON, came to Ox. before May, 1828, lived on Sutton road, H. 13, killed by the bursting of a grindstone in a scythe shop at "Saccarappa," 27 March, 1833, aged 33.

MARIA, and William Hilliker, m. 27 March, 1839.

MRS. SUSANNA, aged 83, d. 20 April, 1845.

PATRICK (Irish), aged 46, d. 19 Nov., 1857.

CLARA M., dau. of Francis G., aged 24, d. 10 April, 1863.

PATRICK (Irish), a soldier, aged 21, d. 4 Dec., 1863.

ELLIS, LUCY A., of Douglas, and Jason G. Cummings, m. 20 May, 1847.

LOUISA, m. n. Leonard, of Douglas, aged 36, d. 26 Jan., 1870.

AYRES, son of Jeremiah, West Greenwich, R. I., a. 82, d. 29 Aug., 1878.

ELIAS B., son of Samuel of Berlin, Conn., aged 35, d. 26 April, 1880.

ELMER, ELIZA, w. of Joseph, aged 57, d. 4 March, 1846.

EMERSON, EBENEZER, of Thompson, Conn., and Chloe Brown of South Gore, m. intentions 6 Sept., 1802.

JOHN, 2D, and Anna Corbin, both of South Gore, m. int. 11 Dec., 1814.

SMITH, of South Gore, and Sarah Howard of Douglas, m. int. 5 Dec., 1815.

LOIS, and Elliot Fitts, both of South Gore, m. 8 July, 1822.

JOHN, and Lavinia Brown, both of South Gore, m. 21 Nov., 1826.

NATHANIEL, of South Gore, and Mary W. Pope, m. 17 June, 1827.

OLIVER C., of South Gore, and Betsey A. Smith of Douglas, m. intentions 24 April, 1831.

JONATHAN, of Haverhill, and Lucy Thomas, m. int. 26 May, 1838.

MRS. NATHANIEL, d. 12 Jan., 1841.

CAPT. NATHANIEL, and Abigail Learned, m. 6 March, 1844.

RHODA B., m. n. Sayles, of Burrillville, R. I., aged 43, d. 12 March, 1882.

LEWIS T., son of Loring, aged 49, d. 23 July, 1886; EMMA J., aged 20, d. 29 Aug., 1882; ELLA M., aged 17, d. 3 Feb., 1885; CARRIE M., aged 21, d. 25 April, 1886; all daughters of Lewis T.

MRS. MARY, aged 88, d. 2 April, 1887.

EMMONS, REV. AMZI B., b. 9 Nov., 1846, at Chester, N. J., son of Jeremiah S., early left an orphan, gained an education by his own efforts, was graduated 1870 at Amherst College and in 1873 at Union Theological

Seminary, New York, ordained 28 Oct., 1873, served several months as City Missionary in New York, preached one year as supply at Stratton, Vt., whence he removed to Jamaica, Vt., where he was settled three years, and in 1877 came to Ox., supplied one year and was installed 16 Oct., 1878. "From the beginning of his pastorate he gave himself unsparingly to his work and in his anxiety to fulfil his mission exceeded his strength. He preached for the last time on the closing Sabbath of 1881. The weary brain yielded, he left his work and sought rest and medical aid in his native State, but it was too late.

"He was a thorough student, an earnest preacher, a faithful and sympathetic pastor, and was esteemed by all classes as a devoted, self-denying man of God, and was especially beloved by the poor."

He left home for Morristown, N. J., in the early days of January, 1882, continued comfortable for about ten days when congestion of the lungs set in and he sank rapidly, and died on the 18th. At a Church meeting it was "Resolved, that we recognize and emulate his wonderful exemplification of the spirit of his Master, his faithful and untiring labors, his cheerful spirit of self-sacrifice, his unflinching devotion to principle and his loyalty to duty."

A memorial service was held on 2 February, attended by a large delegation of clergymen of the vicinage and a full congregation of the town's people. The exercises were in part the singing of several hymns of his composition. A single stanza illustrates his later experience:—

"Yes, we struggle evermore—  
But the struggle will be over at the last;  
We are striving o'er and o'er  
But the bitter, painful strife will soon be past;  
For our victory draweth nearer  
And the sky is growing clearer  
Day by day—Watch and pray!"

He m. 28 May, 1873, Melva Sophie Topping of Chester; they had MARY F., b. 16 June, 1874; FLOY B., b. 4 Nov., 1877, d. 26 May, 1883; ESTHER C., b. 5 Sept., 1879; MOSES S., b. 19 June, 1881.

**ENGLAND**, Miss FLORENCE R., aged 23, d. 22 Aug., 1877.

**ESTEN**, NATHAN, aged 68, d. 18 April, 1867.

CHILD of Nathan, aged 12, d. 27 Nov., 1843.

RACHEL, widow of Nathan, aged 76, d. 21 May, 1879.

**EUSTIS**, ABIGAIL, Charlton, and Robert Manning, m. int. 22 June, 1765.

**EVANS**, ERASTUS, and Mrs. Naomi Learned, m. intentions 1 Aug., 1829, residence, Charlton; they had **GEORGE**, b. 1830 (?), went before 1860 to California, residence, Marysville; **JOSHUA**, b. 1 May, 1833, soldier in late war; she d. aged 87, 27 Aug., 1888, at Oxford.

**EVERDEN**, WILLIAM, aged 88, d. 15 Sept., 1803.

Mrs. LUCY, and Zebedee Phetteplace, m. 20 April, 1847.

**FAIRBANKS**, JOEL, in Ox. 1782, m. Mary, dau. of Abijah Gale.

**JOTHAM**, w. Beulah, and son Jotham, resided at Ox. March, 1783.

**MARY ANN**, of Holden, and Lucius Boyden, m. intentions 31 May, 1827.

**ELLIS**, of Douglas, and Thankful Putney of Charlton, m. 13 Jan., 1828.

**LINCOLN**, m. Esther ——; ch.: **JULIA ANN**, b. 27 March, 1837; a child d. 1841.

**FAIRFIELD, DANIEL**, m. 27 Nov., 1746, Mary, dau. of Collins Moore; taxed in 1771; ch.: **REUBEN**, b. 7 Nov., 1747.

SARAH, and Israel Rich of Sutton, m. intentions July, 1744.

JEREMIAH, of Brookfield, and Adaline Clark of Boston, m. 9 Nov., 1829.

**FARLEY, ESTHER**, of Charlton, and Eleazer Gleason, m. intentions 5 Nov., 1774.

**FAULKNER, MRS. SARAH**, aged 74, d. 21 Oct., 1849.

FREDERICK, of Hampton, Conn., aged 83, d. 20 May, 1853.

MARTHA, aged 60, d. 3 March, 1872.

**FAY, JENNIE B.**, aged 21, dau. of Dr. Charles M., of Charlton, d. 8 Sept., 1877.

**FELLOWS, JACOB**, of Sutton, weaver, 1743, then sold land on Prospect Hill, Ox., to Joseph Gleason; wife Sarah and Hannah Frail signed deed. In 1764 sold another lot there to the same who mortgaged to Ox. selectmen for the support of Fellows, mortgage discharged 13 June, 1777; in 1764, Dr. Alex. Campbell was made his guardian as *non compos*. Soldier in Revolutionary war. In 1777, Isaac Putnam contracted with the town to support him. In 1761, Daniel Dike of Sutton had from Fellows deed of 70 acres and buildings in Sutton, and mortgaged the same to selectmen of Ox. for support of Fellows and wife.

**FELSHAW, REBECCA**, of Killingly, Conn., and Thomas Campbell, m. intentions 20 Sept., 1783.

**FENNO, ELMIRA**, of S. Leicester, and Joseph Carter, Jr., m. 1 Dec., 1829.

**FESSENDEN, JOHN**, of Cambridge, removed to Dudley, where he d.; order of appraisal 26 Aug., 1754; widow Mercy and a son named in the settlement. In 1749, he deeded land to Alexander Thompson of Cambridge, the husband of his daughter Martha, and also to Daniel Smith, who married his daughter Grace. John of Oxford was undoubtedly his son. On 6 June, 1762, Mary [Mercy] Fessenden, widow, of Dudley, and John Fessenden of Oxford, sold the Dudley homestead. He was of Ox., May, 1763, and a Revolutionary soldier 1775. He m. Rebekah ——; they had JOHN, b. 6 April, 1769; REBEKAH, m. 2 Nov., 1797, Isaac Lamb of Charlton; SARAH, m. 6 June, 1790, Nathaniel Woodward of Leicester; SAMUEL, b. 17 March, 1774; SOPHIA (?), m. 9 Nov., 1794, David Kidder. John, the father, died before 23 Aug., 1778, at which date Rebekah, his widow, was received to the Church; she m. (2) 3 May, 1796, Lieut. James Lamb of Charlton.

2. JOHN, son of John (1), m. 21 Feb., 1790, Lucy Mellen of Charlton, settled at North Oxford, at H. 119, house removed, stood in the fields west of the residence of Nathaniel E. Taft. . . Children: **PATTY**, b. 20 Jan., 1793; **JOHN**, b. 7 July, 1796.

**FIELD, RODNEY A.**, son of Aaron, Bernardston, aged 74, d. 20 Sept., 1879.  
**THEDA P.**, aged 82, d. 21 July, 1887.

**FIELDING, THOMAS** (English), aged 66, d. 10 March, 1868.

**FISH, EBENEZER**, son of Ebenezer, who was b. 1693 at Reading, son of Stephen (?), came to Oxford from Woburn 1754, resided west of Town's Pond,

II. 142, house long removed; shoemaker, many years sealer of leather, highway surveyor, Sunday warden. He removed, 1764, to a house north of the pond, now removed, became dependent, d. 8 Sept., 1805, aged 88, his wife d. 5 Feb., 1801. He m. 16 March, 1742, Katharine Baker of Woburn, sister of Mrs. Col. Ebenezer Learned. Soldier in French and Revolutionary wars. . . . *Children*, first three b. at Woburn: THOMAS, b. 17 July, 1743, m. 25 June, 1767, Naomi Mixer of Sutton, and had *Ruth*, b. 5 Dec., 1768, only ch.; OLIVE, b. 1 Feb., 1747, m. 10 March, 1774, Charles Hart of Worcester; CATHERINE, b. 3 Jan., 1750, m. Simon Gleason; SUSANNA, b. 23 Nov., 1754, m. Amasa Allen; ESTHER, b. 1758, d. 1759; ESTHER, b. 10 Feb., 1761, d. unm.

Thomas Fish was a man with a history. He came, when 11 years of age, from Woburn to Oxford with his father, and like him was by trade a shoemaker. He had small opportunity for education yet came up to fill important and responsible positions. He had good sense and enterprise, and after enduring the hardships of a soldier's lot for several years and also the privations of frontier life in the woods of Maine, met a tragic fate there before he had completed his two-score years. The first record we find of him in Oxford is in 1765, when, at 22 years of age, he purchased a building lot from the tavern property on the Plain. Here, as is supposed, he erected buildings and followed his vocation for about three years and then sold. Later he was owner of several lots of land in the northerly part of the town, and in Jan., 1773, sold one-half of 16 acres lying west of the north cemetery near the river, embracing a brickyard and clay pits. On 11 Jan., 1771, a grant of land lying eastward of the Saco River, then in Massachusetts, at what is now Livermore, Me., was made by the General Court to certain soldiers, for services in the French and Indian war. Among these grantees was Capt. Ebenezer Learned, whose wife was Fish's aunt. A leading man in the enterprise was Lieut. Elijah Livermore of Waltham, for whom the town was named. Fish became interested in this project, and in the summer of 1772 went thither as assistant to Ebenezer Waters of Sutton on a surveying expedition. In November of that year he received a proprietary right in the village and in 1773 was chosen with Learned and Livermore on a committee to lay out and clear roads into the town. He was also appointed to prosecute trespassers. He entered this service with energy, and as we learn from his journal, spent nearly the whole of the summer of that year in the discharge of his duties, and in the spring of 1774 renewed his labors. This journal is an entertaining document, and is printed in the history of Livermore, embracing 14 pages. We copy its most important portions:—

Thos. Fish, his Book, price 7s. 6d., of Oxford in the County of Worcester, New England.

Jornal from Oxford to Androscoggen River, April 26, 1773. Left Oxford Dinner at ——— Loged at Framinham.

27 to Boston. Spok for a passage a Board of Capt. John Martin's Sloop. Name the Salley. Belonging to Falmouth [Portland].

28. Got our Stores aboard waiting for a fare wind . . .

30. Sailed . . .

[They arrived Sunday, May 2d, at Falmouth.]

3d. Traveld Eleven miles and cared our packs very heavey Loged . . . at North Casco.

4th. Traveld 4 miles & throw the woods before Breakfast Killed one piggon and Eat for Breakfast at Knight at Mr. Stinchfield . . . met Mr. Livermore's Team a going after thee Rest of the Stoars Left Behind.

5th. . . . traviled to Little Amascoggen 9 mile . . . waided the River Willm Foster fell in to the River all over with 3 axes and a grait coat on his Shoulders Killed 4 Pigons one patrage camp by great Wilson pond . . . In wading I wet my watch in the works . . .

6. Day began to clear our Road Set the woods af fire and burnt our gun stick Lay very coald for our Blankets is behind with our Stores.

7th Day. Lieut. Livermore and his hands come to us at Ten of the cloack with stores . . . very much wet . . .

8. Still at worck on our Road Kild 2 patrides catch Fish—Encampt by a pleasant pond . . .

9. Sunday morning our pilot Left us he was In our Emplouy 3 Days besides Sunday to goe home in . . .

10. Clearing our Road vary much Tormented with the flys— . . . Cleard the Road within one mile of 20 mile River bad Logs by the mile to gather to cut out of the Road we have Not Eat but 2 meals of Solt provistion Since we have been In the woods Fish and patrides plenty Saw whare the thunder Struck a tree not far from our camp Last Knight.

11. Clearing Road—this Knight Phipes Cannaday [Jay] Committees campt with us, bound up to theire Township to Loting out.

12. . . . this Knight Rany.

13. . . . crost the Twenty mile River . . . caryd our Bagage over . . . Rany Knight.

14. Rany . . . Encampt on the East side of 20 mile River Fish plenty Trout vary large and plenty . . .

15. Lieut. Livermoor and I Sett out in order to view the Land for the Rod In To our Township about 15 miles the way we went and it Raind Some when we Set out and was as rainy a Day as a most Ever I New and Lieut. Livermoor went to goe Round a Swamp to se if the Land would not beter acomodate for the Road and got Lost from [us] and I fir'd three guns and continued hollering for 2 hours and half by Times before he came to me and then we sett out towerds and arived at our ground camp at Dusk—but Like to have Layd in the wood all Knight without fire but to our grait Jouy Mr. How of pond Town was thare a Sleep in my old Saw bunk I had thare the Last year and had a good fire and I puld of my Shirt and Rung it as Dry as I could and warmed it and put on again . . . and Lay Down in my wet cloaths and Rested as comfortable as I could—we wet our plan and it come into 9 peces. . . .

16. Sunday Returned to . . . 20 mile River—by the misfortune we had Satturday we was oblige to Return for want of provistion and I Snapt my gun at a Large buck moose well Loaded with a ball but the powder being wet . . . to my grait Sorow Did not goe off and Retur'd to our peopell and all was well with them and found them Eating Som hot patridge Broath whitch Did not com a mis to us also for we had not Eat any hot victtuls Since we left them.

17. munday went with Lieut. Livermoore to help him Drive his cattle Into Town . . . got within about one mile of camp at Dusk and haveing a grait mind to git in to our camp [we] on yoak our oxen and I set my compas and it being so Dark that I could not Se the Needle but Tuck East to be West and

Sheard of about one mile and Struck the grait meadow and was oblige to Ly on an Island in the madow and after Long Trial we got fire but had Noe ax with us Nor provition -Sum Rany but we Campt Down as well as we cold and Starved it out haveing eat Noe hot viettuls Since morning but wished for Day Light before it com--arived at our grand camp Eight o'clock morning.

18. Tusday a Loocking over the Town to find whare will best acomodate for the Road—partridges or pigeons almost Every Day the Dog came a croast a pocapine and filled his nose with Quills.

19. Wensday Returned to Silvester to our people . . .

20. Thursday about the oald Task claring Road . . . Drawing a plan of our Town by the oald peacess that was wet and made out So as that it will answer our Town at this time.

21. Set out to goe for Stores . . . to Mr. Lanes arived thare Jest before Knight . . .

22 Day. Satturday Set out heavey Load upon our Back But we had one eag we cald the Bull which helpt us cary the Rest at Every Spring we Bluded the Bull we come Twelve mile and Night com on.

23. Sunday arived at our camp this morning . . .

24 Day. monday moved forard on our Road about 1 mile and haf.

25. Tusday pleasant and cold . . .

26. Wensday or Election and vary Rany and noe Bread nor meal Some croas and crocked . . . arived at the Grand Camp about two o'cloack . . . Phipses cannaday men come to Se us . . . To spend a few Soshable hours with us and thay told us that thay Kild a fat calf the day before to Keep Election with . . . So after a little past time In Eating Some fresh Veal and Drinking Som W Enda Toddy we parted with our Neabours we went to grinding our axes for the Next Days Servis.

27. thusday the hands at work on the Road . . . I went up to the meating house Lot and Layd out the Road . . .

28. the ould Task and thar come a Scout of Gnats Down upon us . . . the muscatoes are Vary Numer's a grait many of them will weigh half-pound—not a peace tho' . . .

29. Satturday at Worck at the Road . . . Gleason and I went out to our camp In Silvester . . . got to our camp Jest as the Sun Sot . . .

30. Sunday . . . made a Breakefast of Chocolate and Buter and Chease but noe Bread Diner Noe Bread but about 2 o the Cloack we heard a cracking in the Brush and I tuck the gun into my hand thinking it to be a moose but as sone as it came in Sight Who Should it be but our Nabour Foster with a half a bushel of meal to his Back whitch Rejoyst us as much as the Sight of a moose it Semes he thoat marey was before Sacrifice tho it was Sunday he new we had Noe bread and so come out to us.

31. Monday [he describes an accident to Foster by which he was near being killed by a falling tree].

June 1. Day Tusday. Rany . . . till after Nine—went to worck and about three o'cloack Beat of by Rane . . .

2. Wensday Cloudy Loose Weather . . . worcked all Day on the Road and fitting muscatoes till Dusk—about Ten o the cloack a Bare came with in few Road of our camp—all a sleep but I, and I let him come prity Near and waked the Dog thinking he might Tree him and he Stood and Snuffed a Spell and I Tuck the gun in my hand and the Dog Jumpt Into the Bruech about three Road and come back frited allmost to Death and yeald with his Brussels

stuck up and he Laramed all our camp and I let him out and he folloed him of a Spell and com back againe glad he was alive . . . we cleared the Road into our Township this day.

- 3 Day. Thusday Rany . . . moved about 2 mile and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile into our Town.
4. Friday old wortk Broak 1 ax to Day.
5. Day Sattur Day . . . a woolf com and hould Round our camp and made much Rout among us.

6 Day. Sunday.

7 Day. monday . . . Phipses Cannaday men come to us and thay Kooked thare Dinner at oure house and was bound home all harty and after we had Drunk a Little Brandy Toddy and Eat Diner to gather we parted.

8 Day. Tusday this after Noon the Dog Kiled a pocopine and filled his mouth full of quiles and caused a good Deal of Truble to get them out of his mouth we tied his legs and gaged him and worcked about an hour upon him and he was vary glad after it was over.

9. Wensday . . . the wind Blue So that we were afraid to go to Sleep but Kept awake all Night amost for feare of being Kild by the Trees.

10 Day. Thusday Traviled in to Lieut. Livermoores for we was afraid to stay in the woods any Longer the Trees fell so. . . . Returned again to camp.

11. Friday at work on the Road. . . .

12. Satturday . . . at work on the Road.

13 Day. Sunday Set out to Wintrup . . . did not git to mr Hows till Knight.

14 Day. monday set out at one of the clock to mark oure Road to poart Royal and at Knight campy grait anderascoggin pond and as we was En camping we heard Something growling Like a bare and we went of from our camp and we found 2 cubs up on a Tree and I shot one of them and mr how Shoat the other and we had Som for brakefast and had a vary good brakefast. Road finished to Day.

15 Day. Tusday Set out this morning and Struck the River by fishes Isle land about Eleven o the cloack—1 [o'clock] our hands Washing up for hom.

16 Day. Wensday after Lieut. Livermoores cattle that was runaway Steard of about 12 o the cloack Struck thare Tracks and follow of after them till Sun Set but could Not over take them our hands cutting a Road to the falls and campy with out Blanket or Victuals Next Day I got in Next Day.

17. Thusday at Eleven o the clock 24 hours without any vietules Except one pan cake this afternoon packed up our things for marching home about the Sun Set foure miles on our Jorney. . . .

18. Fryday got into Mr. Laines about the middle of the afternoon and Refreshed ourselves and Rested ourSelves at Little andrew Soggen River.

19. Saturday crost the River . . . Traveled to Mr. Winslows in North Casko and Loged thare.

20. Sunday at falmouth afternoon went to church. Quartered at Mr. Shattucks.

[On Monday, 21, they found passage in a vessel for Boston and reached Lieut. Livermore's, Waltham, the following Friday evening.]

26. Satturday vary hot—and Traviled home [to Oxford]—Very hard Days work for me.

Entries in the journal indicate that he was again surveying at Livermore in the spring of 1774. Left Oxford 18 April, from which date a diary was kept until 7 May when he says "went up the River and found all things well at my

chest and Deacon Livermore well at his camp." This second journal is less circumstantial than the first, and has mainly reference to his surveys.

In 1775 a great change in public affairs occurred and Mr. Fish laid aside his compass and took the sword in hand instead. On the Lexington alarm he went as second lieutenant of the Oxford company, entering upon a term of over four years service in the war. Of the details of his career we have little knowledge, but that it was an honorable one his repeated promotions attest.<sup>1</sup> In June, 1779, while encamped at Providence, R. I., a dispute arose between Captains Fish and Webb, both of Col. Shepard's Regiment, as to precedence in rank. Fish felt himself much aggrieved inasmuch as he had applied for a board of referees to sit upon the case and had been refused. The result was his resignation, which he gave in on the 15th. On the 17th, by order of Gen. Gates, it was accepted, and he left the service.

The following document accompanies the resignation and its acceptance in the State Archives:

"To whom it may concern: This may certify that Capt. Thomas Fish has served in the Continental Army of the United States of America four years and two months, and has sustained an unspotted character as an officer and soldier, both in action, in the field and in quarters, and has universally had the good will of officers and soldiers both in Regiment and Brigade to which he belongs, and resigned June 17, 1779, by his own desire.

" PROVIDENCE, July 6, 1779.

JNO. GLOVER, Brig. Gen<sup>l</sup>.  
WM. SHEPARD, Col.  
E. SPROUT, Lieut. Col.  
L. BALL, Maj.  
ISAAC POPE, Capt.  
TIMO BIGELOW, Col.  
JOSEPH VORCE, Col.  
ELIJAH VORCE, Lt. Col.  
ROBERT ELLIOT, Col. Art.  
WM. MOORE, Capt."  
And 22 other officers."

On a pay-roll acted upon in the Massachusetts Council 30 March, 1780, appears Capt. Thomas Fish, in Nathan Tyler's Regiment, service in Rhode Island from Dec. 1, one month, four days, from which we infer that he may have entered the service for a short time subsequently to his resignation. The history of Livermore says he was a Major in the United States Army. Possibly he may have received a brevet commission as Major, as did others at the close of the war, but in his note of resignation he signed himself Captain.

His subsequent history is short. Dea. Livermore had in 1779 taken possession of his homestead in Maine, and on his return from the war Fish, whose wife had then deceased, naturally turned toward his old friend, who with characteristic generosity kindly received him at his home. The proprietary also recognized its early servant and 12 Sept., 1781, appointed him as colleague with Mr. Livermore to fix upon a proper location for mills for the town. In his journey to Livermore, Fish in passing through Winthrop made the acquaintance of Miss Betsey Marrow of that town. Says the history of

<sup>1</sup> A notice in the *Massachusetts Spy*, 8 April, 1777, required all persons enlisted in his company to appear at the place of rendezvous—Westfield, Hampshire Co.

Livermore: "It was the first or second winter (probably the second, for he had made his 'pitch,' and built him a log cabin near the upper end of the great meadow which still retains the name 'Fish Meadow') that Major Fish took his shoemaker's tools and went to Winthrop to work a few weeks, but more particularly to do up a small job of courting the Marrow girl. . . . After tarrying at Mr. Marrow's a few weeks he left for Livermore. Unfortunately a cold northeast snow storm commenced the same day, making it a hard day's work to travel on foot to Dea. Livermore's in one day, and he did not get across the river till after dark. When about half a mile short of the deacon's . . . by mistake he turned out of the road . . . [into] the deep snow [and] apparently became exhausted. He hung his pack on the dead limb or knot of a spruce tree . . . laid himself down beside a pine tree turned up by the roots, and died. He was found three days afterwards . . . His remains were taken to Winthrop and buried with military honors." The date of his death is not given, but it was in Jan., 1782. A quantity of leather in addition to his tools made up his burden which had through the day been an impediment to his progress.

A poem of 240 lines on the death of Major Fish was written by Mrs. Elizabeth Akers Allen of Portland, for the history of Livermore, a few lines from which follow:—

"But all too soon did the shadows fall  
And the chill gray twilight leave the skies,  
And night let down, like a solid wall,  
Its thick black curtain before his eyes.

Utterly wearied out, at length,  
He paused by the roots of a fallen pine,  
Yet strove with his last remaining strength  
To leave some record, or trace, or sign.

Powerless longer to strive or shout,  
He dropped on his desolate death bed there;  
The final flicker of hope went out  
And left him alone with his black despair.

Sweetly a strange delirium stole  
The sense of anguish and pain away;  
For a merciful moment across his soul  
A wondrous vision of Summer lay:  
The sunshine warm on the sweet pine woods,  
The murmur of wide green solitudes,  
The glancing leaves by the breezes stirred,  
The gurgle of brook and the song of bird;  
Softly the fluttering pulse grew still,  
As spent waves die on a pleasant shore;  
The wrathful tempest had wrought its will  
And the cold and darkness vexed no more.

And with prayer and sermon and quaint old hymns,  
Their fitting and simple burial rite,  
They buried him in his sweetheart's sight;  
With tender reverence they laid him down  
Near her dwelling in Winthrop town.  
His grave was nameless, and none may know  
So many the changing years have been,  
Where the kind earth opened, so long ago,  
Her warm, brown bosom, and took him in."

PETER, son of Joseph, d. 12 Jan., 1850.

**FISHER, OLIVE** B., w. of Willard D., m. n. Brayton, of Johnston, R. I., aged 69, d. 1 April, 1879.

**WILLARD** D., son of John of Thompson, Conn., aged 76, d. 17 Oct., 1884.

**FINLEY, MRS. KATE** (Irish), aged 71, d. 26 May, 1872.

**FISK, FISKE, NATHAN**, of Watertown 1642, had with others by w. Susanna, **NATHANIEL**, b. 12 July, 1653, m. 1677, Mary Child, and had with others **JOHN**, b. 17 March, 1683, m. 31 July, 1706, Lydia Adams, in Sherborn, and had with others **ISAAC**, b. 24 Aug., 1714, weaver, m. 11 Nov., 1736, Hannah Haven, settled at Worcester, where she was a teacher, removed to Framingham, where, with others, was b. **DANIEL**, 1751(?), physician, settled at Ox., studied with Dr. White, a noted man, of Salem. He probably resided here soon after his marriage in 1772. In 1774 his father bought the estate opposite Town's Pond, H. 141, upon which Daniel settled and died. He was a leading physician of the town, well known in all the region, had numerous pupils (among them Dr. Holbrook of Thompson, Conn., and Dr. Bullard of Sutton), was an active Freemason, a Universalist and one of the leading men in the formation of the Oxford Society, a stockholder in the "Central Cotton Manufacturing Co.," an adherent of Shays in the famous "Rebellion." He went to Cambridge at the time of the siege of Boston, had, it is said, an interview with Gen. Washington, and was offered a surgeon's appointment, which he declined, was selectman in 1782, 1783 and 1784; built the house now standing in 1791. He d. aged 65, 26 Aug., 1815. At his request Masonic ceremonies were dispensed with at his funeral, but it was very largely attended by the fraternity from abroad and was a remarkable occasion.

He m. (1) 10 Nov., 1772, Susanna, dau. of Rev. David Thurston, she d. Sept., 1798, m. (2) 1800, Alice, dau. of Elisha Davis, she d. aged 83, 28 July, 1844. . . . Children by first m.: **SOPHIA**, b. 18 Sept., 1773, m. John, son of Ephraim Russell; **SARAH**, b. 2 Sept., 1776, m. John, son of James Butler; **WILLIAM T.**, b. 6 July, 1778; **ABIJAH**, b. 8 May, 1780, unm., soldier in Capt. Jones' Co., Miller's Regt., in the War of 1812, d. of camp fever 1813 at Greenbush, N. Y.; **SUSANNA**, b. 28 June, 1782, m. Alpheus, son of Jonas Eddy; **MARY**, b. 13 Feb., 1785, m. Amos Hudson.

2. **WILLIAM T.**, son of Daniel (1), m. (1) 1 Nov., 1801, Alice, dau. of William Hudson, lived near his father, a physician of moderate practice, a good citizen and respected, assessor and school committee, kept for several years a store near his residence, was a leading man in the Central Manufacturing Co., removed 1820 to Ellisburg, N. Y.. Alice, his w., d. 1827, m. (2) April, 1828, Betsey, her sister, he d. 12 Dec., 1841, at Fulton, N. Y., she d. 6 Oct., 1860. . . . Children by first m., b. at Ox.: **DANIEL H.**, b. 13 Aug., 1802; **ABIJAH**, b. and d. 1804; **WILLIAM H.**, b. 4 Nov., 1805, physician, m. 1830, Mary Stearns, d. 5 April, 1835, no ch.; **SOPHIA**, b. 13 Jan., 1808, m. 1835, John Shaw, merchant, who d. Aug., 1853, at Maquoketa, Ia., whither they had removed in 1840; they had *Sophia F.*, b. 1836, m. 1870, Joseph Kelso, judge and banker at Bellevue, Ia.; *Laura*, b. 1841, m. 1873, James C. Brooksmitt, residence, Cedar Rapids, Ia., railroad accountant; *Carrie E.*, b. 1844, m. 1872, Dr. —— Moore, residence, Essex, Ia.; *Mary C.*, b. 1848; *Austin F.*, b. 1850, m. 1880, Isadore Kay, was graduated 1875 at Cornell, merchant at Maquoketa, Ia.; **CYNTHIA**, b. 6 Dec., 1810, m. 26 Jan., 1843, Dr. Charles W. Eastman, residence, Wessington, Dak., he d. 1880; they had *William F.*, b. 1844, was graduated 1866 at Union College, editor of the *Sterling*, Ill., *Gazette* from

1872 to 1882, m. (1) 1872, Frances Adams, m. (2) 1880, Myra T. Christopher, had ch.; LAURA, b. 22 July, 1813, m. 9 Nov., 1842, Nathaniel White, he d. Oct., 1865, at Ellisburg, N. Y., no ch.; AUSTIN T., b. 16 Nov., 1818, m. 1853, Mary R. Myres, no ch., he was a merchant at Ellisburg, d. 1863, at Syracuse, N. Y.; ch. by second m., b. at Ellisburg: WILBUR, b. 19 July, 1832, m. Oct., 1855, Myra A. Shaw, was in service in the late war as ward master in the hospital at Memphis, Tenn., where he d. 1863; ch.: *Charles W.*, b. 1853, was graduated at Madison University, Wis., studying law. 1885, Maquoketa, Ia.; FERDIE C., b. 1856, was graduated 1879 at Cornell, architect at Minneapolis, Minn.

3. DANIEL H., son of William T. (2), m. 10 Feb., 1827, Caroline Willard, b. at Middletown, Vt., settled at Ellisburg, N. Y., removed late in life to Ithaca, N. Y., where he d. 3 Feb., 1884. . . . Children b. at Ellisburg: A DAU., b. 1827, d. 1830; DANIEL WILLARD, b. 11 Nov., 1831, educated at Hamilton College and Upsal University, Sweden, first asst. librarian at Astor Library, New York, from 1852 to 1859, professor of modern languages and librarian at Cornell University from 1868 to 1882, m. 14 July, 1880, Jennie McGraw, who possessed a large property, she d. 30 Sept., 1881, soon after her decease he removed, in somewhat infirm health, to Florence, Italy, where he, 1890, resided. In her will she bequeathed to Cornell University property estimated at one and a half million dollars. Prof. Fisk with some of her relatives brought a suit to have the will set aside. In Nov., 1888, the Court of Appeals gave a decision in favor of the contestants on the ground that according to the charter of the college it was not competent to receive the legacy. The case was appealed to the United States Court. WILLIAM O., b. 23 Jan., 1835, m. 24 Dec., 1866, Mary E. McGee, an eminent musician and organist, for many years at Syracuse, N. Y.; they had *James W., Willard O., Carrie, Flora E., Alice M.*

FITTS, ROBERT, of Salisbury 1640, had ABRAHAM, who m. 16 May, 1655, Sarah, dau. of Simon Thompson of Ipswich, where he resided; ABRAHAM, son or grandson of Abraham, was of Ipswich in 1690; ROBERT, his son, was b. there 19 July, ——; BENJAMIN, son of Robert, b. 1728, removed with his father to Sutton, he was twice m. and had 19 ch., removed late in life from Douglas to the southeast part of Ox., where he bought land and built a house, H. 31, d. 14 Feb., 1803, his widow d. 11 Nov., 1837, aged 95.

2. DANIEL, son of Benjamin (1), b. 14 April, 1753, m. 9 April, 1778, Chloe White of Charlton, settled before 1796 in the northwest part of Ox., H. 94, where he d. aged 84, 3 Feb., 1837, she d. 22 Jan., 1837, aged 80. . . . Children: SALLY, b. 18 Dec., 1779, m. Abijah Lamb, second w.; CHLOE, b. 19 April, 1781, m. 6 Jan., 1799, William Henderson of Oakham, settled at Ox., removed to East Greenwich, R. I., Shutesbury, Columbus, N. Y., both d. at Buffalo, N. Y., many descendants in New York State; SOPHIA, b. 10 Nov., 1783, m. intentions 2 Oct., 1813, Reuben Adams of Ward, second w.; DANIEL, b. 6 Jan., 1785, m. intentions 14 Nov., 1807, Lydia Livermore of Ward, where they settled, removed to Champion, N. Y., where he d. Dec., 1879, she d. there before 1860, had ch.; A dau. m., resided at Champion; CAROLINE, b. 4 Aug., 1786, m. Joshua Burrill of Thompson, Conn., settled in Ward, removed to Onondaga Co., N. Y., thence to Pembroke, Genesee Co., where both d., had ch.; ABIJAH, b. 1 Sept., 1788, d. young; ROXALANA, b. 23 June, 1792, m. intentions 26 June, 1814, John Burrill, Jr., brother of Joshua, settled at Thompson, Conn., removed

to Willimantic, Conn., where she d., he d. at East Hartford, Conn., 4 ch.; JOHN, b. 13 June, 1794; ARBA, b. 14 Sept., 1796, m. (1) intentions 26 Sept., 1816, Polly Osmore (Hosmer?) of Ward, where they settled and had ch., she d. in Ward, m. (2) Julia Wesson, he d. 24 March, 1858; TIRZAH, b. 1800, d. young.

3. JOHN, son of Daniel (2), m. (1) 14 Feb., 1819, Eliza, dau. of Ebenezer Green of Thompson, Conn., she d. 16 Aug., 1843, at Pembroke, N. Y., m. (2) 12 Sept., 1844, Louisa, widow of Benjamin Vassall, m. n. Southworth, she d. 8 June, 1870, he d. 3 April, 1884, at Ox., aged 89. He settled on the home-stead in the northwest part of Ox., took down the old house and built the present one 1827, lived there about ten years and later spent three and one-half years in New York State, returned to Ox. . . . Children: NANCY C., b. 31 Aug., 1820; CHLOE W., b. 1823, d. 1825; SUSAN H., b. 28 Oct., 1827, m. George Wait; JULIUS, b. 26 May, 1830, m. (1) Sept., 1855, Sally Ann, dau. of Ebenezer B. Walker, settled at Ox., had ch., removed to West Sterling, where she d. March, 1875, m. (2) Elsie M. Pierce of Hubbardston, had ch.

4. WALTER, son of Benjamin (1), b. 4 April, 1755, m. (1) intentions 10 June, 1778, Sarah, dau. of Ebenezer Merriam, m. (2) Mrs. Blanchard, spent most of his life in Ox., he d. 4 March, 1825, aged 70. . . . Children by first m.: MIRIAM, b. 14 Feb., 1779, m. Nathan Pratt, no ch.; BETSEY, b. 5 Nov., 1780, m. 1801, James Cudworth of Ward, where they settled; WALTER, b. 12 Jan., 1783, m. intentions 6 May, 1809, Mary, dau. of John Cozzens of North Ox., had ch.; SYLVANUS, b. and d. 1785; SARAH, b. 15 Sept., 1787 or 8, m. 1819, Israel, son of Absalom Stockwell of Thompson, Conn., settled at Ward, had ch.; JONATHAN, b. 13 Aug., 1791, m. Laminda Hobbs of Charlton, removed to Vt.; MARTHA, b. 9 June, 1793 or 4, m. 1817, Stephen G., son of Reuben Livermore of Sudbury, ten ch., she d. 18 Sept., 1844, at Millbury; CELIA, b. 17 Dec., 1796, d. young; JOTHAM, b. 1799, d. young; CELIA, b. 24 Dec., 1802, m. 20 Jan., 1821, her cousin, Jeremiah Pratt of Charlton, settled at Sturbridge, she d. 13 April, 1849, at Greenfield, 10 ch.

5. ROBERT, son of Benjamin (1), b. 27 March, 1757, m. 25 Aug., 1778, Phebe, dau. of Andrew Patch, lived in Charlton, Ox. and Ward, where he d. much respected 29 Dec., 1831, 9 ch., none of whom settled at Ox., excepting ROBERT, who lived for a time at North Ox., at the house he built, H. 124, he was a constituent member of the Baptist Church at North Ox., and active, removed to Leverett and later to Northampton, d. about 1882.

MARY, dau. of Benjamin (1) by second w., b. 10 March, 1765, m. David Young of Jamaica, Vt. .

6. DAVID, son of Benjamin (1), b. 3 Oct., 1767, m. 19 Feb., 1795, Lucinda Whiting, or Whiton, of Plainfield, lived at Oxford and Charlton, d. at Providence, R. I., had 6 ch., none settled at Oxford.

7. BENJAMIN, son of Benjamin (1), b. 24 July, 1769, m. 28 Sept., 1794, Sarah, dau. of Benjamin Rich of Charlton; he d. aged 89, 14 Sept., 1858, she d. aged 75, 2 Sept., 1845, both at Ox. . . . Children: CYNTHIA, b. 1795, d. young; SAMUEL, b. 10 June, 1797, d. 3 Sept., 1844, unm.; CLARK, b. 7 Oct., 1799, m. intentions 25 Nov., 1831, Hannah R., dau. of Calvin Putnam, settled at Charlton, had ch.; Emory C., a son, m. Ann Sophia, dau. of Ira Sibley, widow of —— Johnson; ALVIN, b. 29 Aug., 1801, m. 14 Dec., 1843, Lucy, dau. of John Stevens of Charlton, he d. 16 June, 1880; they had John S., b. 9 June, 1845, George, b. 19 Dec., 1847; Mary L., b. 23 April, 1849; Ann M., b. 28 Feb., 1851; Sarah J., b. 8 Jan., 1860; he d. 16 June, 1880; DAVID, b. 5 Dec.,

1805, m. 7 Aug., 1832, Chloe, dau. of John P. Nichols, settled in North Gore, he d. 4 March, 1881; they had *Hollis*, b. 1836, d. 1839; *Jotham*, b. 17 Dec., 1840, m. 14 Feb., 1871, Sarah T., dau., of Reuben Eddy, and had Mary D., b. 1872; *Jotham A.*, b. 1875, residence, Rochdale; *Benjamin*, b. 31 Oct., 1842, resides on the homestead in North Gore; *Chloe A.*, b. 5 Dec., 1846, m. 13 May, 1873, Nathaniel E. Taft, manufacturer at North Ox.; they had Robert F., b. 1874, d. 1877; David N., b. 1876; *LEWIS*, b. 10 Dec., 1807, m. intentions 6 April, 1833, Nancy M., dau. of Joseph Jennison of Auburn; he d. 1853, she d. 14 March, 1881; they had *Sarah M.*, b. 1834, m. David Lilley, d. 1859, no ch.; *Albert L.*, m. Lorinda Brooks of Charlton; she d. 1870, he d. 1878, at North Adams; had one son, Lewis; *MERCY*, m. Ezekiel Hovey.

8. ANDREW, son of Benjamin (1), b. 15 March, 1773, resided with his father in southeast part of Ox., m. (1) intentions 7 Nov., 1814, Ruth, dau. of George Pike of Charlton, she d. 27 April, 1833; m. (2) 11 April, 1835, Eleanor Pike, sister of Ruth. He d. aged 76, 29 July, 1849, she d. later in New York State. . . . Children, all by first m.: *HARRISON*, b. 13 March, 1815, m. Nancy, dau. of William Houston of Ontario, N. Y., settled at Rollin, Mich., and had *Ruth A.*, *Vernelia*, *Lewis C.*, *Sarah*, *Charles*, *William*, *Mary*; resided 1888, at Blissfield, millwright; *FANNY*, b. 6 May, 1816, m. 21 May, 1851, Martin Aldrich of Webster, where they settled; he was killed by the railroad cars 12 Dec., 1879; they had *Frances I.*, *Lydia I.*; *BENJAMIN*, b. 30 May, 1817, m. Aurelia Pistol of Palmyra, N. Y., merchant at Toledo, O., had ch.; *GEORGE P.*, b. 25 Sept., 1818, d. 9 June, 1855, at Ontario, N. Y., unm.; *SUMNER*, b. 4 Jan., 1820, m. (1) Vernelia Whitney of Ontario, one son, residence, Manassas Junction, Va.; m. (2) Mary Wiley of Walworth, N. Y., had ch., present residence, Falls Church, Va., carpenter; *EMELINE*, b. 27 Aug., 1821, d. 12 Feb., 1880, at Rollin, Mich., unm.; *LYDIA ANN*, b. 28 May, 1823, m. 18 May, 1845, Jeremiah C. Sholes of Sturbridge, settled at Webster, where she d. 9 Oct., 1851, 2 sons; *ELIZABETH*, b. 9 Dec., 1824, m. 16 Aug., 1847, William C. Hart of Pomfret, Vt., residence, Cornish, N. H., had ch.; *MARY LOUISA*, b. 30 Sept., 1827, d. 14 Sept., 1846, at Ox.; *NELSON A.*, b. 9 March, 1829, m. Maria Whitney, sister of Vernelia, resided at Lincoln, N. Y., and had *Alberto*, physician, settled in Ohio; *Mary Louisa*.

HANNAH, dau. of Benjamin (1), b. 1780, m. William Whittiam.

9. SILAS, son of Benjamin (1), b. 14 Feb., 1782, unm., farmer in the south part of the town, H. 39, where he d. aged 86, 18 Dec., 1867.

10. EBENEZER, son of Benjamin (1), b. 16 Sept., 1786, m. 29 May, 1808, Eliza Coburn of Charlton, lived at Charlton and Oxford, blacksmith. He d. 18 Aug., 1865, at Ox., she d. 29 Dec., 1880, at Clinton, aged 92 yrs., 8 mos. . . . Children: *ADALINE*, b. 3 Feb., 1809, m. her cousin David Young; *SILAS*, b. 1811, m. 16 Aug., 1835, Lucetta B. Larkin, settled in Ox., removed to Clinton; had *William E.*, who m., had ch., and d. 18 March, 1865, at Clinton; soldier in late war; *Elizabeth*, m. A. B. Newton of Ox., residence, Clinton, had. ch.; *David*, m. Theresa M. Hodges, had ch.; *Palmer*, m. Emily L. Jewett, and had *William L.*, d. young; *Dacey A.*, m. —— Wood; *PALMER*, b. 3 Sept., 1813, left home at 23 years of age and not heard from; *LINUS*, b. 31 Dec., 1817, m. (1) 21 July, 1855, Laura A., dau. of Joseph Hodges of Moriah, N. Y., she d. at Clinton; they had *Etta*, and others, d. young; m. (2) ——; *MARY E.*, b. 27 Aug., 1820, m. William A. Ellis of Ox., she d. 16 March, 1867; they had *Ella A.*, m.; *Linus*, d. young; *LEVI*, b. 7 Aug., 1826, m. 24 Sept., 1848, Prudence Balcom of Douglas; they had *George E.*, b. 1850; *Ednah J.*, b. 1855; *Alice A.*, b. 1857; *Willie F.*, b. 1860; *Elmer W.*, b. 1862.

**ABRAHAM**, son of Robert and brother of Benjamin (1), b. 5 Sept., 1739, Revolutionary soldier, m. 14 April, 1767, Mary Holman of Sutton, came from Sutton to Ox., between 1771 and 1777; had four children two having been b. at Ox.: **SARAH**, b. 1777; **ANNA**, b. 1787; in the latter year he removed to Dummerston, Vt.

**ROBERT**, son of Robert, b. 24 April, 1742, at Sutton, m. 2 June, 1767, Lydia Town, his cousin; resided at Oxford, Sutton and Templeton, where he d., 7 ch. Taxed in Ox., trader, 1771.

**CALEB**, of Dudley, m. 1 Aug., 1780, Rachel, dau. of Andrew Patch of Oxford, settled at Charlton. **CHLOE**, his daughter, b. 21 March, 1796, m. Samuel Mayo; **LUCINA**, b. 19 Oct., 1801, m. Aug., 1823, David Dodge of Ox., and d. Aug., 1824.

**EBENEZER, JR.**, of Dudley, had **SALLY**, b. 1 May, 1797, m. Caleb Pope, came late in life to Ox., resided at H. 212, where he d. 16 Nov., 1880; she d. 4 May, 1881; they had *Emily*, m. Lyman Law, and had Francelia, who m. Byron, son of Daniel Rich.

**JOHN**, Revolutionary soldier.

**HULDAH** and **Joel Howe** of Jamaica, Vt., m. 15 Feb., 1802.

**ABIGAIL L.**, m. n., Edwards, aged 71, d. 26 June, 1864.

**LAURINDA O.**, m. n. Brooks, aged 36, d. 30 Nov., 1870.

**RUTH**, m. n. Sibley, aged 69, d. 23 May, 1874.

**CHESTER**, aged 73, d. 23 Aug., 1878.

**NANCY**, m. n. Jennison, aged 67, d. 14 March, 1881.

**FITZPATRICK, JOHN** (Irish), aged 57, d. 11 Jan., 1865.

**FLAGG, JONATHAN**, of Worcester, tavern keeper at the Centre, returned to Worcester; w. Cynthia, son **WILLIAM**, b. 11 July, 1825, at Ox.; their dau. **HARRIET M.**, aged 6, d. 10 May, 1826.

**COMFORT**, widow, m. n. Turner, dau. of Jacob, aged 79, d. 9 May, 1879.

**FLANNIGAN**, Patrick, aged 54, d. 22 Sept., 1875.

**FLETCHER, MRS. ELSEY**, aged 60, d. 5 May, 1846, at Worcester.

**FLING, DAVID**, and wife, resided at Ox. Feb., 1754.

**FLOREY, JOHN**, 4 years in Revolutionary war in Captain Moore's Co.

**FOLEY, SALLY**, w. of Peter, aged 29, d. 14 May, 1828.

**FORBES, WILLIAM**, b. about 1763, was of Worcester, 1785, m. 15 Nov., 1787, at Ox., Abigail, dau. of Joshua Merriam, tanner, near North Common; bought, 1794, the place now Joseph Stevens', H. 176, continued tanning until his death, aged 46, 21 May, 1808, no ch.; she m. (2) John Plummer. [April, 1811, Forbes' heirs were James Forbes, Shoreham, Vt.; Isaac Smith and Anne, his wife, Peru; Margaret Hamilton, widow, Hardwick; Jonas Stevens and Sally, his wife, Sullivan, N. H.; John Forbes, Clarendon, Vt.]

**PEREZ**, of Oakham, and Mrs. Lucy Waterman, m. 2 June, 1831.

**FORBUSH, MRS. RACHEL**, of Andover, aged 88, d. 2 May, 1853.

**FORD, WILLIAM**, of Marshfield, and Clarissa Packard, m. 31 Oct., 1839.

**FORREST, WILLIAM S.**, b. 28 Jan., 1821, at Aberdeen, Scot., son of James and Margaret (Ogilvie), m. 1842, at Brechin, Scot., Margaret Ethrington, b. 29 Nov., 1824, at Montrose, Scot., emigrated 1851, came to Ox. from Roxbury 1855, shoe bottomer, soldier in the late war, he d. 21 Nov., 1889, she d. aged 55, 30 April, 1880. . . . Children, first three b. in Scotland: **WILLIAM**, b. 17 Nov., 1844, m. 30 Sept., 1873, Ella F., dau. of Bradley Reed; had b. at Ox.: **Mabel W.**, b. 1874, d. 1876; **Malcolm G.**, b. 1 Sept., 1878; **Annie C.**, b. 4 Nov., 1880; **Margaret E.**, b. 15 Jan., 1883; removed to North Brookfield, where she d. April, 1889; **JAMES G.**, b. 12 Feb., 1849, m. Mary E., widow of Henry T. Albee, dau. of Pliny M. Moffitt; had **Robert E.**, b. 25 Nov., 1882; **Charles H.**, b. 23 March, 1885; **DAVID**, b. 10 Jan., 1850, m. 12 June, 1878, Mrs. Ruth Jones, m. n. White, of Holbrook; **JOHN W.**, b. 4 May, 1853, m. 31 Dec., 1874, Ann F., dau. of Benajah Gates; had b. at Ox. **Frank B.**, b. 24 July, 1876; **Robert W.**, b. 22 Dec., 1878; **CHRISTINA C.**, b. 14 Jan., 1855, at Roxbury, m. Walter D. Tyler; **ANNIE E.**, b. 5 Nov., 1857; **MARGARET**, b. 22 Nov., 1859, m. Franklin W. Carson [See Pope]; **GEORGE L.**, b. 17 June, 1862; **ALICE J.**, b. 7 Aug., 1867, m. 4 Sept., 1884, Byron J. Vinton; had **Cora W.**, b. 1885, d. 1888.

**FORSYTH, JESSE**, 46 months in the Revolutionary army, Capt. Wiley.

**FORTIN, DELIA** (Canadian), aged 29, d. 30 Oct., 1876.

**JOSEPH** (Canadian), aged 39, d. 29 March, 1879.

**GEORGE C.** (Canadian), aged 41, d. 29 Oct., 1883.

**FOSKETT, MRS. MARY S.**, aged 44, d. 8 Oct., 1858.

**FOSTER, TIMOTHY**, of Walpole, cordwainer, bought land 1748 in the southeast part of Dudley, m. (1) Molly May, m. (2) Keziah Lyon, m. (3) Mary Payson, had 16 ch., numerous descendants; **JOSEPH**, youngest son, resided at Windham, Conn., d. 27 Nov., 1845, aged 83, on his gravestone is the following: "He enlisted in the army of the Revolution at 13 years of age and was one of 13 brothers, who, together with their father, served in the war in the aggregate over 60 years." [Worcester Spy, 23 Oct., 1861.] **EBENEZER**, the eldest, was a teacher, both of common and singing schools. He m. Mary Jenkins of Scituate, settled at Dudley, removed to Ox., resided here several years, and removed to Union, Conn., where they d. . . . Children: **MARY**, b. 28 July, 1770, m. 4 Nov., 1793, Joseph Davis of Dudley, and had **James**, b. 1795, unm.; **Hannah**, b. 1797, d. 1803; **Sally**, b. 1798, m. Adam Hubbard, she d. 1862; **Polly**, b. 1801, m. Elijah Pratt; **Joseph**, b. 1803, unm.; **Hannah**, b. 1806, unm., d. 1847; **Zenas**, b. 1808, m. Juliet, dau. of Elijah Pratt; **Ebenezer**, b. 1811, prominent at Dudley, State Senator; **EBENEZER**, b. 13 June, 1773; **PELEG**, b. 13 Oct., 1775; **HANNAH**, m. Isaac, son of Jeremiah Amidown, and had **Rufus**, **Samuel**, d. young; **CALVIN**, **ANNA**, m. Joseph Stone of Pomfret and Dayville; **LUTHER**.

2. **EBENEZER**, son of Ebenezer (1), m. 25 Aug., 1805, Anna, dau. of Benjamin Davis, resided at Dudley and Thompson, Conn., and later settled on her father's homestead in the south part of Ox., now Webster, removed to Union, Conn., and Worcester, resided later in life at Webster, where he d. 14 Nov., 1863, she d. 29 Dec., 1859. . . . Children: **DAVIS**, b. 11 March, 1807, at Dudley, m. Lois Knapp of Sutton, settled at Webster, had ch., d. 16 Feb., 1890, at Worcester; **REUBEN**, b. 21 Feb., 1809, at Thompson, Conn., m. Nancy Murdock, settled at Webster, where he d. 24 June, 1875; **Charles**, his son,

was a soldier in the late war, killed at Antietam; OTIS, b. 26 Aug., 1814, at Ox., m. Susan, dau. of William Hoyle of Thompson, Conn., settled at Ox., he d. aged 71, 30 March, 1886, she d. aged 56, 5 Feb., 1876; had *Olin O.*, b. 25 Sept., 1850, m. 21 June, 1876, Jane S., dau. of Lyman A. Wetherell, merchant at Ox. several years, residence, 1890, West Medford; *Ella S.*, b. 31 Dec., 1861, m. 11 Dec., 1881, Fred O., son of Daniel R. Cortis of Ox.; *Rufus*, b. 15 March, 1818, m. Sarah, dau. of Samuel Amidown, settled at Webster, had ch.; *LUCY*, b. 28 Oct., 1820, at Union, Conn., m. Francis N., son of Solomon Davis; *CAROLINE*, b. 18 July, 1823, at Union, m. 12 March, 1845, Barlow, son of William Hoyle of Thompson, Conn., settled at Webster, removed to Detroit, Minn., where he d. 7 Feb., 1878; they had *Sarah J.*, b. 1848, m. Martin V. B., son of Barnabas Davis, second w.; *Emma A.*, b. 1852; *Helen C.*, b. 1855, m. John D. Connelly, residence, Oak Lake, Minn.; *Albert B.*, b. 4 June, 1868, residence, Minn.; *WILLIAM*, b. 30 Aug., 1831, at Worcester, m. 20 April, 1856, Martha A., dau. of Lewis Shumway, settled at Ox., and had *Frank*, b. 31 Oct., 1863; *Amos L.*, b. 7 Aug., 1865; *Anna F.*, b. 18 Dec., 1867; *Mary E.*, b. 17 July, 1872.

3. PELEG, son of Ebenezer (1), m. 14 Oct., 1805, Mary, dau. of Jonathan Harris, settled at Ox., clothier and dyer, built in 1808 the house at the south end of the Plain, H. 210, he d. aged 90, 10 Nov., 1865, at Ox., she d. 1 May, 1865, at Fall River. . . . *Children*: BETSEY, b. 23 Sept., 1806, m. 28 Nov., 1839, Joel Jennison of Newton, no ch., she d. 2 Sept., 1841; LOUISA, b. 6 Oct., 1808, d. young; ALFRED and ALPHEUS, b. 21 Dec., 1812, at Dudley, now Webster; *Alfred*, farmer, m. 2 May, 1842, Susan West of Plainfield, Conn., where they settled, removed 1874 to Putnam, Conn., where he d. 20 Sept., 1890; had at Plainfield *Edward N.*, b. 25 Oct., 1843, m. Helen E. Westgate, residence, Putnam, marketman; they had Herbert W., b. 1869, Edith G., b. 1871, Helen E., b. 1873, Henry A., b. 1881; *Emma J.*, b. 1 April, 1853, m. 1872, Alfred N. Law, residence, Putnam; they had Lewis E., b. 1874, William F., b. 1877; Alpheus, twin brother of Alfred, dyer, m. Aug., 1842, Mary M. Lathrop of Plainfield, Conn., and had *Mary E.*, b. 22 June, 1844, m. Nov., 1874, J. Arthur Emhoff of Thompson, Conn.; *Louisa*, b. 19 July, 1847, m. Nov., 1865, William Ellis of Chelmsford, residence, Worcester, and had *Emma*, b. 1866, F. Jennie, b. 1873, Mabel F., b. 1883; *Annie Jane*, b. 20 March, 1855; *George A.*, b. 1858, d. young; JONATHAN H., b. 21 July, 1821, m. 1 Nov., 1852, Philena S., dau. of Dea. Moses Shepardson, she d. 25 Nov., 1874, at Fall River, he was a dyer many years at Fall River and Rockville, Conn.; they had *Ellen E.*, b. 1 Feb., 1855, m. 11 Oct., 1877, James H. Miniken, settled at Fall River, removed to S. Manchester, Conn., had ch.; *Charles F.*, b. 26 Sept., 1860, m. 5 Aug., 1879, Martha J. Parkinson of Fall River, dyer, settled at Rockville, Conn., had ch.; *Jessie L.*, b. 30 May, 1867.

4. CALVIN, son of Ebenezer (1), m. Lucy Dickinson of Lancaster, settled at Hubbardston, removed to Worcester. . . . *Children*: SUSANNA C., m. Rev. Abial Fisher; LUCY, d. unm.; CALVIN, m. (1) Martha P., dau. of Col. Moses N. Childs, 2 ch., both d. young, m. (2) Caroline Cutler of Amherst, no ch., m. (3) Anna L. Gage of Waterford, Me., 2 daughters; well known and successful hardware merchant of Worcester, president of the City National Bank; FRANCIS, m. Susan Packard of Oakham, d. at Keene, N. H.; CAROLINE, m. —— Arnold of Providence, R. I., she d. in New York State; MARY ANN, m. Forrester Rice of Barre, she d. at Sterling; ADALINE W., m. William Meriam of Sterling; JULIA A., m. John E. Grey of Swanzey, he d. at Sterling.

5. LUTHER, son of Ebenezer (1), m. 7 June, 1818, Mrs. Patty or Polly Stiles, m. n. Briggs, resided at Ox. and Dudley, he d. a few years after marriage, no ch.

WILLIAM, and Hannah Richards of Sutton, m. 3 Dec., 1764, soldier in Capt. Town's Co., marched on Lexington alarm, served three years in Capt. Moore's Co.

JOSEPH, a "foreigner," d. 15 June, 1848.

EDWARD, aged 21, d. 27 Oct., 1879.

CHARLES C., son of Stephen, aged 24, d. 14 June, 1882.

MARIA E., aged 26, d. 3 Jan., 1886.

FRAIL, HANNAH, from Salem, d. at Daniel McIntire's, 1749. [See Fellows].

FRANCY, CORNELIA, m. n. Acker, aged 23, d. 17 April, 1860.

FREELAND, JAMES, uncle of Dr. James of Sutton. The emigrant, JAMES, came from Ireland to Lexington, whence he removed about 1740 to Hopkinton, where his son JAMES m. 1741, Sarah Watson of Leicester.<sup>1</sup> James Freeland was administrator of the estate of Oliver Watson of Leicester, account dated 10 July, 1747. How long he was in Hopkinton is uncertain, but in Jan., 1751, being then of Brimfield, a trader, he bought land in H. In May, 1754, James Freeland, trader, of Norwich, had suits in court at Worcester against people in Western and Brookfield. His w. Sarah d. at Brimfield, 17 May, 1760, and on 5 Sept., 1765, being of that place, he m. Mrs. Elizabeth, widow of John Thomas of Worcester, dau. of Joseph Wiley of Ox. He removed to Ox. (his w. being the owner of land at North Ox.), on 11 March, 1766, bought land at the fork of the Worcester and Leicester roads, H. 131, and probably built the first house standing on that spot. Here he was a trader and here his second w. d. He m. (3) 20 Nov., 1770, Mrs. Martha Smith of Springfield. On 21 July, 1778, he with w. Martha deeded this estate to Silas Rice of Lancaster and left town. The following occurs in the Church record: "1771, Aug. 28. Baptized John, son of Aaron Parker, and Abigail, his wife, at his house. Col. Learned and wife, Mr. James Freeland and others present." Parker lived on the Worcester road a short distance north of Freeland's. In court at Worcester, March term, 1790, a trustee process was brought *vs.* Daniel Fisk, M.D., of Ox., on account of James Freeland of Westfield, trader. . . . Child by first m.: MARY, baptized 1742, m. intentions 12 Sept., 1772, Gideon Smith of Springfield.

FREEMAN, RUTH, and David Dodge, m. 14 April, 1826.

NANCY, and Hiram H. Phillips of Sutton, m. 6 May, 1830.

DOLLY, and Josiah F. Taylor, m. intentions 26 Aug., 1828.

GEORGE of Dudley (brother of Ruth, Nancy, Dolly), and Adaline Town of Dudley, m. intentions 10 Nov., 1832.

LUCY S., of Mendon, and Noah P. Lovewell, m. intentions 3 Nov., 1836.

FRENCH, AARON, chosen sexton or grave-digger Sept., 1768; taxed, 1771.

WILLIAM, and Betsey Warren, m. intentions 16 Sept., 1848.

FRENEY, JOHN, and Ellen Hogan of Dudley, m. intentions 21 June, 1845.

FRAIR, ROBERT, and Betsey Gibbs, m. 28 April, 1831.

<sup>1</sup> Letter of John A. Fitch, Esq., of Hopkinton.

**FRISSELL, ABIGAIL**, resided at Ox., March, 1783.

**FROST, NICHOLAS**, b. about 1595, at Tiverton, Devon, England, came probably before 1632 and settled at Kittery, Me.; he had CHARLES, whose son JOHN was an early settler at Newcastle, N. H. A descendant was THOMAS B. who was a sea captain. He had JOHN S. who m. Sarah R. Chesley and their son GEORGE B. was b. 2 Oct., 1854, studied at Worcester Academy, and with Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris then of Chelsea, entered at Andover 1879, was graduated 1882, took the post-graduate course, finishing his studies in 1883, and came directly to the Oxford pastorate. He was esteemed as a pastor and labored with earnestness. His health was precarious and having a pressing invitation to remove to a Western field, and hoping a change would be beneficial, he removed to Cooperstown, North Dakota, Oct., 1886, remained one year and left on account of ill health, returning East; installed at Littleton, 2 Oct. 1890. He m. 10 April, 1881, Amelia A., dau. of Elliot B. Betts of Chelsea, a native of Wallis, N. S., soldier in the late war, died in the service. His widow (m. n. Lavinia Akerly of Wallis) came to Ox. with her daughter and d. here 5 Nov., 1885. . . . *Child: ELLIOT PARK*, b. 9 Jan., 1884.

**RUTH**, widow, resided at Ox., Nov., 1762.

**FULLER, JONATHAN**, blacksmith, was of Ox. in 1749, when he bought the "Sigourney Corner," H. 192, and there settled, sold in 1766, d. 26 Jan., 1769; he m. 5 Oct., 1750, Mary Whipple. . . . *Children: WILLIAM*, b. 30 Jan., 1751, d. 1768; *JONATHAN*, b. 11 Aug., 1753, Revolutionary soldier (?); *MEHETABLE*, b. and d. 1755; *MEHETABLE*, b. 4 Jan., 1757, d. 1759; *MARY*, b. 1760, d. 1768; *DANIEL*, b. 22 Nov., 1762; *HANNAH*, b. 1765, d. 1768; *LYDIA*, b. 17 Aug., 1768.

2. *DANIEL*, son of *Jonathan* (1) (?), m. *Sarah* ——. . . . *Children: LEWIS*, b. 16 May, 1789; *ADOLPHUS*, b. 31 Dec., 1790; *CLARISSA*, b. 22 April, 1793; *PHILO*, b. 27 Oct., 1795; *DANIEL*, b. 28 Dec., 1797; *SALLY*, b. 18 Sept., 1799; family removed from town.

*DANIEL T.*, b. 22 Sept., 1811, son of Obed, of Foster, R. I., came to Ox. from Killingly, Conn., 1851, bought H. 179, near North Common; m. (1) 1829, Betsey Arnold of Scituate, R. I.; had *HARRIET A.*, m. Alpheus Shippy of Foster, R. I.; *SARAH A.*, m. *JAMES TUCKER* of Woodstock, Conn., she d. May, 1883; *DANIEL H.*; *MATILDA*; *DANIEL W.*; last 3 d. young; m. (2) *Miranda Davis* of Grafton, no ch.; m. (3) 31 Jan., 1847, Matilda Lombard; they had *DANIEL W.*; *FRANK A.*; *COSMER A.*; b. at Ox., all d. young; *COSTELLO E.*, b. 27 Feb., 1855, m. 9 July, 1885, *Olive A. White* of Haverlock, N. B.

**CHARLES**, b. 22 Dec., 1822, son of John L. of Dover, carpenter; an enterprising and energetic business man, built many houses in Worcester, Oxford and vicinity; m. 28 Nov., 1844, *Caroline*, dau. of Hollis De Witt. He d. 13 July, 1883. . . . *Children: CHARLES*, b. 7 Feb., 1857, m. 1880, *Clara*, dau. of Richard L. Dodge, and had *Frank D. W.*, b. 8 Feb., 1881; *CAROLINE*, b. 7 March, 1864, d. 20 Jan., 1891; others d. young.

**SIMEON**, and *Mary Harwood*, both of Sutton, m. 10 May, 1784.

**MRS. SARAH**, and *David Lamb, Jr.*, of Charlton, m. int. 11 May, 1826.

**ROXANA**, of Sutton, and *Luther Dunnell*, m. intentions 18 Dec., 1831.

**MARTHA E.**, and *Augustus A. Branch*, both of Worcester, m. 7 Feb., 1839.

**ELEANOR**, widow of *John L.*, aged 79, d. 11 Nov., 1874.

**GABRIEL, JOSEPH W.**, and Mrs. Lucretia Cook, both of South Gore, m. intentions 16 Sept., 1791.

**JOSEPH W.**, and Susanna Wakefield, both of South Gore, m. intentions 18 Aug., 1792.

**GAGE, RUTH**, wid., m. n. Stowe, of Orford, N. H., a. 73, d. 4 Aug., 1864.  
**MOSES**, resided in Ox., Aug., 1766.

**GALE, RICHARD**, of Watertown 1640, had, with others, **ABRAHAM**, m. 1673, Sarah Fiske, and had 16 ch., among them **EBENEZER**, b. 30 April, 1686, came to Ox. before May, 1733, bought land in northeast part, H. 173, 27 Feb., 1734; one of the earliest soldiers to enlist from Ox. in the Canadian expeditions, going in 1746 at 60 years of age. There are indications in the records that his family affairs and his estate were in an unsettled condition. He had mortgaged his farm and was assisted in redeeming it by his son-in-law Jonathan Kenney, who took possession, and in Dec., 1744, bound himself to support Mr. Gale and wife during their natural lives. This arrangement did not continue. On 28 April, 1746, Kenney assigned and made over to Mr. Gale the farm, which he immediately sold and enlisted in the army. On 10 Sept., 1746, Kenney executed the following: "I hereby give my mother-in-law, Elizabeth Gale, free liberty of living in the east room of my house in Oxford during the absence of my father-in-law in the expedition against Canada in which he is now enlisted, and on his return he also to have the same liberty till he can have a reasonable time to build himself a house." He deeded Sept., 1746, to Ebenezer Gale 16 acres at the north end of Long Hill, bought of Joseph Pratt; on this estate it is supposed Gale built a house after his return from the war, and in 1755 deeded it, with the house, to his son Ebenezer of Sutton, H. 148. On 29 March, 1748, Ebenezer and Elizabeth Gale signed a release to Kenney from his obligation to support them. Kenney removed to Sutton. Ebenezer, m. 27 Dec., 1709, Elizabeth Green; they had at Watertown, **ELIZABETH**, b. 1712, m. Isaac Whitney; **GRACE**, b. 1713; **HANNAH**, b. 1715, m. Eleazer Goodale of Sutton; **PRUDENCE**, b. 1717, m. Jonathan Kenney of Sutton; **JONAS**, b. 1719; **EBENEZER**, baptized 24 Feb., 1724; **LYDIA**, b. 1727, m. David Bates; **ABIJAH**, b. about 1728; **ABIGAIL**, b. 1730; and b. at Ox., **DAVID**, b. 6 May, 1733, baptized at Watertown.

**MARY**, sister of Ebenezer, baptized 1689, m. Micah Pratt.

2. **EBENEZER**, son of Ebenezer (1), soldier in Capt. Edward Davis' company in French war, m. June, 1742, Elizabeth Kenney of Sutton. In 1755, his father deeded to him the estate in Ox., H. 148. . . . *Children*: **HANNAH**, b. 22 Dec., 1742; **JONATHAN**, b. 12 July, 1744, m. 21 April, 1768, Violetta Kenney of Sutton; **LYDIA**, b. 26 May, 1746; **SARAH**, b. 16 April, 1748; **ASA**, b. 16 March, 1751; **SUSANNA**, b. 15 March, 1753; **LUCY**, b. 25 Feb., 1755; **MOLLY**, b. 6 March, 1768.

3. **ABIJAH**, son of Ebenezer (1), soldier in French war, re-enlisting till its close in 1763, drum-major, known as "Major Gale," settled in northwest part of Ox. H. 100; spent his later days with his son Levi at Hadley, where he d. about 1806. He m. Mary Gregory. . . . *Children*: **ABIJAH**, Revolutionary soldier, marched on Lexington alarm, was in Brewer's Regiment and d. in service, date unknown; **JESSE**, also in the service and killed 24 March, 1780; **ABRAHAM**, d. aged 16; **LEVI**, b. 1765, m. Hannah Dickinson of Hadley, where they settled, 10 ch.; **ENOCH**, b. 1 Sept., 1775; **MARY**, m. Joel Fairbanks; **LUCRETIA**, d. aged 71, unm.

4. ENOCH, son of Abijah (3), m. (1) 21 Jan., 1802, Jerusha Scott of Ward, she d. 30 Aug., 1895, m. (2) 19 March, 1897, Susanna, dau. of John Nichols, settled and d. 14 Jan., 1850, at her father's homestead in Charlton, near Ox. . . . *Child by first m.:* FRANKLIN, b. 25 Aug., —, at Ox., resided at Ox., Charlton, Worcester, Amherst and neighboring towns until 1821. By his own exertions obtained a classical education, and was proficient in the languages, removed in 1833 to Ohio, where he practiced law, and filled positions of trust, m. 1 Aug., 1839, Mary Jane Cleveland, in 1848 established a local newspaper, which was soon removed to Columbus, and later merged in the *Ohio Statesman*, of which he was editor until his decease. He continued law practice and was also active in political and other public affairs of the day and was much in contact with the leading men of the State. In 1867 he became official reporter of the Ohio Senate, which position he continued to fill during his life. He d. 20 April, 1874; ch. *Sylvester W.*, b. 1841, m. 1869, Charlotte Chambers, associate editor and publisher of the *Columbus Herald*; had Charles F., b. 1874, Ruthella, b. 1876, Irene C., b. 1878, Sylvester W., b. 1882; *Ella A.*, b. 1844, *John T.*, b. 1846, m. 1868, Sarah Jones, Probate Judge of Franklin Co., O.; ch. Franklin A., b. 1869, Cora C., b. 1871, Carl S., b. 1874; *Mary E.*, b. 1849, m. 1884, Alexander Clute of Chicago, Ill., where they settled; *Annie S.*, b. 1852; by second m.: MARY, b. 1804, d. 1805; JERUSHA, b. 24 Nov., 1810, m. Sept., 1835, Aaron Fuller of Springfield; they had *Norman L.*, *Herbert N.*, soldier, d. at Andersonville, Ga.; *Sylvester F.*, also a soldier in the late war; *Isabel A.*; WILLIAM, b. 4 May, 1813, m. 2 Dec., 1832, Eneline Dodge of Charlton, where they settled, farmer, she d. 1 April, 1887; they had *Helen A.*, b. 5 Oct., 1833, m. George E. Vinton, residence, Dudley, no ch.; *William F.*, b. 30 July, 1837, m. Mrs. Augusta A. Kemp, m. n. Hoyle, of Thompson, Conn., tobacconist at Webster; they had William M., Ralph C., Lorinda A.; *Susan E.*, b. 6 Oct., 1844, m. Henry E. Ball, residence, Webster; they had George E.; *Lorinda A.*, b. 14 May, 1847, d. unm.; *Mary E.*, b. 1852, d. 1854; *Emogene*, b. 29 April, 1856, m. George H. Richardson of Charlton, 3 sons; *Irene*, b. 6 Nov., 1815, m. 12 Oct., 1843, Horace Lamson of Charlton, where they settled; they had *Amy Jane*, *Irene*, *Horace L.*; *SUSAN*, b. 13 June, 1818, resided at the homestead, unm.; *SYLVESTER*, b. 20 June, 1823, owns and occupies the homestead, unm.; MARY J., b. 11 Jan., 1826, m. Charles Green, residence, North Cambridge, tobacconist in Boston; *ELLEN A.*, b. 1828, d. 1832.

6. DAVID, son of Ebenezer (1), m. 9 March, 1756, Elizabeth Kenney, settled at Sutton. . . . *Children:* JOHN, b. 28 Aug., 1757, d. 1776, at Warwick; HULDAH, b. 10 Feb., 1760, m. 18 Dec., 1777, Ephraim Town of Warwick; JUDITH, b. 30 Dec., 1761, m. Asa Gould; OLIVE, b. 17 Jan., 1764, m. Josiah Conant; MARY, b. 28 Feb., 1766, m. Benjamin Conant; DAVID, b. 23 March, 1768, m. Mary Eddy; family removed between 1761 and 1764 to Warwick.

REBECCA, dau. of Samuel, of Waltham, and Edward Holman of Sutton, m. 7 April, 1754, and had LUCY, b. 3 Feb., 1761, d. soon.

HENRY. In 1787 the town petitioned the General Court in his behalf.

GAMAGE, RICHARD, and Lucinda Brown of Dudley, m. int. 26 Dec., 1846.

GANNETT, BURT L., b. 1815, at Dorchester, m. Abby L. Austin; had WALTER F., b. 15 March, 1847.

GARFIELD or GAFFEL, MOSES, taxes sunk 1767.

**GARY, MICHAEL**, and Mary Spencer, m. intentions Oct., 1751.

**GATES, JOHN**, b. 9 Aug., 1791, at West Greenwich, R. I., son of Israel and Ruth, tailor at Burrillville, R. I., removed to Douglas, Wilkinsonville and Northbridge, whence he came to Ox. 1847, settled in the west part, H. 79, owned and operated a grist-mill; much respected, m. March, 1814, Anna, dau. of Richard Bolster of Douglas, where they settled, removed to Burrillville, he d. aged 79, 9 June, 1870, she d. aged 83, 10 Aug., 1873. . . . *Children*, excepting the first, b. at Burrillville; JULIA ANN, b. 27 Feb., 1815, m. A. Sidney Dodge; BENAJAH, b. 15 March, 1818, m. 27 June, 1845, Isabel R. Cheney, and had *Israel*, b. 18 Nov., 1846; *Clovis*, b. 26 Dec., 1851; *Ann F.*, b. 30 May, 1853, m. John W. Forrest; *Herbert B.*, b. 17 Aug., 1859; *Katy*, b. 8 April, 1864; *CLOVIS M.*, b. Sept., 1819, d. 11 Aug., 1863; *RUTH M.*, b. 9 Nov., 1822, m. Luke White; DENNIS S. B., b. 29 Nov., 1825, m. Mary H. Howland of Douglas, she d. aged 40, 2 Jan., 1877, he d. 14 Jan., 1888, at Webster; they had *Arthur*, b. 11 March, 1859.

FRANCIS, aged 12, d. 7 Dec., 1850.

**GAUGHAN, MRS. MARGARET E.**, aged 30, d. 17 Sept., 1885.

**GAY, THADDEUS T.**, of Randolph, son of Martin, came to Ox. before May, 1846, shoe manufacturer, removed to Webster, m. (1) 26 April, 1848, Martha A., dau. of Amos Thompson, she d. 31 Aug., 1850, m. (2) 26 Sept., 1851, Sophia E. Stockwell, she d. 3 Aug., 1876, at Webster. . . . *Children* by first m.: MARTHA A., b. 16 Aug., 1850; by second m.: CHARLES L., b. 20 June, 1853, m. Mrs. Scott; ALICE, b. 16 July, 1857; NELLIE A., b. Aug., 1859; CELIA L., b. 22 April, 1861, d. young.

GELENAS, MRS. EMILY (Canadian), aged 27, d. 11 June, 1882.

GENDRON, PHILOMENE (Canadian), aged 20, d. 15 Jan., 1870.

**GETTY, JOHN**, aged 62, d. 27 June, 1842.

Mrs. LYDIA, and Robert Reany, m. 23 March, 1845.

**GIBBS, JOSIAH**, of Preston, Conn. Oct., 1735, at that time bought the estate in the North Gore, later Uriah Stone's, H. 108, where he was innholder, sold in 1748 [Feb., 1752, Josiah Gibbs of Coventry, R. I., had a case in Worcester court], m. Mary ——, and had ABEL, b. 7 April, 1735; **JOSIAH**, b. 8 Aug., 1737.

GEORGE, and Katherine Papillon, m. 4 July, 1734, at Boston. [Worcester Registry of Deeds, XXXV., 479.]

SABINA C., of Dana, and William E. Stebbins, m. intentions 8 March, 1827. BETSEY, and Robert Frair, m. 28 April, 1831.

**GIBSON, MRS. JEMIMA**, aged 29, d. 16 July, 1848.

CORNELIUS, JR., and Mary C. Boyden of Douglas, m. 31 Dec., 1848.

CORNELIUS, aged 76, d. 26 May, 1856.

Mrs. SARAH, dau. of Joseph Smith of Scituate, R. I., aged 63, d. 20 May, 1876.

WILLIAM, aged 74, d. 19 Feb., 1882.

**GILBERT, MRS. MARY**, aged 40, d. 25 Feb., 1866.

JOSEPH, son of Benjamin, of Brooklyn, Conn., aged 81, d. 13 Feb., 1882.

**GILL, JAMES**, and Rachel M. Wood, m. intentions 29 Sept., 1849.

**GILMORE**, SANFORD, b. at Franklin, son of Nathan, came to Ox. in young manhood and was for several years partner in chaise and harness making at the south end of the Plain with Seth Daniels, later both changed to shoe manufacture. In the spring of 1846 removed to Boston, entered the wholesale shoe trade in partnership first with Daniel Harwood and Benjamin F. Campbell, both of Ox., and later alone and with other partners, until 1875 or 1876, when he retired with a competency. He m. intentions 15 May, 1836, Eliza Whittemore of Leicester, and had **GEORGE** S., b. 1837, d. young; he d. 21 Jan., 1877, at Boston.

**GLAZIER**, JOHN, and Elizabeth, had **JOHN**, b. 17 May, 1784.

**FREEMAN**, and Sally A., had **LEROY**, b. 5 Feb., 1844.

**SOPHRONIA**, and Stillman Dane, m. intentions 5 Oct., 1844.

**GLEASON**, THOMAS, freeman, 1652, at Watertown, was in 1662 of Charlestown; m. Susanna ——, and had **THOMAS**, who lived at Sudbury 1665, received at Sherborn 1678, was father of **THOMAS** who came to Oxford, and who m. (1) 6 Dec., 1695, Mary Mellen of Sherborn, now Framingham, she d. 13 March, 1727; m. (2) 10 June, 1729, at Ox., Mercy Hovey. He d. 11 Jan., 1732. His widow m. 19 Dec., 1749, John Wait of Sutton, and d. Dec., 1767. He was a man of means—took up the lot on the southeast corner of Main Street and Sutton road, H. 194, bought in 1722 the house lot and water-privilege of Abraham Skinner at Augutteback Falls, selling in 1723 his lot on the Plain to his son Thomas, built the first mill at this place; d. in 1732. . . . *Children*, b. at Sherborn: **THOMAS**, b. 26 Feb., 1697; **RICHARD**, b. 31 Jan., 1699; **JONAS**, b. 6 Nov., 1700, in Cape Breton expedition, 1745; **ELIJAH**, b. 18 Oct., 1702; **MOSES**, b. 22 Dec., 1704; **URIAH**, b. 28 Dec., 1706; **MARY**, b. 19 Feb., 1709, d. 26 May, 1736, at Ox.; and at Framingham, **ESTHER**, b. 6 April, 1711, m. Ebenezer Merriam of North Gore; **SIMON**, b. 26 July, 1713; **JAMES**, b. 1715, d. 1722, at Framingham; **ELIZABETH**, b. 28 May, 1718, m. 9 Feb., 1744, Daniel McIntire; **AARON**, b. 26 April, 1720; **JOSEPH**, b. 5 May, 1722; **JOSIAH**; ch. by second m.: **DANIEL**, b. 2 March, 1730; **PRISCILLA**, b. 10 May, 1731, m. Levi, son of Oliver Shumway.

2. **THOMAS**, son of Thomas (1), m. 12 Jan., 1715, Susanna Hayen, she d. 30 June, 1763; m. (2) 29 March, 1764, Mrs. Hannah Walker of Sutton; lieutenant. He lived to old age and died at the house of his son-in-law Joshua Merriam in North Gore. . . . *Children*: **SUSANNA**, b. 3 Jan., 1716 (?), m. Joshua Merriam; **MERCY**, b. 28 Feb., 1719, m. Joseph Streeter; **THOMAS**, b. 27 March, 1721; **JAMES**, b. 10 Sept., 1723; **RUTH**, b. 12 Sept., 1725, m. intentions April, 1745, Benjamin Hayen of Framingham; **ELIZABETH**, b. 1 Jan., 1728, m. John Streeter; **EXPERIENCE**, b. 21 March, 1730, m. (1) 2 Feb., 1748, Ichabod Stockwell of Sutton, m. (2) Joseph Aldrich, she d. before Sept. 1771; **NATHANIEL**, b. 6 April, 1732; **COMFORT**, b. 21 Sept., 1734; **ESTHER**, b. 20 Sept., 1736; **ELIJAH**, b. 9 Feb., 1738; and probably **ELISHA**, b. ——, m. intentions 23 April, 1763, Elizabeth Parkis of Pomfret, Conn. In 1779 he sold land in Ward to Andrew Patch “being the place where Joseph Streeter is now living.” Elisha was at Pomfret in 1774 and 1779.

3. **THOMAS**, son of Thomas (2), m. 12 March, 1746, Susanna Putnam of Sutton. He d. 18 Oct., 1756. Supposed to have lived in north part of Ox.

. . . *Children*: **DAVID**, b. 26 Dec., 1746; **EZRA**, b. 22 Nov., 1748, m. (1) 12 March, 1801, Eunice, dau. of James Merriam; m. (2) 29 May, 1806, Mary Merriam, he d. at Ward; **ISAAC**, b. 17 Feb., 1751; **MARY**, b. 6 May, 1753;

RUTH, b. 22 Jan., 1756, m. (1) 30 April, 1775, Ephraim, son of Ebenezer Merriam, he d. about 1776 in North Gore; m. (2) Sampson Marvin of New Salem.

4. DAVID, son of Thomas (3), m. 17 March, 1768, Lydia, dau. of Lieut. Joshua Merriam, settled in North Gore, later Ward. In 1774, Elijah Gleason sold him land in north part of Ox., "reserving one-half of the house during the natural life of Thomas Gleason," their father. He d. 23 April, 1833, she d. 27 Nov., 1838. . . . Children, first two recorded at Ox.; SUSANNA, b. 30 Sept., 1768; DAVID, b. 24 April (?), 1770, d. 19 Dec., 1816, m. and had David, m. China Comstock of Leicester, and had Clarissa, d. 1816, aged 25; and recorded in Ward: MARY, b. 2 June, 1772; MIRIAM, b. 31 July, 1774, m. 21 May, 1795, Edward Rice; EZRA, b. 30 Oct., 1777; ASA, b. 24 March, 1780; LUCRETIA, b. 4 Feb., 1783; CYNTHIA, b. 6 April, 1785.

5. JAMES, son of Thomas (2), first known as physician at Thompson parish, Conn.<sup>1</sup> In 1765, he in partnership with Levi Wight bought the Campbell grant of 400 acres in South Gore, removed thither and there spent his subsequent years, died at the George Ide place on the hill—brick house. In 1791, he sold his farm to his sons Jacob and Jesse. He was of somewhat eccentric mind, a preacher as well as doctor, and a Universalist. In 1798, he published a religious doctrinal treatise of 190 pages, entitled:

"An Exposition of the three first chapters of Genesis, Explained and Improved, wherein the four Dispensations contained in the Scriptures from age to age are revealed. Comprising the travel of Mystical and politic Babylon and the destruction thereof. Or the Gospel Glass, or trial of Zion's Church in the World, until the opening of the last great and Seventh Seal, when the mystery of God is finished: and the Jubilee Trump proclaims ALLELULIA and SALVATION."

By DR. JAMES GLEASON of Connecticut.

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He m. 7 Feb., 1751, Elizabeth Atwell. He d. aged 80, 9 Oct., 1803, she d. aged 66, 5 Jan., 1796. . . . Children: JAMES, b. 12 Nov., 1751; NATHAN, b. 8 April, 1753, m. 11 Jan., 1776, Rachel Nichols, settled and d. at Thompson; they had Thomas; Betsey, m. 31 Oct., 1785, Abraham Mason of Thompson; Lydia, m. Daniel Woodward; John; JOHN, b. 11 July, 1756, m. and settled at Thompson, had Abel; JESSE, b. 23 May, 1758, m. intentions 10 May, 1796, Fanny Saunders of Hopkinton, removed to Sand Lake, Rensselaer Co., N. Y., where he d., they had two sons, both d. unm.; LUCRETIA, b. 26 June, 1760, d. 2 May, 1792; a SON, b. and d. 1763; ELIZABETH, b. 5 May, 1764, d. 27 May, 1790; JACOB W., b. 23 July, 1768.

6. JAMES, son of James (5), m. 28 May, 1772, Hulda, dau. of Levi Wight, resided in South Gore. . . . Children: JAMES, b. 3 Nov., 1772, m. (1) intentions 24 Nov., 1802, Esther Hoyle, m. (2) Roxy Cutler; ABIGAIL, b. 13 April, 1775, m. intentions 25 April, 1802. Samuel Marsh of Newfane, Vt.; HANNAH, b. 6 July, 1777, m. Benjamin, son of Aaron Wakefield; SILAS, b. 27 Jan., 1780, unm., settled in Maine; LEVINA, b. 3 Jan., 1783, m. 22 Nov., 1796 (?), Liberty Ide; UZZIEL, b. 16 Aug., 1785, m. intentions 13 Sept., 1815, Lydia Steere of Burrillville, R. I., was in South Gore, 1835, removed to Brooklyn, Conn., where he d. 20 Jan., 1880; ABIEL, b. 20 Nov., 1790, m. Nabby Ham-

<sup>1</sup> In the settlement of the estate of John Gleason of Killingly, Worcester Prob. Rec. Streeter 1757, appears payment to Dr. James

mond of Foster, R. L., settled in South Gore, d. 14 Aug., 1871, she d. 27 Dec., 1875, aged 79; **LUCRETIA**, b. 5 Sept., 1792, m. 21 Nov., 1813, George Ide of South Gore.

7. **JACOB W.**, son of James (5), m. (1) Rachel, dau. of Rev. Thomas Barnes, and had **SYLVANUS**, m. (2) 16 Jan., 1797, Mehitable Hudson of Ox., removed to Greenbush, N. Y., resided there Dec., 1805, removed to Fredonia, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., where both d., he d. 12 Oct., 1843, she d. 9 Feb., 1841.  
*. . . Children:* **BETSEY**, b. 5 Sept., 1797, m. 5 Feb., 1824, Josiah Richardson; **WILLIAM H.**, b. 11 March, 1799, m. 21 Oct., 1821, Polly Smith of Claverack, N. Y., had ch., he d. 29 April, 1870; **MEHITABLE** b. 3 Nov., 1800, m. about 1821, Crocker Richardson; **MELINDA**, b. and d. 1802; **MARY**, b. 2 May, 1804, m. 1824, John Blinebry; **CLARISSA**, b. 29 Sept., 1806, m. 5 Feb., 1832, Allen Freeman; **IRENA**, b. 10 Nov., 1811, m. 1838, Philip Hanna, settled at Marcellus, O.; **EMILY**, b. 1813, d. 1816.

8. **NATHANIEL**, son of Thomas (2), m. 2 Jan., 1755, Susanna Streeter, he d. 18 Nov., 1758, they had **MERCY**, b. 18 Feb., 1756; she m. (2) Peter Phillips.

9. **ELIJAH**, son of Thomas (2), m. 9 Oct., 1760, Elizabeth, dau. of Nathaniel Wyman of Hopkinton, he d. at Ward, order for appraisal 7 May, 1776, in settlement of estate appears a bill of Dr. James Gleason, his brother, for professional services.  
*. . . Children:* **EXPERIENCE**, b. 14 Oct., 1761; **SUSANNA**, b. 4 Oct., 1763; **ELIZABETH**, b. 27 Sept., 1767; **ELIJAH**, b. 15 July, 1769; **THOMAS**, b. 6 May, 1771; **POLLY**, b. 17 March, 1773; **COMFORT**, b. 6 Feb., 1775.

10. **ISAAC**, son of Thomas (3), m. Abigail, dau. of David Dudley (?) of Sutton, settled at Worcester, where he d. Dec., 1778, blacksmith and known as Isaac Gleason, 2nd. He had **ISAAC**, the only child at the date of his will, in which he mentions his sisters Ruth Merriam and Mary Gleason, and brothers David Gleason and Abel Dudley, who were his executors.

11. **RICHARD**, son of Thomas (1), m. (1) 1725, Mary Bellows of Marlboro, she d. 3 Dec., 1731, at Ox., m. (2) 21 Aug., 1732, Mary Southgate of Leicester.  
*. . . Children* by second m.: **MARY**, b. 19 Aug., 1733, d. 1747; **KEZIAH**, b. 1736, d. 1738; **RICHARD**, b. 1 March, 1738; **SARAH**, b. 5 Jan., 1740; **PATIENCE**, b. 10 April, 1746; Richard, the father, removed about 1750 to Leicester, and m. (3) Beulah ——.

12. **MOSES**, son of Thomas (1), m. (1) 2 July, 1738, Deborah Whittemore of Malden, she d. 10 Feb., 1741, m. (2) Experience, dau. of William Gleason of Brookline, the sister of Rev. Charles Gleason of Dudley [In 1744 they with William, Samuel, Benjamin and Thankful, also ch. of William, Senior, deeded to their brother Joseph of Middletown, Conn., all their rights inherited from their father, deceased, in land in Township No. 2 in Narragansett in Worcester County (Westminster), granted to him for service in the Narragansett war. Worcester Records, XIX., 340], she d. 2 March, 1751, m. (3) intentions March, 1752, Mrs. Deborah Brigham of Westboro(?). He was proprietor of the Augutteback mills 12 years. On 16 April, 1768, he bought a large lot of land in Douglas and with his son Moses removed thither.  
*. . . Child* by first m.: **MOSES**, b. 23 Jan., 1739.

13. **MOSES**, son of Moses (12), m. 23 May, 1760, Beulah Haven, removed with his father to Douglas 1768, dismissed to Douglas Church, 2 Oct.  
*. . . Children* b. at Ox.: **JOHN**, b. 22 Feb., 1761; **MOSES**, b. 12 July, 1762; **DEBORAH**, b. 5 Aug., 1764; **MARY**, b. 1 Aug., 1766; **ABIGAIL**, b. 20 March, 1768.

14. **URIAH**, son of Thomas (1), m. (1) Thankful ——, m. (2) intentions

June, 1751, Abigail Tufts of Ashford, Conn., removed to Charlton; on 2 July, 1769, "Uriah Gleason, formerly of Oxford," dismissed to the Church at Charlton. He d. 1776 at Charlton. . . . Children by first m.: JOHN, b. 16 Dec., 1739; LUCIE, b. 27 Feb., 1742, m. 22 Jan., 1767, William Burnet; ch. by second m.: PETER, b. 27 Aug., 1754; URIAH, ABIGAIL.

15. SIMON, son of Thomas (1), m. 27 May, 1747, Charity Bellows of Westboro', resided first in the north part of Ox. In 1764 he with Joshua Bellows deeded land and house, H. 93, "on Cox's land," which he had occupied and where he found materials for barrels, etc., he being a cooper. He d. 3 March, 1793, she d. 7 Oct., 1801. . . . Children: SIMON, b. 18 June, 1747, Revolutionary soldier, m. 27 Nov., 1772, Catharine, dau. of Ebenezer Fish, and had *Thomas Fish*, b. 12 July, 1775; *Ebenezer*, b. 21 Jan., 1778; BEZALEEL, b. 9 June, 1749, m. 1 Nov., 1779, Sarah, dau. of John King of Sutton; PHINEHAS, b. 30 June, 1751; ELEAZER, b. 1 June, 1754, m. intentions 5 Nov., 1774, Esther Farley of Charlton, and had *Sarah*, b. 20 Dec., 1776, m. 6 Dec., 1796, Amasa Shumway of Whitingham, Vt.(?); SARAH, b. 6 Nov., 1756; ADONIJAH, b. 6 Feb., 1761, 40 months in the Revolutionary army under Capt. William Moore.

16. AARON, son of Thomas (1), m. 11 Dec., 1744, Eunice Kenney, probably dau. of Daniel of Sutton. . . . Children: AARON, b. 25 April, 1745; REUBEN, b. 5 Sept., 1746; JONAS, b. 15 July, 1748;<sup>1</sup> HENRY, b. 26 Feb., 1750; EUNICE, b. 9 Feb., 1752; AMOS, b. 10 Dec., 1754.

17. JOSEPH, son of Thomas (1), m. intentions Nov., 1743<sup>8</sup>, Lydia Tarbox, bought land on Prospect Hill 1743 and 1764, sold in 1777, was of Ox. 1753 and Leicester in 1764, later again of Ox. . . . Children: JOSEPH, b. 22 Aug., 1744, m. 10 Feb., 1769, Mercy Streeter, settled in the north part of Ox. [later Ward], bought land there in 1768, no record of chil. appears on Ox. books, these in Ward, *Mercy*, b. 24 March, 1771; *Nathaniel*, b. 1 Nov., 1773; *Anna*, b. 13 July, 1776; *John*, b. 13 Oct., 1779; ABNER, b. 6 Dec., 1745, m. 18 Jan., 1770, Abigail Rich; he was of Charlton in 1784.

18. DANIEL, son of Thomas (1), m. 26 April, 1753, Martha Bartlett, resided in the east part of Ox., formerly Benjamin Davis', H. 23, house removed, shoemaker, he d. 8 Dec., 1794, she d. 7 Dec., 1809, aged 81. His son Josiah succeeded him as owner. . . . Children: DANIEL, b. 21 Jan., 1754, settled in western Massachusetts; MARTHA, b. 30 Dec., 1755, m. Capt. —— Lamb of Charlton; JAMES, b. 29 May, 1758; STEPHEN, b. 29 July, 1760, settled in western Massachusetts; JOSIAH, b. 28 Dec., 1762; SARAH, b. 21 April, 1765; ABIJAH, b. 18 May, 1768; HANNAH, b. 31 Oct., 1770, m. Dr. Asa Burdon of Scituate, R. I.

19. JAMES, son of Daniel (18), m. 20 June, 1781, Hannah Bartlett of Sutton, teamster to Boston, resided at the Nathaniel Chamberlain place, H. 240. He d. 18 Aug., 1834, she d. 3 April, 1840. . . . Children: RUTH, b. 22 Dec., 1783, m. Andrew Smith; CLARISSA, b. 13 Jan., 1785, d. 1795; HANNAH, b. 26 June, 1789, m. 31 Dec., 1810, Harvey B. Scott; JAMES, b. 1791, d. 1795; RICHARD, b. 2 Oct., 1792; CLARISSA, b. 30 Nov., 1796, m. 20 April, 1817, William Hagar and settled at Brookfield, had ch.

20. RICHARD, son of James (19), m. 3 April, 1819, Ruth, dau. of Amos Shumway, removed 1827 to Bellows Falls, Vt., thence in 1837 to Waltham, where both d. He d. Dec., 1872, she d. 3 April, 1884. . . . Children: WINTHROP, b. 19 April, 1820, d. 1821; MARY W., b. 4 Jan., 1822, m. 1848, Augustus Gilbert; ELIZABETH, b. 1824, m. 1847, John Harris of Waltham, where they

<sup>1</sup> A Jonas Gleason was prominent at "Myrifield," Mass., in 1785.

settled; **SARAH C.**, b. 1826, m. 1853, Moses E. Osgood, residence, Waltham; **MARTHA M.**, b. 1829, at Bellows Falls, Vt.

**21. JOSIAH**, son of Daniel (18), m. 2 March, 1792, Lydia, dau. of Levi Lamb, settled on the homestead, where he d. aged 54, 30 April, 1817, she d. aged 76, 30 March, 1846. . . . *Children*: **JOSIAH**, b. 15 Aug., 1793; **LYDIA**, b. 28 Sept., 1795, m. Joseph Brown; **ABIJAH**, b. 8 Feb., 1804, m. intentions 12 April, 1825, Hulda Coit of Norwich, Conn., settled at Millbury.

**22. JOSIAH**, son of Josiah (21), m. 21 Dec., 1817, Roxana, dau. of Samuel Torrey of Sutton, removed to Dixfield, Me. . . . *Children*: **IRA TORREY**, b. 1 April, 1819; **ELIJAH D.**, b. 14 Oct., 1821, residence, Douglas; **CHARLES S.**, b. 1823, d. 1826; **GEORGE**, b. 10 Dec., 1824; **OLIVE**, b. about 1826, blind, and has been for many years an inmate of the Ox. almshouse.

**ALPHEUS**, of South Gore, m. intentions 20 Feb., 1818, Sally Williams. . . . *Children*: **SARAH**, b. 17 Feb., 1819; **NANCY**, b. 7 Feb., 1821, d. 1823; **WILLIAM**, b. 1822.

**EZEKIEL**, of North Ox. [later Ward], m. 5 Oct., 1773, Esther Streeter. . . . *Children*: **ELIZABETH J.** and **RUTH**, b. 2 March, 1774; **EZEKIEL**, b. 8 Nov., 1776; **LYDIA**, b. 13 Nov., 1779.

**MOSES**, and Abigail Brown of Cambridge, m. intentions Nov., 1752.

**JESSE**, Revolutionary soldier, son of James(?).

**LUCRETIA**, of South Gore, and Asahel Cook, m. intentions 4 Aug., 1775.

**SOPHIA**, dau. of James, d. 17 April, 1781.

**SARAH**, and Aaron Sibley, both of Ward, m. 14 April, 1822.

**EUNICE**, of Ward, and Cyril Merriam, m. intentions 19 Dec., 1822.

**NANCY**, and Emerson Rich of Millbury, m. 14 Sept., 1823.

**HALL C.**, and Hannah Kemp of Dudley, m. 26 Dec., 1824.

**NAOMI**, aged 20, d. 12 March, 1828.

**MRS. SALLY**, and Joseph Carter, m. 25 March, 1834.

**JASON**, and Harriet Phillips, m. intentions 1 March, 1838.

**ROXANA**, and Jonas White, m. intentions 29 March, 1838.

**MARY**, aged 22, d. 17 Nov., 1872.

**MRS. ELLEN** (Irish), aged 48, d. 8 Dec., 1874.

**MARIA**, widow of John F., aged 76, d. 24 June, 1889.

**GLISPIN**, MICHAEL, and Eliza W. Young of Millbury, m. intentions 30 Jan., 1846.

**GLYNN**, SERGT. JOHN, and Mary C. Osmus, m. 16 June, 1800.

**GODDARD**, CAROLINE M., and Chauncey Nichols, m. int. 28 Dec., 1848.

**GOODELL**, ABIGAIL, and Samuel Mozer, m. 3 June, 1800.

**GOODRICH**, JENNIE B., m. n. Long, aged 22, d. 27 Aug., 1881.

**GOOGINS**, **GOGGIN**, **GUGGINS**, **WILLIAM**, probably descended from Patrick from Ireland, settled at Old Orchard, Me. There is a group of dangerous rocks called the "Googins' rocks," near that place, and in this vicinity **WILLIAM**, son of William, was born about 1768, went in young manhood to Nantucket, where he m. 28 July, 1791, Elizabeth Dow and was thirty-two years a sailor, whaleman and later in the merchant service. He prospered and came to be quarter owner and captain of a vessel. In the war of 1812 his vessel with a valuable cargo, of which he was also part owner, were captured by French privateers, and he was taken to France. Soon after his

return he removed to East Village, Webster, his children working in the mill; 1818 came to Ox., settling near the river, west from North Common, H. 84, where he d. 7 June, 1832, aged 64. His widow d. 28 Aug., 1832, aged 62.

. . . Children, b. at Nantucket: REUBEN, sailor, unm., d. at Boston; LYDIA F., m. intentions 2 Aug., 1816, George W. Armington of Thompson, Conn., she d. at Pawtucket, R. I.; ELIZA, m. (1) 8 June, 1823, Stephen Tuttle of Seekonk, R. I.; m. (2) 4 July, 1833, George W. Armington, formerly the husband of her sister Lydia F., she d. at Pawtucket, R. I.; MARY, m. (1) 13 May, 1827, Smith Johnson of Ox., where he d.; m. (2) Alvan Stone, resided, 1885, at Glover, Vt.; ABIGAIL, m. 1 Jan., 1835, Jeremiah Moffitt, no ch.; WILLIAM H., b. 22 June, 1810, m. May, 1833, Matilda, dau. of Willis Wood, residence, Webster, where she d. 29 Sept., 1884, he d. two or three years later; they had Elizabeth, b. 20 April, 1835, at Bellingham, m. Frank Mixer, 3 sons; Betsey M., b. 8 Aug., 1837, residence, Webster; William H., b. 10 March, 1839, d. 23 Oct., 1851, at Webster; Amasa E., b. 27 March, 1841, m. Martha Sears, residence, Providence, R. I.; George S., b. 5 Jan., 1843, m. Anna Rafus of Nova Scotia, she d., he resides in Webster; Charles E., b. 1 Aug., 1845, at Worcester, m. Etta Burton, had 1 son; Caroline, b. 12 April, 1852, at Worcester, m. (1) Charles Whitney, m. (2) James Smith; GEORGE W., b. 1812, m. (1) 24 March, 1843, Abigail Wight of Bellingham, where they settled, she d. 1 Sept., 1860; they had Abby E., b. 18 Aug., 1844, m. 31 Oct., 1876, G. Edward O'Connor of Galveston, Tex.; m. (2) 25 Jan., 1865, Marian Jilson of Bellingham.

JOSEPH, "servant" to William Hudson, soldier in French war, 1758-1761, became of age, 1761.

" Oxford march 30th, 1761,

" Then Rec'd three Dollars of my master Wm. Hudson it being by me Rec'd in full Satisfaction on account of what my said master was Obliged by Indenture to do for me in Clothing and Learning, or whatsoever Else, and in full of all Dues, Damages or whatsoever Else from the beginning of the world to this Day, I say Rec'd by me.

Test Jacob Shumway  
John Hudson.

J. G.

" Note well that I Joseph Goggin the Signer of the above Recept, was in the Country Service under Capt. White in the Year 1758 & had all my wages for that Campain and my S'd Master had Nothing, and am now Inlisted in the Kings Service on the 17th or their abouts of Feb. Last, and the wages on the present Service to be my Own, and I Desire that the Honorable Overseers of Boston Poor will Deliver up my Indenture Dated Feb. 29th, 1743, to my said Master Wm. Hudson.

attest Jacob Shumaway.

J. G.

John Hudson.

A Copy."

GOSHAW, DAVID (Canadian), aged 56, d. 9 May, 1865.

ANGELINE, aged 30, d. 27 March, 1871.

JULIA, widow, aged 67, d. 17 Oct., 1879.

GOULD, EBENEZER, resided in South Gore, at present Lemuel Cudworth place, H. 48, which he sold in 1794, but continu'd there several years later. He m. (1) ——, dau. of Jacob Shumway. He m. (2) 27 Oct., 1790, Mrs. Hannah Robinson. The Probate records give the inventory of estate of Ebenezer Gould, of Douglas, May, 1812, wife Anna, Administratrix. . . . Children, by first m.: LYMAN, m. 12 Nov., 1805, Alice, dau. of Ezekiel Davis, was of Ox., blacksmith, in 1807, later resided at Leicester; they had Davis, Louisa, Mary Ann, Ebenezer, Alice, James; by second m.: HANNAH, b. 10 Nov., 1791, m. 26 April, 1816, Sylvanus Brown of South Gore.

- SUSANNA, and Robert Smith of Leominster, m. 28 Feb., 1744.  
 EBENEZER, and Abigail Carroll, both of Sutton, m. 2 Sept., 1744.  
 ABIGAIL, of Sutton, and Thomas McKnight, m. intentions 11 Feb., 1764.  
 BETTY, and Daniel Carroll of Sutton, m. 3 Dec., 1778.  
 SIMON, and Nabby Dudley of Sutton, m. 3 Dec., 1797.  
 ALMA, and John W. Bates, m. 27 Feb., 1826.  
 GEORGE, and Sophia O. Thurlow, m. 29 March, 1831.  
 WILLARD, m. Joanna H. ——, and had MARY E., b. 27 Sept., 1838.  
 EMMA A., of Douglas, and Esek Luther, m. intentions 8 Oct., 1839.  
 Mrs. JOANNA, aged 36, d. 23 March, 1844.  
 HARVEY, son of Lawson, d. aged 18, 2 July, 1847.  
 CORDELIA V., w. of Sylvanus, aged 42, d. 26 April, 1869.  
 LAWSON, aged 75, d. 27 Jan., 1876.  
 GOULDING, MRS. ——, aged 80, d. 10 Aug., 1839.  
 GRANGER, JUSTIN, of Chester, aged 42, d. 7 April, 1863.  
 OLIVE C., m. n. Alger, wid. of Justin, d. 17 May, 1865.  
 GRAVEL, JOHN, and Maria Lavette, m. intentions 20 Oct., 1849.  
 GRAVES, MARY A., and Nathaniel S. Priest, m. 30 April, 1834.  
 GRAY, James, and Molly Lamson of North Gore, m. 24 Jan., 1765.

GREEN, GREENE, WELCOME, came in youth to South Oxford, learned the art of dyeing of John Tyson, was employed there after Mr. Tyson's death, removed about 1824 to the south end of the Plain, and was dyer at the mill there, removed soon to Northbridge, Holbrook's, and thence to Jewett City, Conn., where he d. He m. (1) 16 March, 1819, Hannah, dau. of John Crane, who also d. at Jewett City; he m. (2) Livonia, dau. of John Crane, Jr., niece of first wife, 1 ch. . . . *Children*, by first m.: ELIZA A., b. 1820, d. 1822; NATHANIEL A., b. 12 Nov., 1822; ELIZA A., b. 1824, d. 1825; JOHN.

WILLIAM K., cotton manufacturer at North Oxford, with Robert D. Dorrance 1832-3, b. 9 Jan., 1790, at Leicester, son of Samuel and Hannah, m. 10 Dec., 1812, Betsey, dau. of Dea. Jedediah Kimball of Woodstock, Conn., sister of Mrs. Dorrance; removed in a few years after leaving Ox. to Amsterdam, N. Y., where he was a manufacturer. He d. 12 Oct., 1864, she d. 16 June, 1862. A large manufactory of knit goods was established there by his son William K. and grandsons who succeeded him. They had, before coming to Ox., ALMERA, b. 1813, m. 1839, Lyman Bennett; WILLIAM K., b. 1816, m. 1838, Jane M. Priest, and d. 1870, at Rome, Italy; HARRIET N., b. 1818, m. 1849, Nicholas A. Wemple; SAMUEL D., b. 1822, m. 1846, Marietta Willoughby, he d. 6 Jan., 1866; HENRY E., b. 1827, unm., residence, California; ANDREW H., b. 1829, m. 1849, Mary E. Davis, he d. 21 Dec., 1856.

- AAME, and Ebenezer Lamb, m. 21 May, 1730.  
 SARAH, of Leicester, and Joshua Barnard, m. intentions 28 Oct., 1786.  
 WILLARD, and Roxalinda Weaver of Dudley, m. intentions 1 Jan., 1814.  
 JABEZ, and Nancy Brown, m. intentions 19 Dec., 1814.  
 ALDRICH, Dudley, and Polly Rawson of S. Gore, m. int. 28 Aug., 1820.  
 ANN, and Joseph Harrington, m. 8 June, 1828.  
 SARAH A., and William H. Wardwell, m. intentions 1 Feb., 1845.

M. ELIZABETH, and Joseph Hilton, m. 15 Nov., 1847.

FREELOVE, and William H. Masters of Providence, R. I., m. 21 March, 1848.

CHARLES, of Auburn, aged 61, d. 10 Jan., 1863.

JOHN P., his son, d. aged 18, 11 March, 1855.

HANNAH C., m. n. Cheney, of Princeton, aged 46, d. 20 Jan., 1865.

AMATA T., wid. of Charles, aged 63, d. 25 Aug., 1865.

JAMES M., son of Russell, of Thompson, Conn., aged 52, d. 31 Jan., 1875.

GREENOUGH, LYDIA, aged 80, widow of Rev. ——, of Newton, d. 19 Dec., 1843.

GREENWOOD, LUCY, w. of Daniel, aged 63, d. 19 June, 1829.

GRiffin, CAPT. JAMES ("Lieut. in Gen. Shipley's Reg."), came to Ox. 1756, at 45 years of age, having bought the Josiah Russell place, H. 185, w. Prudence; no children are mentioned. He appears to have been a man of leisure, of a social turn. It is related that a gentleman who was often at his house was one day giving his son advice as to manners, etc., when the son suddenly closed the talk by saying he did not think a man who spent his Sunday noons with Capt. Griffin could with grace give others advice as to manners. His inventory does not show a style of living above the ordinary, excepting that there were embraced in it "nine pictures framed" which at that day was not common. A few books were also appraised. There is a tradition that he was a sea captain from Boston, which seems probable from his will, in which the heirs of William Fairfield of Boston are mentioned. He also gave his large Bible to Samuel, son of Samuel Doghed of Boston, to Dennis Heffron of Oakham, £10 and his wearing apparel. He also mentioned his nephew William McKinstry of Taunton, physician. Joseph, son of Rev. Joseph Bowman, and Caleb, son of Rev. Caleb Curtis of Charlton, and Sarah, dau. of William Campbell, to whom he gave each five pounds. He d. 17 Nov., 1769, aged 58. He seems to have been friendly with the Rev. John Campbell family and was made in the will of Mrs. Campbell her executor, but did not live to fulfil the trust.

GRiFFiTH, DAVID, of Freetown; bought land in Douglas 11 Nov., 1760, remained until 19 March, 1768, when he bought 60 acres and buildings on Prospect Hill, later Ward. Soldier in Revolutionary war, in Capt. Curtis' Co. 1775, with Stephen Griffith. He m. Mary ——. . . Children: NIJAH, b. 28 May, 1768; CALEB, b. 30 May, 1769; JONATHAN, b. 26 May, 1771; MARY, b. 13 Feb., 1774; STEPHEN, b. 2 Oct., 1775; ELEANOR, b. 16 Oct., 1776; DAN, b. 3 Jan., 1779; the last recorded at Ward.

REBECCA, and Joshua Rawson of Upton, m. 23 Oct., 1776.

STEPHEN, corporal in Capt. Curtis' Co., d. in army near Boston, 31 July, 1775.

GRIMLEY, PETER, and Ann McLaughlin, m. intentions 3 June, 1848.  
JOHN, aged 45, d. 23 Jan., 1859.

GROGAN, PATRICK (Irish), aged 48, d. 8 April, 1876.

Mrs. CATHARINE, m. n. Owen, aged 46, d. 28 April, 1889.

GROGNAN, CAMILLO (Canadian), aged 30, drowned 16 July, 1883.

**GROVER, ZINA**, of Mansfield, m. (1) 26 May, 1808, Ruth Wakefield of South Gore, where they settled, m. (2) intentions 12 July, 1828, Mrs. Mary Stewart. . . . *Children* by first m.: **ZINA**, residence, Charlton; **ELIZABETH**, m. James M. Barnaby, Baptist minister at Harwich, where they settled, she d. at Worcester; **HOSEA B.**, b. 11 Feb., 1815; **LOWELL H.**, resided at Dayville, Conn., d. 1891; **ELVIDA**, m. —— Payson of Dennis, where he d., she resided at Chatham.

2. **HOSEA B.**, son of Zina (1), m. (1) 15 Dec., 1838, Sarah S. Lyon of Woodstock, Conn., she d. aged 45, 24 Nov., 1861, at Ox., m. (2) 23 May, 1865, Mrs. Sarah P. Sweet, m. n. Rawson, of Thompson, Conn., she d. aged 61, 15 June, 1886. . . . *Children* by first m.: **MARY J.**, b. 1847, d. 1848, at Charlton; **EMMA A.**, b. 3 Nov., 1851, at Charlton; **SARAH L.**, b. 1861, d. 1862, at Ox.

**GROSS, NANCY M.**, and Samuel Bicknell, m. intentions 10 March, 1842.

**GROW, GROO, JOHN**, in 1749 received a portion of undivided lands in Ox. as a proprietor, bought land 21 Nov., 1745, in the northeast part of Ox., was then of Sutton. This he sold in 1758, sold land in 1765, when he was of Ox. He m. **Mary** . . . . *Children*: **JONATHAN**, b. 25 June, 1749, resided at Dudley, m. intentions 20 Feb., 1773, Mary Brown of Killingly, Conn.; **REBECCA**, b. 19 Nov., 1751, m. 1769, Isaac Shumway, she was then of Douglas; **MARY**, b. 7 Sept., 1753; **SARAH**, b. 1 March, 1756; **SAMUEL**, b. 21 Feb., 1758; **PHEBE**, b. 20 Sept., 1759; **DAVID**, b. 30 Sept., 1761; **PETER**, b. 30 April, 1763; **JACOB** and **HANNAH**, b. 17 April, 1765.

2. **EDWARD**, m. 15 Nov., 1774, Joanna Nichols, taxed in Ox. 1771, removed to Dudley, returned to Ox., was a member of the Universalist society here five years from 1785 to 1789 inclusive. . . . *Children*: **EDWARD**, b. 18 Aug., 1775; **ISAAC**, b. 27 July, 1777, at Dudley.

**ELIZABETH**, and Jonathan Stone of Dudley, m. 29 Nov., 1768.

**NATHANIEL**, and Betty Cady of Killingly, Conn., m. intentions 23 Sept., 1769, resided at Killingly, 1770 to 1788, had ch.

**GUILD, EBENEZER**, son of Ebenezer and Lydia, b. 23 Jan., 1786, at Franklin, m. 3 Sept., 1811, Hepsibah, dau. of Thomas Russell, settled at Wrentham, came to Ox. in 1819, employed at hatting by James and Peter Butler, removed in 1824 to Worcester, later resided at Leicester, Webster (from 1835 to 1839 where he was deacon of the Congregational Church), and Mendon, returned in 1840 to Ox., where he carried on hatting at the corner opposite the brick store, continuing until near his death. He d. at the home of his dau. Emily A., at Milford, 27 Nov., 1865. His widow d. at Milford, 18 March, 1876. He was a quiet man, of exemplary christian character, an excellent singer. . . . *Children*, first three b. at Wrentham: **EMILY A.**, b. 28 July, 1812, m. Alvan G. Underwood; **FRANCIS R.**, b. 24 Nov., 1814, d. 19 Feb., 1824, at Ox.; **OSCAR N.**, b. 6 Oct., 1817, d. 27 June, 1838, at Geneva, N. Y.; **HARLOW MORAN**, b. 25 Oct., 1820, at Ox., m. (1) intentions 16 Nov., 1840, Hannah Leavens, m. (2) 1853, Mrs. Lucy, widow of Merrick Martin of Woodstock, Conn.; Lieut. in the 12th Penn. Cav. in the late war, promoted to Capt., served through the war, d. 19 Feb., 1884, in Florida; ch. by first m. *Oscar L.*, b. 21 Feb., 1842, drummer in Co. E, 15th Regt. in the late war.

**OLIVIA L.**, and Silas Dunton, m. intentions 15 July, 1846.

Mrs. **ELIZABETH J.**, dau. of Japheth O. Cortis, aged 23, d. 10 Dec., 1884.

**GURTIN**, Mrs. **JULIA** (Canadian), aged 44, d. 28 Feb., 1864.

**HAGAR, POLLY**, and David Waters of Sutton, m. 22 Jan., 1806.

**HAGBURN, SAMUEL**, an aged and yet active man in the very early history of the town, and one of whom we would be glad to know more than is possible; b. 20 Jan., 1638, son of Samuel of Roxbury, a wealthy and honored man, who d. 24 Jan., 1643, his widow m. (2) Gov. Thomas Dudley, she m. (3) Nov., 1653, Rev. John Allin of Dedham. At his father's decease Samuel received a handsome estate, and in 1660, soon after his coming of age, we find him in trade at New London, Conn. Savage says he filled in 1664 an office of trust and remained there until 1668 at least. Miss Caulkins in the History of New London says, "Another person who was at this time [1661-2] a resident trader . . . was Samuel Hackburn or Hagborn from the Bay Colony." He was received as an inhabitant, but meeting with reverses soon left the town. The records give no facts as to his family. We find him in 1709 at Oxford, four years before the permanent settlement, looking after the interests of his half-brother, Gov. Joseph Dudley. It seems probable from his relation to Dudley that he had much to do with the planning of the new settlement, the arrangements for beginning its corporate existence, the soliciting of settlers, laying out of public ways, etc. He was the first in the list of the grantees and selected one of the best lots in the village on the east side of the main street, extending to and embracing the meadows on Mill Brook, and quite a quantity of the lands improved by the Huguenots, with two houses at least, one of which he no doubt kept up and occupied as a dwelling. But his stay was short after the settlement by the English. In Aug., 1714, he sold and removed. We find him living in Taunton in 1722, and in the latter part of 1725 he d. there. His will and inventory indicate that his means had become reduced, the total footing being but £220. [See page 52.]

**HALEY, THOMAS** (Irish), aged 43, d. 29 July, 1883.

**MRS. ELLEN**, aged 52, d. 31 Aug., 1885.

**HALL, EDWARD**, the emigrant, freeman in 1636 at Salisbury, lived at Duxbury, Braintree and Taunton. Had land set to him at Rehoboth in 1645 to which he removed from Braintree in 1655. He had **ANDREW**, b. 10 May, 1665, at Rehoboth, who had at Newton, **JOHN**, b. 11 Jan., 1695, who was father of **NEHEMIAH**, b. 29 March, 1725, probably at Rehoboth, and removed before 1750 to Uxbridge, where was b. 26 Aug., 1753, his son **NATHAN**, who came to Ox. He was a plain, blunt man, of good principles, and influential, a thriving farmer, somewhat in public life and generally respected; m. **Keziah**, dau. of Moses Richardson of Medway, bought 1797 the John Campbell farm, II. 187. He d. 13 March, 1835, aged 81, she d. 13 Sept., 1833, aged 77. . . . Children, all excepting the last b. at Uxbridge: **ABIGAIL**, b. 9 Jan., 1781, m. (1) Francis Barker, Lieut. in "Adams' Army," had one son, d. young, m. (2) Abijah Davis, m. (3) Peter Butler; **JOHN**, b. 26 May, 1782, m. **Eunice Putnam** of Sutton, settled in Holden, he d. 7 Dec., 1857, she d. 5 Dec., 1845, aged 65; they had **Almira**, b. 11 May, 1806; **Nathan**, b. 29 June, 1808; **Stephen**, b. 18 March, 1810; **Eley**, b. 9 April, 1812; **Richardson**, b. 18 Feb., 1814; **Danford**, b. 15 Jan., 1816; **Sally**, b. 1817, d. 1818; **Eunice**, b. 9 Dec., 1819; **Moses**, b. 14 April, 1785, m. Alice Wells, and settled at Brookfield, where he d. 1847; they had **Francis**, b. 15 Jan., 1811; **Willis**, b. 1 Sept., 1812; **Pamelia**, b. 21 July, 1814, d. young; **Marcia**, b. 15 April, 1816; **Ruth**, b. 1 May, 1818; **Eugenia**, b. 16 Feb., 1820; **John C.**, b. 15 Feb., 1823; **Mary**, b. 28 Feb., 1825; **Abigail**, b. 23 Oct., 1826; **Charlotte**, b. 25 Sept., 1828; **Sarah J.**,

b. 20 Feb., 1829; *Pamelia*, b. 26 April, 1833; KEZIAH, b. 17 Aug., 1787, d. young; LUTHER, b. 25 Jan., 1790, m. (1) Hannah Beers of Spencer, settled in Sutton, she d. 30 May, 1851, m. (2) 18 Feb., 1852, Mary Robinson: deacon of the Congregational Church at Sutton, he d. 26 Jan., 1858; ch. *David N.*, was graduated at Yale College, settled in Mississippi, lawyer, removed to St. Louis, Mo., where he was prominent, d. aged 33; *Franklin*, residence, Philadelphia, Pa.; *Lydia, Anna N.*; CALVIN, b. 13 Sept., 1791; NATHAN WEBB, b. 19 June, 1794; DAVID, b. 11 Jan., 1801, at Ox.

2. CALVIN, son of Nathan (1), m. 16 Feb., 1825, Rebecca, dau. of David Prince, resided at the homestead, he d. 18 Dec., 1870, she d. 28 July, 1883.

. . . Children: GEORGE, b. 7 Jan., 1826, d. 1828; NATHAN SUMNER, b. 20 Aug., 1827, d. 18 Jan., 1882, unm.; L. MARIA, b. 31 Dec., 1828; GEORGE C., b. 12 Sept., 1830, m. Louisa Bacon of Charlton, residence, Buffalo, N. Y., had ch.; AUSTIN, b. 26 Feb., 1832, d. 1833; AUSTIN, b. 1 May, 1835, m. 7 Sept., 1867, Theresa A. Holt of Chenango, N. Y., residence, near Binghamton, N. Y.; had *Mildred A.*, *Nettie M.*, *Nathan S.*; JANE, b. 8 Oct., 1837, m. Lester H. Cudworth.

3. NATHAN WEBB, son of Nathan (1), m. intentions 1 Dec., 1817, Susan, dau. of Craft Davis, settled at Ox., removed to Webster and 1853 to Southbridge. He d. 2 Aug., 1855, she d. 12 Feb., 1880, both at Southbridge. . . . Children: KEZIAH, b. 9 Aug., 1818, m. Augustus E., son of Calvin Randall of Thompson, Conn., who d. 14 Jan., 1879, had ch.; SARAH, b. 2 Jan., 1821, m. George W., son of Roswell Hare of Woodstock, Conn.; SUSAN, b. 28 Nov., 1822, m. Benjamin Watkins of Webster, removed 1880 to Vineland, N. J.; MOSES, b. 18 June, 1824, d. 7 March, 1863, unm.; ANDREW, b. 22 Sept., 1834; WILLIAM, b. 15 May, 1838, m. 26 Nov., 1863, Nancy Powers, he d. 18 Sept., 1879; they had *Miranda, Minnie, Moses, Andrew, Edith L.*

4. DAVID, son of Nathan (1), m. 27 May, 1827, Almira Prince, sister of Rebecca, settled at Ox., he d. 5 April, 1847, she m. (2) Jeremiah Brown. . . . Children: JULIA E., b. 19 Jan., 1828, m. 14 Sept., 1847, William Hills of Worcester, she d. 10 Sept., 1849; ANN J., b. 21 Sept., 1832, d. young; JUDSON W., b. 21 Sept., 1838, m. 27 June, 1872, Elizabeth St. John, residence, Worcester, and had *George N.*, b. 19 March, 1873; she d. 1883; ANN J., b. 18 May, 1845, m. 2 Jan., 1865, Ozro J. Livermore, settled at Worcester; had *Charles D.*, b. 1870; *Arthur C.*, b. 1874, removed 1881 to Holyoke.

THADDEUS, son of John of Sutton, descended from John of Concord, b. 28 March, 1780 [Hall Gen.], was of Ox. 1804, m. 14 July, 1814, Lucy, dau. of Jonas Eddy, settled at her father's, H. 156, which estate he sold 1837, and removed to Millbury; blacksmith and scythe maker at old Elliott mill site. He d. 1855, at Millbury. Only child ORSON E., b. 13 Jan. 1815, m. (1) 27 May, 1836, Tirzah, dau. of Israel Sibley, residence, Detroit, Mich., dry goods merchant; she d. 7 Dec., 1835, at Detroit. [Ox. Rec.] He removed to New Orleans, La., m. (2) 24 June, 1844, Emily D. Mudge, b. 30 Sept., 1827, at Portland, Me. He continued trade at New Orleans, and d. there 25 Oct., 1871. Nine children, all by second marriage.

BENAIAH, w. and children, resided at Ox. May, 1752.

NOAH, of Killingly, Conn., and Lydia Brown, m. 24 April, 1759.

JOHN C., of Millbury, and Hannah Smith, m. 3 Nov., 1824.

WILLIAM H., son of same, aged 2, d. 12 May, 1830.

DOLLY, widow, aged 71, d. 1 Jan., 1827.

PARIS, d. 16 Oct., 1832.

SARAH, of Smithfield, R. I., and Daniel Angell, m. int., 28 July, 1839.  
 NANCY C., and Loring D. Chaffee, of Thompson, Conn., m. 2 Jan., 1845.  
 HARRIET, widow, aged 71, dau. of Simeon Jones, d. 4 May, 1876.  
 CHARLES A., son of John P. and Harriet, aged 35, d. 16 May, 1876.  
 URIEL, aged 82, d. 24 Sept., 1886.

**HAMLIN**, NATHANIEL, descendant of James, who came from London and settled at Barnstable 1639. They were of French descent, one HAMELIN having passed in 1066 from Normandy to England with William the Conqueror. JAMES had 7 children, the oldest being JAMES, who had 14 children, the eighth being EBENEZER, b. 1674. He had 7 children, the youngest being LEWIS, b. 1719, at Barnstable, m. 1739, removed, about 1740, to Lebanon, Conn., where his second child NATHANIEL was b. 29 Nov., 1741. Lewis, the father, returned to Barnstable where he d. 1755. In 1759, Nathaniel assisted in building boats at Albany, and perhaps at Lakes George and Champlain for General Amherst's expedition of that year. From May 2, 1760, to Jan. 15, 1761, still a minor, he served in Nova Scotia in the company of Capt. Bassett of Chilmark. He was of a company which, under sappers and miners from England, blew up the fortifications at Louisburg. In 1763 he removed from Barnstable to Wellfleet, where he was a boatbuilder. He m. 5 Dec., 1763, Sally Baker of Wellfleet and removed 1772 to Shrewsbury, and thence April, 1778, to Ox., settling at the Nathaniel Chamberlain place, II. 240. This estate he owned until 1796; in 1780 marched in Capt. Humphrey's company to R. I. on the alarm; in 1783-84 was collector of taxes. In the latter year, he and his son Theophilus were carpenters at Hallowell and Vassalboro, Me., Theophilus settled at Fort Village, later Augusta, the father returned after two or three years to Ox. The sons and daughter one after another removed to Hallowell, Me., and in 1795 the parents with Lot, the youngest, followed. Theophilus and Lewis became prominent citizens and business men of Augusta. After his removal to Augusta, Nathaniel made clocks, spinning-wheels and sleighs. In 1798, he bought the house in Augusta built by his son-in-law Isaac Carter, which he sold in 1829 to the County of Kennebec as a site for the present Court House. Throughout his long life he was highly respected for integrity and manliness. He d. 19 Jan., 1834, aged 92. His wife d. 4 July, 1830, aged 87. . . . Children: THEOPHILUS, b. 6 Dec., 1765, at Wellfleet, merchant, m. (1) 30 June, 1788, Sarah Rockwood of Ox., she d. 6 Dec., 1826; m. (2) Mrs. Jane Carter of Portland, he d. 5 April, 1842, at Augusta, 10 ch.; MARY, b. 10 April, 1768, at Wellfleet, m. 25 June, 1789, at Ox., Joseph Burton of Augusta, she d. 24 May, 1848, at Augusta; OLIVE, b. 2 Nov., 1770, at Wellfleet, m. 28 Nov., 1793, Elias Craig of Augusta, she d. 25 Sept., 1848, at Fayette, Me.; LEWIS, b. 24 March, 1773, at Shrewsbury, m. 4 Sept., 1797, Eleanor Craig of Wrentham, farmer, selectman twelve years; he d. 20 April, 1824, at Augusta, 8 ch.; SARAH, b. 19 Aug., 1775, m. 15 May, 1796, Isaac Carter of Augusta, she d. 25 May, 1839, at Augusta; PEREZ, b. 1 Oct., 1777, m. (1) Jan., 1799, Anna Prescott of Readfield, Me., carpenter, removed to Sidney; she d. 8 June, 1807; m. (2) Sarah Kendall; 10 ch.; he d. 7 Sept., 1860, at Augusta; NATHANIEL, b. and d. 1780, at Ox.; LOT, b. 3 May, 1782, at Ox., m. 9 Oct., 1806, Sarah Craig of Wrentham; clerk in a store at Augusta, later painter and glazier; noted for his integrity, for many years surveyor of lumber. He d. 24 Feb., 1869, at Augusta, 5 ch. The late Prof. Charles E. Hamlin of Cambridge, shortly before his death furnished the main facts here given.

**HAMMOND, ELIJAH**, son of Aaron, of Charlton, a. 68, d. 17 June, 1875.

**HANCOCK, CAPT. WILLIAM**, son of Anthony and Ruth, of Wrentham, formerly of Dorchester, b. 1 March, 1703, was of Wrentham in 1754, and captain of militia; came to Ox., probably before 1760, as tenant of the heirs of Dudley upon entailed lands in the south part of the town, the residence being below the bridge on the Webster road, H. 58, house removed. There is a tradition that he had been in the West India trade and by a storm at sea had lost a valuable cargo which reduced his means. He had more than ordinary ability and stood high with his townsmen. In 1777, a period in which wisdom, firmness, and patriotism were demanded, being then seventy-four years of age, he was chosen Representative and was re-elected; was also chairman of selectmen. He m. Hannah ——. He d. aged 87, 8 March, 1789, she d. 28 Dec., 1791, aged 78. . . . Children, b. at Wrentham: RUTH, b. 6 June, 1734, m. 7 Oct., 1752, Jeremiah Clark of Medfield; ENOCH, b. 13 Feb., 1736; DAVID, b. 26 Feb., 1740; MARY, b. 1742, d. 1746; BETTY, b. 19 May, 1745, m. 9 Jan., 1766, Lewis Whiting; PAUL, b. 5 Jan., 1748; SARAH, b. 8 Aug., 1750, m. intentions 29 March, 1775, at Ox., Solomon Cook; ALLEN, b. 5 April, 1754, at Wrentham, m. 1 Jan., 1789, Lucy, widow of Samuel Corbin, of Thompson, Conn., dau. of William Larned of Dudley, settled at Ox., removed about 1800 to Dudley where both died. He d. 11 Oct., 1848, she d. 12 March, 1836. He was in Capt. John Town's company and marched on Lexington alarm,—captain of militia at Ox., and for eight years, between 1787 and 1797, assessor, one of the administrators of estate of Josiah Wolcott, and was much esteemed; they had at Ox. *Hannah*, b. 28 Sept., 1789, m. William Larned of Dudley; *William*, b. 28 June, 1792, colonel of militia and a leading citizen at Dudley for many years; *Elizabeth D.*, b. 13 Oct., 1794, m. Elisha Knight; *Allen*, b. 25 June, 1798, m. Zenucia Day, colonel of militia, an independent farmer of Dudley; he d. 23 Sept., 1882; *CHLOE*, b. 16 Dec., 1756, m. Jacob Shumway.

GEORGE, and Mary Plunkett, m. intentions 13 Dec., 1835.

**HANDY, ASA**, of Burrillville, R. I., and Esther Corbin of South Gore, m. 12 July, 1818.

**HANNAWAY, PETER** (Irish), aged 90, d. 19 March, 1884.

**HANSON, CLARISSA J.**, m. n. White, of Charlton, a. 43, d. 22 June, 1862.

**HARBACK, HENRY**, of Sutton, and Mrs. Sarah Prince, m. 20 July, 1780.

**PALMER**, son of Daniel, of Sutton, aged 78, d. 30 Oct., 1884.

**HARBOTTLE, JAMES**, son of James, b. 6 Jan., 1803, at Trowbridge, Eng., came 1827 to America, in 1832 to Ox., and was employed at Ox. Woolen Co.'s mill, removed 1846 to Ware; m. (1) in England, Eliza Sims; m. (2) 1829, at Fishkill, N. Y., Mary Buckley, she d. May, 1858, at Ware. He d. Aug., 1864, at Little Falls, N. Y., while on a visit. He was a man of ready wit. It is related that one morning as he was entering the mill at Ox. a little late, the agent Capt. DeWitt, met him and noting his tardiness, in his quiet, pleasant manner, remarked, "Mr. Harbottle, that bell when it rings is a call to all." "Yes," replied Harbottle, "and so you know Jesus Christ died for all, but they don't all come, do they, Captain?" This was before DeWitt had united with the Church. He was greatly amused at the retort, and the conversation was dropped. . . . Children, by first m. born in England: **HARRIET**, b. June, 1823, m. Isaac Viles, residence, Dover, N. H.; **THOMAS**, b. 1825, m. Helen

McIntosh, residence, Brooklyn, N. Y.; by second m.: WILLIAM, b. 30 June, 1831, at Fishkill, N. Y., d. June, 1856, at Ware; JAMES, b. 13 June, 1833, and all younger, at Ox., m. Helen S. Tracy, resided at Ware, changed his family name to Edmonds; they had *Fred C.*, b. 29 March, 1863, residence, Brooklyn, N. Y., machinist; *Albert W.*, b. 23 March, 1866; *Mary F.*, b. 9 March, 1870; JOHN, b. 4 July, 1835, d. March, 1857, at Ware; PHILIP, b. and d. 1837; MARY, b. Jan., 1840, d. Dec., 1857, at Ware; ROSE A., b. and d. 1844.

HARDING, AMOS, b. about 1768, came from Franklin to Ox. 1797, settled on Long Hill, at the Daggett place, H. 159, d. there; he m. 18 Oct., 1789, Hannah Baker of Franklin. He d. 21 Sept., 1840, she d. 19 Sept., 1838, aged 72. . . . Children: LUCY, b. at Franklin, d. unm. 22 Aug., 1860, aged 70; SAMUEL, b. about 1791, m. Catherine Cummings of Ward; he d. 3 March, 1856; she m. (2) Benjamin Putnam, she d. 3 July, 1870; ch., *Elisha*, b. 1840, at Auburn, d. 25 Feb., 1852; AMOS, settled at Alstead, N. H.; HANNAH, d. aged 59, 31 Oct., 1858, unm.; MARY B., m. 1 Dec., 1830, James G., son of George Bacon.

CHARLES L., relative of Amos (1), b. May, 1814, at Franklin, son of Lewis and Irene (Hartshorn) and grandson of Elisha of Franklin, who m. Ruth Haven of Sharon. Three sons, CHARLES L., WILLIAM C., and GEORGE W., came to Ox. from Blackstone in 1847, Charles L. having bought the thread factory property. He learned wool manufacturing at South Walpole, and soon after his majority became part owner of a mill at Millville where he remained about seven years, coming thence to Ox. In 1852 he sold to Col. Buffum, and removed to Winooski, Vt., purchasing a large mill of fifteen sets which he operated ten years successfully, becoming wealthy; removed 1862 to Cambridge and in 1866 began trade as a commission merchant in Boston, in which he prospered, he being the head of the house, and his son Edgar a partner. His brothers removed with him to Vermont, and later were manufacturers at Ludlow, Vt., wool merchants in Boston, and afterward were in trade in New York. He m. 1840, Julia A. Bowen; he d. April, 1891; their only surviving child *Edgar*, was b. 1844, in partnership with his father in Boston.

EDWIN D., son of George W., aged 5, d. 15 July, 1851.

HARKINS, NOAH, Revolutionary soldier.

HARRINGTON, SARAH D., m. n. Congdon, of Newport, aged 78, d. 4 July, 1878.

HARRIS, ROBERT, of Roxbury 1643, m. 24 Jan., —, Elizabeth Bossee or Boughey, had with others DANIEL, b. 14 May, 1652, m. 14 June, 1682, Joanna Brown, resided at Brookline; had with others TIMOTHY, b. 20 June, 1696, m. Mary, dau. of Samuel Stearns of Dedham [he first met her, on a summer noon, asleep, leaning upon his anvil, he being a blacksmith], resided at Watertown, removed 1733 to Ox., having bought the old mill at the south end of the Plain; had a shop many years on Main Street near the road to Fort Hill. He d. aged 80, 25 Feb., 1777, she d. aged 86, 3 Feb., 1785. . . . Children, first four b. at Watertown: SAMUEL, b. 14 Sept., 1725; MARY, b. 25 Aug., 1727, m. Elisha Davis; ANNA, b. 4 Feb., 1729, m. intentions Nov., 1751, Jonathan Woodward of Plainfield, Conn.; ABRAHAM, b. 25 Nov., 1732; MEHETABLE, b. 3 Aug., 1735, at Ox., m. Stephen Jewett; ELIZABETH, b. 1741,

d. 1742; as believed, another dau., not recorded, m. —— Ingoldsby of New York State.

2. SAMUEL, son of Timothy (1), m. 27 Aug., 1752, Margaret Robbins, b. 1731; town clerk from 1776 to 1798, several years selectman and assessor, and 12 years town treasurer, deacon of the Church from 1771 to his death, guardian of the Dudley Indians 1778, lived on the homestead, an honored and useful man; d. 28 Aug., 1798, she d. aged 76, 23 Dec., 1807. . . . *Children*: ELIZABETH, b. 1753, d. 1754; JONATHAN, b. 1754, d. 1758; ASA, b. 1756, d. 1769; MOSES, b. 1758, d. 1769; JONATHAN, b. 13 May, 1760; ABIJAH, b. 1762, d. 1769; TIMOTHY, b. 1764, d. 1769; MARY, b. 1766, d. 1769; ANNA, b. 14 Aug., 1768; m. David Nichols (two ch. only lived to maturity).

3. ABIJAH, son of Timothy (1), m. 18 Dec., 1760, Sarah, dau. of Abial Lamb, lived for a time at the south end of the Plain, 30 rods west of the main street, in the rear of H. 214, house removed. In 1774 he bought and occupied the present almshouse farm; an industrious farmer, a leading Universalist; on a certain day seeing a shower coming, he, it is said, touched fire to a lot of hay he was harvesting that it might not be wet for the third time; Revolutionary soldier, marched on Lexington alarm, Lieut. of militia. He d. 14 Nov., 1810, she d. aged 81, 28 March, 1824. . . . *Children*: ELIZABETH, b. 1762, d. young; SARAH, b. 1768, d. young; ASA, b. 1 June, 1771; SARAH, b. 1776, d. 1785.

4. ASA, son of Abijah (3), m. (1) 7 Nov., 1793, Sarah, dau. of John Mayo, settled on the homestead, she d. 24 Feb., 1794, m. (2) intentions 8 Jan., 1795, Dolly, dau. of Jonathan Day of Dudley, she d. 29 April, 1817, aged 41, m. (3) 10 Aug., 1817, Hopestill, widow of Moses Phipps. He d. (throwing himself into his well in a fit of insanity), 23 July, 1819. Capt. of cavalry. . . . *Children*, all by second m.: SARAH, b. 11 Dec., 1796, m. Hollis DeWitt; DAY, b. 23 July, 1809, m. 14 April, 1845, Susan D., dau. of Asa Cutler, settled at Ox., removed 1847 to Webster, thence to Putnam, Conn., where he d. 12 Jan., 1881; they had *Frank C.*, dealer in ship stores, New York; ELIZABETH, b. 24 Jan., 1813, d. 22 Oct., 1830; LUCIAN, b. 14 July, 1815, m. 21 March, 1842, Mary Ann, dau. of Dr. Charles Negus of Webster, where they settled, and had *Eliza M.*, b. 16 Feb., 1844, d. 12 Feb., 1862; *Charles L.*, b. 18 Jan., 1852, m. 3 Nov., 1880, Addie M., dau. of William Robbins of Charlton, and had *Florence A.*, b. 12 Feb., 1883, resided with his father at Webster.

5. JONATHAN, son of Samuel (2), Revolutionary soldier, m. 14 June, 1781, Hulda, dau. of Isaac Town, settled on the homestead, was considerably in public life, town clerk from 1798 to 1812, collector of State taxes, and for many years from June, 1797, coroner. He had a discriminating mind, and frequently acted as advocate in justice's court. He d. 24 Jan., 1830, she d. 28 Sept., 1834. . . . *Children*: SAMUEL, b. 28 June, 1782; MARY, b. 7 Feb., 1784, m. Peleg Foster; SARAH, b. 17 March, 1786, m. Charles Town; ISAAC, b. 24 May, 1788; ELIZABETH, b. 1790, d. 1792; RUFUS, b. 12 April, 1792; LUCY, b. 24 July, 1794, d. 10 Aug., 1813; SYLVANUS, b. 27 July, 1796; HULDAH, b. 1 Aug., 1798, m. Seth Daniels; JONATHAN, b. 1801, d. 1803; NANCY, b. 20 Nov., 1803, m. Davie B. Kingsbury.

6. SAMUEL, son of Jonathan (5), m. 6 Aug., 1820, Elizabeth, dau. of Sylvanus Town; carpenter, a man of good judgment, a leading Freemason, musician, resided in several places in Ox. and vicinity, spent his later years on a farm in Holland, d. 1 March, 1851, she d. at the home of her son Samuel F., at Trempealeau, Wis., 7 Oct., 1866. . . . *Children*: SAMUEL F., b. 5 June,

1821, removed about 1843 to Wisconsin, m. 2 Aug., 1846, Adaline F., dau. of Philander Hall of Pittstown, N. Y., miller at Wauwatosa, Wis., until 1858, removed to Trempealeau, Wis., was a merchant and steamboat agent three years, removed 1861 to Galesville, Wis., owned a mill, and was County treasurer. On 23 June, 1866, he lost his property by a flood, and removed for a short time to a farm but returned to Trempealeau in 1869 and began trade in agricultural tools, which he continued to his decease, 4 Feb., 1882. He was a worthy man, active in Church affairs and an efficient worker in the temperance cause; WILLIAM H., b. 1 March, 1823, m. 26 Aug., 1849, Helen A. Wallace of Holland, where they settled, deacon of the Congregational Church, supt. of Sunday-school, and for many years school committee, she d. in the spring of 1888, m. (2) Mrs. Rosetta [Back] Plimpton of Florence, their present residence; ch. by first m. *Adella E.*, b. 18 Nov., 1850, m. 1869, Newton Wallace, and had ch.; SYLVANUS J., b. 27 Oct., 1824, m. 30 April, 1848, Sarah J. Bond of Holland, removed about 1854 to Wisconsin, he d. 1884, at Galesville, Wis., blacksmith, soldier in the late war in a Wis. Regt.; they had *Sarah J.*, b. 28 April, 1849, at Holland; *Caroline F.*, b. 23 March, 1851, at Warren, m. 17 April, 1873, Orin F. McIntire, she d. 15 June, 1874, at Southbridge; *Samuel F.*, b. 22 Feb., 1853, at Charlton; *Adaline*, b. 1856, d. 1857; *Charles H.*, b. 22 Dec., 1858, at Galesville, Wis.; *William W.*, b. 13 Jan., 1866; CAROLINE E., b. 15 Sept., 1827; DARIUS, b. 1 Sept., 1832, m. 16 May, 1858, Susan C. Lawton of Chaplin, Conn., settled at Shelburne Falls, removed to Sturbridge, foreman in an auger and bit factory at Fiskdale, Sturbridge; they had *Kate E.*, b. 16 Feb., 1859, m. Aug., 1879, Charles E. Bird; *Alice L.*, b. 8 April, 1863, m. 1886, Eaton S. Hitchcock; *Madella*, b. 6 Dec., 1867, m. June, 1887, Henry L. Wheelock of Brookfield, she d. early in 1889; *Corabell*, b. 24 Dec., 1869; *Lura M.*, b. 2 April, 1881.

7. ISAAC, son of Jonathan (5), m. (1) 26 March, 1809, Phebe Marsh of Dudley, settled at Ox., removed about 1815 to Bethel, Me., thence soon to Milan, N. H., and when considerably in years to Huntington, Vt., she d. 12 April, 1821, at Milan, m. (2) 27 Aug., 1821, Esther Bickford; farmer. He d. at Huntington, 13 April, 1876. . . . Children by first m., first three b. at Ox.: MARY, b. 17 Feb., 1810, m. William Fogg of Milan, N. H.; AMOS, b. and d. 1812; LUCY, b. 27 March, 1814, m. Gilman Twichell of Milan; CELIA, b. Dec., 1816, at Bethel, Me., m. (1) Rufus Stockwell of Millbury, m. (2) Hiram Willis, removed to Indiana, where she d. Dec., 1848; ISAAC, b. 1820, d. 1821; ch. by second m.: PHEBE, b. Aug., 1822, m. William Cockle of Huntington, Vt., had ch.; RUFUS, m. Hannah A. Wheeler, had ch.; ESTHER, b. May, 1828, m. Willis Welles of Richmond, Vt., had ch.; CYRUS, b. Dec., 1830, m. Lucinda Wood, had ch.; HULDAH, b. May, 1833, m. Reuna Wood, had ch.; ISAAC, b. Aug., 1837.

8. RUFUS, son of Jonathan (5), m. (1) April, 1818, Susan, dau. of Benjamin Witt of New Braintree, she d. aged 34, 24 Jan., 1831, m. (2) 11 July, 1832, Mary, sister of Rev. Ebenezer Newhall, he d. 16 March, 1833, she m. (2) Peter Shunway; farmer, built the house at the lower end of the Plain, II. 213, removed to take charge of the weaving-room at the Oxford Woolen Company's factory, continuing until his death. . . . Children: ARCHIBALD C., b. 16 Dec., 1819, m. (1) 22 Aug., 1843, Mary L., dau. of Phinehas T. Bartlett, resided at North Ox. and Dudley, removed to Vermont, carried on many years a large stock farm at Shorham, where he was partner of Benjamin E. Bates of Boston, removed thence to Crown Point, N. Y., and later to

Framingham and Worcester; his w. d. Feb., 1883, at Toledo, O., at her sister's residence, he m. (2) 28 April, 1884, Jane, wid. of E. P. Lindsey, m. n. Ware, of Worcester, where they reside; ch. by first m.: *Edward S.*, d. young; *Charles F.*, b. 1852, at Dudley, d. 22 Aug., 1873, at Rockville, Conn.; *Susan L.*, b. 29 Jan., 1861, at Shoreham, Vt., m. Charles, son of Lewis W. Spaulding, her second cousin; *LUCY ANN*, b. 3 July, 1821, d. 26 Aug., 1841, at Springfield; *STERNS D. W.*, b. 15 Oct., 1823, m. 30 July, 1846, Lucy G., dau. of Joseph Davis of Templeton, no ch., he d. 4 or 5 Aug., 1874, at Fabyan's, White Mountains, N. H., she d. 4 March, 1881, at Winchendon. He was of sterling character and good business ability, for a time in shoe manufacturing at Ox. and several years agent of the Rock Co.'s Woolen Mill at Rockville, Conn., went thence to a farm in the western part of Framingham, and d. while on a tour in New Hampshire.

9. SYLVANUS, son of Jonathan (5), m. 28 Jan., 1826, Lucretia Underwood of Pomfret, Conn., resided at H. 213, the home of his brother Rufus; cabinet-maker and carriage-maker, considerably in public life, selectman, representative, justice of the peace, town clerk. He d. 14 Sept., 1879, she d. 12 Aug., 1884, aged 80. . . . Children: *EDWIN*, b. and d. 1828; *JOHN L.*, b. 11 Nov., 1829, m. 1 July, 1853, Mary A. Logan, settled at Webster, where he d. 25 Sept., 1888; they had *Fred J.*, b. 5 Sept., 1864; *DAVID NELSON*, b. 15 Oct., 1832, m. 7 March, 1854, Martha M. Thayer, no ch., soldier in the late war, he. d. 26 Nov., 1887; *JANE*, b. and d. 1836.

WILLIAM, "a stranger," killed on the railroad, 8 June, 1847.

MARIA P., dau. of Ebenezer Brown, aged 39, d. 19 April, 1853.

HART, JAMES, JR., Worcester, and Lydia Bellows, m. int. Mar. 16, 1765.  
JOHN, of Leicester, and Sarah Singletary, m. 26 Oct., 1775.

MICHAEL, of Dudley, and Mary A. Noon, m. intentions 30 March, 1835.

MARTHA, and John D. W. Moore, m. 26 Aug., 1849.

HARTWELL, WILLIAM, of Concord 1636, quartermaster, b. in Kent Co., England; had, with others, SAMUEL, b. 26 March, 1645, m. 26 Oct., 1665, Ruth Wheeler, and had SAMUEL, b. 6 Oct., 1666, m. 23 Nov., 1692, Abigail Stearns. They had ISAAC, b. 22 Nov., 1703, at Concord, removed to Bedford, and thence in 1734 to Ox., North Gore, where he bought 100 acres and three acres additional on which stood the "Livermore" house, named from Daniel, grantee of land from the State. Samuel, a brother of Isaac, resided at Stoughton in 1732, and with his son Jonas died there, 1760, of small-pox. Isaac was a man of energy and ability and was captain of a military company of nine men in the Gore, denominated the "nine pins," was a soldier in the French war, an ardent patriot in the Revolution, but being seventy years of age could not do military duty.<sup>1</sup> He, however, showed his spirit by one day taking down, from its perch in the old kitchen, his flint-lock musket, which was in need of repair, and mounting his horse and riding to the shop of the

<sup>1</sup> The following is extant:—

"To Sergt. James Meriam, your forth with Required to notify and warne Capt. Isaiae hertwell to Sarve in the Contantinal army. Eight Months or get Sum Good abele Bodied man in his Room & Stid, or pay Fifteen Pounds in Twenty-four ours by Spehal orders from Corte. Oxford, Sept. the 22: 1777.

JOHN TOWN, Capt."

On 15 Aug., General Court had passed a resolve making it binding on all males over 16 years of age if required, to do military duty or send a substitute, or pay £15 fine, drafts to be made from "trained bands, alarm lists and *all others*." See Hartwell receipts under "Revolutionary war."

noted gunsmith Thomas Earle of Cherry Valley and waiting through the day without dinner for it to be put in order. He was a firm friend of Gen. Learned and two days after his march to Cambridge, April, 1775, sent (as his account book records) 26½ pounds of salt beef and 15 pounds of cheese to the army.<sup>1</sup>

He was a successful farmer, a leading article of production being cider. He owned three hundred acres of land and large orchards. He m. (1) Abigail, widow of Benjamin Bacon of Bedford, in whose employ he had been before coming to Ox.; m. (2) 20 Jan., 1737, widow Mary Cowdry of Concord, she d. aged 69, 14 Oct., 1772.<sup>2</sup> He m. (3) 14 July, 1773, Mrs. Phebe Brewer, had no children to live to manhood. He d. 6 Dec., 1786, and was buried in the cemetery near his residence.

2. SAMUEL, b. 1755, son of Jonas of Bridgewater, and grand-nephew of Isaac (1), m. Susanna Burr at West Bridgewater, removed to Ox. about 1783, settled on the homestead. He was of good abilities, active in town and Church affairs, highly esteemed, and captain of militia, and for sixteen years before his death justice of the peace and during that time married thirty-three couples. At the organization of the Episcopal Church at South Leicester in 1824, he left the Oxford Church and joined there, on account of the distance to Ox. He d. aged 70, 10 June, 1826, she d. 26 Dec., 1833. . . . Children: CYRUS, b. 8 Nov., 1783, was graduated 1806, Dartmouth College, studied medicine, settled at Persippany, N. J., where he m. Catherine Riter, no ch.; he d. 1816, aged 32; JONAS, b. 2 Jan., 1786, m. (1) about 1817, Mary Sumner of Spencer, removed to Providence, R. I., where he was a trader; m. (2) Thankful Briggs; had two children by first m., both d. at Providence; he d. about 1870, at Providence, aged 84; SENATH, b. 5 Dec., 1788, m. (1) Richard Moore, m. (2) Samuel Smith;IRENA, b. 22 Dec., 1790, m. Charles P. Nichols; SAMUEL, b. 30 Aug., 1793, m. Lydia, dau. of Calvin Amidown, settled at Southbridge, where he d. Aug., 1875, she d. 3 Sept., 1848. He went 1814 to New Jersey and began the study of medicine with his brother Cyrus, finished his course at New York medical school, began practice 1817 at Southbridge, continuing with remarkable success till his death. He was prominent as a citizen and a manufacturer. They had *Samuel Cyrus*, b. 28 March, 1820, m. 1844, Ellen M., dau. of Moses Plimpton. He was a physician and succeeded to his father's business at Southbridge where he d. 1885; 2 dau.; ISAAC, b. 16 Nov., 1795, d. 1796; SETH, b. 25 Oct., 1797, went in youth to the mills at South Ox., m. (1) 8 Sept., 1823, Isabella Henderson, resided at North Gore and Millbury, where she d.; m. (2) Dorothy Hammond of Charlton, removed to Rochdale; m. (3) Clarissa Fish of Worcester, removed to Wilkinsonville, where he was agent of the mill, and later to Oxford Plain, where he d. 27 Dec., 1870; GEORGE W., b. 4 March, 1800; SUSAN, b. 7 June, 1802, m. im-

<sup>1</sup>This was not a "charge," but a memorandum and probably a gratuity.

<sup>2</sup> She was a person of considerable property, but remiss in business matters. The following is a copy of a note sent to her which explains itself: "Reading, Oct. ye 20, 1743. Mrs. Hartwell, with my service to you & yours, these are to mind you that you have not paid me for your husband and children's graves, though 'tis long since I dig'd them as also 3 days works that I did for you. I am in want of the money & pray you not to fall of sending it by the bearer

hereof, as you would prevent further trouble to yourself & me. The inclosed accompt will inform you what the whole comes to. Your humble servant,

JOHN BAT."

Capt. Isaae Hartwell was a man of original ideas in some directions as shown by his orthography in his account book, where he charges some of his neighbors for "hogues" and "pigue," and credits a friend with a "cague of 6 gals. of Rhum." His first "Nues paper" was taken of Josiah Town, June, 1774.

tentions 16 Aug., 1822, Eleazer Bemis of Spencer, where they settled, she d. at Spencer and the family removed to Alabama, N. Y., where he d.; they had *Jane*, d. young; *George W.*, went to Alabama, N. Y., and thence to Independence, Ia., where he was a merchant, and later to Des Moines, Ia., stood high as a citizen, State Treasurer; *Susan*, m. —— Towne, residence, Alabama, N. Y.; *ISAAC B.*, b. 4 Oct., 1804, m. (1) 15 Dec., 1829, Sally, dau. of Luther Stone, she died 16 May, 1852, at the Brattleboro' insane asylum; they had 2 sons, both d. young; settled in New York State, removed 1836 to Northfield, Vt., thence to Woodstock, Vt., where he m. (2) *Sally C. Scott*, no ch., lived at Woodstock, Vt., till 1858, and removed to Wilkinsonville, his present residence; farmer, justice of the peace, an esteemed citizen.

3. **GEORGE W.**, son of Samuel (2), m. 19 Aug., 1827, Luceetta Haven of Leicester, removed 1833 to Northfield, Vt., superintendent of a mill, returned 1840 to Ox., bought the rights of the other heirs and owned and cultivated the homestead. He was esteemed as a citizen, intelligent and social, selectman and representative; furnished much valuable information for this work. He d. aged 87, 30 June, 1887, she d. aged 75, 13 April, 1878. . . . *Children*: **MARY E.**, b. 1 July, 1828; **GEORGE H.**, b. 10 June, 1830, m. 4 June, 1856, *Ellen M. Green*, apothecary at Southbridge, where he d. 13 March, 1881; they had *Charles S.*, b. 15 Sept., 1858, d. 1859; *Caty Fay*, b. 16 June, 1860, m. 19 Dec., 1881, *Gardner O. Benson*; *George H.*, b. 27 July, 1863; **CAROLINE P.**, b. 14 July, 1834, at Northfield, Vt., m. 2 Feb., 1869, *Francis Stiles, Jr.*, of Leicester, who d. 30 May, 1880; **ISAAC B.**, b. 11 March, 1837, at Northfield, Vt., m. 1 June, 1859, *Emeline E. Hull*, b. 30 July, 1840, at Burlington, Conn., settled on the homestead; they had *Samuel E.*, b. 3 April, 1860; **Susan R.**, b. 30 Jan., 1863; *Elizabeth*, b. and d. 1866; *Edward E.*, b. 28 June, 1869; *Grace L.*, b. 20 July, 1878; **CHARLES H.**, b. 1 Dec., 1842.

#### HARVEY, JOHN, Revolutionary soldier.

**HARWOOD, DAVID**, b. 3 Jan., 1732, at Salem, son of David and Margaret, m. 30 April, 1752, *Rebecca*, dau. of Jonathan and Abigail Twiss, b. 9 April, 1729, at Salem, then of Ox., settled at Sutton, housewright: lived on the farm adjoining on the south the Sutton poor farm, deacon of the Baptist Church, removed 1788, to the south part of Ox., H. 40, where he d. aged 77, 28 Sept., 1808; she d. aged 79, 8 Oct., 1808. . . . *Children*: b. at Sutton, **JONATHAN**, b. 1753, m. 23 March, 1784, *Apphya Woodbury*, settled at Charlton, where he d. 23 Feb., 1816; they had *Prudence*, b. 1785; *Mary*, b. 1786; *Phebe*, b. 1789; **REBECCA**, b. 1756, m. *James Melendy*, lived in east part of Ox., H. 1, removed to Charlton; had *Jacob*, *David*; **DAVID**, b. 1759, m. 29 April, 1792, *Mary*, dau. of Jeremiah Kingsbury, d. aged 72, 31 Dec., 1831, she d. aged 86, 1 July, 1854, settled near his father, H. 41; had *David*, b. 25 Oct., 1796, lived on the homestead, d. 30 March, 1853, unm.; **MARGARET**, b. 1761, m. 21 Jan., 1784, *Ebenezer Allen* of Sutton, removed to Unadilla, N. Y., had ch.; **ELIHU**, b. 1763; **ABIGAIL**, b. 1765, m. *John Kingsbury*; **RACHEL**, b. 1767, m. *Asa Putnam* of Sutton, had ch.; **SOLOMON**, b. 1770.

2. **ELIHU**, son of David (1), m. 18 April, 1795, *Molly*, dau. of Jeremiah Amidown; the same year bought the farm at the foot of Bondet Hill, H. 34, resided there till near his death, 27 Dec., 1845, she d. aged 88, 17 Sept., 1861.

. . . *Children*: **ELIHU**, b. 3 Jan., 1796; **JONATHAN**, b. 28 Feb., 1800; **POLLY**, b. 12 April, 1804, m. *Joseph Healy*.

3. ELIHU, son of Elihu (2), m. 17 May, 1820, Hannah, dau. of Asa Beals, b. 6 June, 1798, at Milford, settled at south end of the Plain, H. 209, was pioneer of the shoe manufacture in Ox., Capt. of militia, well known for his wit and humor, he d. 11 June, 1865, she d. 17 Dec., 1865, aged 67. . . . Children: DANIEL, b. 21 July, 1821, m. 4 May, 1843, Sophia Wardwell of Hudson, N. Y., settled at Ox., removed to Boston, where he was a wholesale shoe merchant, president of the Shoe and Leather Bank; they had *Charles E.*, Sergt. in the 44th Mass. Regt. in the late war, d. 1863 at New Berne, N. C.; *Albert C.*, d. *Edward E.*, *Lizzie G.*, *Frank S.*, *Mary S.*; EMORY E., b. 12 March, 1826, m. 24 May, 1853, Lucy F. Clark of Andover, shoe manufacturer, selectman 1861-64, removed to Spencer, where he resided 1891; they had *Julia*, b. 3 Jan., 1857, m. April, 1884, Samuel A. Melcher, 1890 teacher at Whitinsville, had ch.; *Clark*, b. 20 April, 1860; HANNAH A., b. 1833, d. 1839; ELIZA M., b. 25 July, 1836, m. 13 May, 1858, John Anderson, residence, Binghamton, N. Y., where he is president of the Electric Light Co.; WAITY M., b. 24 April, 1839, m. George W. Olney.

4. JONATHAN, son of Elihu (2), m. 13 Nov., 1823, Lucetta, dau. of Craft Davis, he d. 19 Dec., 1841, she d. 12 Nov., 1877. . . . Children: JULIA A., b. 9 Oct., 1824, m. (1) Ezra Davis, m. (2) April, 1873, Henry M. Ingraham; CATHERINE, b. Feb., 1827, m. William Prince of Dudley, removed to New Boston, Conn., had ch.; SARAH E., b. 16 June, 1838, m. 28 Jan., 1863, Henry M. Ingraham of Coventry, R. I., settled at Ox., and had *Lewis H.*, b. 17 Sept., 1863; *Walter H.*, b. 15 July, 1865; she d. 7 Sept., 1865.

5. SOLOMON, son of David (1), Capt. of cavalry, m. (1) 8 Nov., 1792, Abigail Battles of Dedham, she d. 15 July, 1817, aged 42, m. (2) 5 July, 1820, Lavina, dau. of Ezekiel Davis, he d. 24 Sept., 1826, she m. (2) Perry Curtis. . . . Children: PRUDENCE, b. 27 July, 1793, m. Amos, son of Gideon Sibley; REUBEN, b. 13 Sept., 1798; RHODA, b. 10 April, 1807, m. 13 April, 1828, Luke Bowker of Troy, N. H., she d. soon after, no ch.

6. REUBEN, son of Solomon (5), m. 19 July, 1818, Hannah, dau. of William Hurd, he d. 28 Sept., 1838, she d. 9 April, 1866. . . . Children: LUCIAN, b. 27 Dec., 1818, m. Susan J. Merritt of Warren, where he settled, watchmaker and jeweller, he d. 1883; had *Frank L.*, b. 16 Sept., 1847, at Warren, m. Sarah Louise Badger; *Harriet E.*, b. Dec., 1849; WILLARD, b. 5 April, 1821, drowned at Augutteback village, 12 Feb., 1835; GEORGE, b. 25 Aug., 1823, m. Alice Cleveland of Stafford Springs, Conn., he d. 13 March, 1864, at Westford, Conn., she d. 10 March, 1879, at Stafford, Conn.; had *Hannah E.*, *Orange C.*, *Charles W.*, all d. young; JOHN, b. 5 March, 1826, m. 28 Aug., 1848, Amy Morse of Charlton, she d. aged 39, 29 Dec., 1867, m. (2) 24 Dec., 1868, Margaret Walley of Boston; ch. by first m.: *Reuben*, b. 3 April, 1849, m. (1) Elizabeth White of Charlton, m. (2) Agnes Laflin of West Boylston; *Maria E.*, b. 1850, d. 1851; *Maria E.*, b. 13 Aug., 1852, m. 3 Sept., 1871, Edelbert Dugar of Charlton; ch. by second m.: *William W.*, and *Wilbur J.*, b. 9 Sept., 1869, both d. 1870; *Carrie L.*, b. 13 July, 1871, at Somerville, d. 1871; *Florence J.*, b. 23 March, 1874; *John*, b. 25 Nov., 1876; *Mary E.*, b. 20 Jan., 1879; CHARLES, b. 23 July, 1828, m. 21 Nov., 1857, Mary E. Howard of Medfield, and had *Elizabeth M.*, b. 1859, d. 1862; *Anne M.*, b. 15 Nov., 1863, at Boston; *George W.*, b. 1867, d. 1873; HANNAH E., b. and d. 1831; P. MERRICK, b. 27 Nov., 1832, m. 27 Nov., 1859, Louisa C. Pope, she d. 8 Jan., 1876; ch.: *Minnie L.*, b. 14 April, 1861, at Ox.; *Jennie E.*, b. 29 May, 1866, at Somerville; *Irving L.*, b. 1869, d. 1870; *Horace T.*, b. 10 Feb., 1871; WILLARD,

b. 10 Jan., 1836, m. 30 April, 1863, Mary B. Hainant of Medfield; ch. b. at Boston: *Charles H.*, b. 28 March, 1864; *Fred E.*, b. 8 June, 1868; *Harry A.*, b. 11 March, 1870; *Edith*, b. 14 Aug., 1879. Charles and Willard have for many years been partners in successful business as watch and jewelry dealers in Boston.

STEPHEN, ancestors came to Sutton from Salem 1719, relatives of David (1), m. Abigail, resided at Ox. 1793, d. here 21 Aug., 1804. . . . *Children:* STEPHEN, POLLY, HANNAH, ABIGAIL, JONATHAN, HULDAH, DAVID, PHEBE, REBEKAH.

SOLOMON, and Sarah Taylor, m. 4 Dec., 1752, and had REUBEN, b. 23 July, 1753. [Solomon Harwood and Ebenezer Twiss, both of Salem, and James Twiss of Billerica, bought land in Ox., now Charlton, which was divided in 1742.]

REBECCA, and Joseph McIntire, m. 3 Sept., 1752.

JOHN, w. and family resided at Ox. 1766, bought land 1771 on Prospect Hill, now Auburn, taxed 1771, had a case in court 1773.

JOHN JR., of Sutton, and Lydia Sibley, m. 28 Aug., 1777.

MARY, and Simeon Fuller of Sutton, m. 10 May, 1784.

HASKELL, JOHN, son of John of Dudley, b. there 24 June, 1784, m. 20 July, 1806, Dolly, dau. of John Hall of Sutton, sister of Thaddeus of Ox. . . . *Children* b. at Sutton: JOHN S., b. 26 Jan., 1807; ADALINE M., b. 11 July, 1808; and b. at Ox., near the lake in the south part of the town: ELIZA A. D., b. 27 May, 1810, m. Elisha Walker of Ox.; CAROLINE M., b. 11 Feb., 1813, at Dudley; CLEMENTINE, b. 15 March, 1817, at Dudley; John, the father, removed about 1816 to Montville, N. Y., where his w. d. about 1818. He soon went further west.

MRS. LYDIA, m. n. Robinson, and George B. Slater, m. int. 19 April, 1825.

AURELIA, w. of Joseph E., aged 29, d. 26 Jan., 1858.

THANKFUL, widow, m. n. Demond, aged 78, d. 20 Jan., 1875.

MARY J., aged 22, d. 11 April, 1876.

JOSEPH E., aged 53, d. 10 Feb., 1880.

HASTINGS, DANIEL, b. 3 Feb., 1677 (grandson of John of Braintree), removed from Cambridge to Marlboro' before 6 June, 1722, was of Sudbury in 1727, of Ox. in 1732, of Shrewsbury in 1735, and later with his son Walter removed to Hardwick, where he d. 25 Jan., 1755, styled "blacksmith" and "mason," no record of family in Ox. He m. Abigail Cooksey and had with others WALTER, b. 24 March, 1704, resided at Ox., farmer, m. (1) Lydia ——, and had at Framingham, *Abigail*, b. 23 April, 1727; at Sudbury, *Keliah*, b. 29 April, 1729; came to Ox., m. (2) 1 Nov., 1733, Mary Thompson, removed before 21 June, 1743, to Hardwick, where he d. 6 July, 1792; they had at Ox.: *Daniel*, b. 23 Aug., 1734, m. Submit Jordan at Rutland; *Jacob*, b. 9 Aug., 1737, m. Mary Bangs; *Lydia*, b. 31 July, 1739, d. 1757; *Martha*, b. 19 Sept., 1741, d. young; and at Hardwick: *John*, b. Sept., 1743; *Martha*, b. 9 Dec., 1745, m. Ebenezer Cobb; *Elizabeth*, b. 11 Aug., 1748, m. Samuel Hopkins; *Joseph*, b. 1751, d. 1753; *Jonathan*, b. 23 Oct., 1752; *Joseph*, b. 1755, d. 1756.

SARAH, dau. of Daniel, and John Amidown of Hardwick, m. 14 July, 1787.

ELSIE, of Worcester, and Timothy Worseley, m. intentions 2 April, 1831.

HATHAWAY, SETH, w. and sons SETH and WILLIAM and daughters ABIGAIL and RUTH, and an infant child, resided at Ox., March, 1783.

**HAVEN, JOANNA**, and Daniel Weld of North Gore, m. 3 April, 1744.  
**EBENEZER**, and wife, resided at Ox., Aug., 1759.

**HAWES, ASHBEL M.**, son of Robert, of Wrentham and Rutland, where Ashbel M. was b. 8 Dec., 1783, m. 9 Sept., 1810, Polly, dau. of David and Judith (Fitts) Lamb of Charlton, lived on the Plain, kept a shoe shop on the corner of the common, removed 1816 to the present home of his daughters, H. 136, where he many years was a trader. He d. aged 76, 30 July, 1860, she d. aged 87, 21 May, 1876. . . . *Children*: **INCREASE S.**, b. 10 June, 1812, m. intentions 11 Jan., 1837, Abigail, dau. of John Derby of Leominster, settled at Ox., removed to Cambridgeport, returned to Ox. and continued trade, he d. 22 May, 1867; they had *Charles O.*, *Ellen*, both d. soon; *George S.*, b. 1842, d. 1 Dec., 1859; **NELSON**, b. 24 Oct., 1813, went to New York State, there m. Catherine Lanning, removed to Ill. and to Minn., eight ch., he was drowned 28 June, 1868, on his own farm at Orinoco, Minn.; **ZURILLA**, b. 20 Feb., 1815, m. Jeremiah Stone; **MARY**, b. 4 April, 1817, m. 20 Feb., 1845, Cyrus B. Stockwell of Sutton, where they settled, removed to Webster, thence to Ashland, one dau.; **LUANA**, b. 18 May, 1819, m. 22 Feb., 1842, Josiah S. Prentiss of Auburn; had *Mary E.*, d. 1867; *Eldora E.*, m. Charles Kendall; *Frank E.*, m. Mary McClathery; *Caroline*, m. Frank Richardson; **EVELYN**, b. 8 June, 1821; **SAMUEL E.**, b. 1823, d. soon; **ALFRED**, b. 1824, d. 1827; **ALMA**, b. 20 Feb., 1827; **CAROLINE**, b. 21 Jan., 1830, d. 8 Nov., 1850; **EMILY**, b. 20 Dec., 1832, d. 3 Aug., 1868, unm.

**HAWKES, RUSSELL N.**, w. Lamira, had **ELLEN F.**, b. 15 Jan., 1844.

**HAYDEN, MRS. CYNTHIA**, aged 29, d. 14 Oct., 1849.  
**ARTEMAS A.**, aged 79, d. 20 Oct.(?), 1859.  
**MARY**, m. n. Divoll, aged 71, d. 9 Jan., 1866.  
**SYLVIA E.**, m. n. Edson, aged 44, d. 5 Sept., 1876.

**HAYES, STEPHEN**, and Maria Hoyt, of Princeton, m. int. 11 Nov., 1829.

**HAYNES, JOHN**, an early settler in town, taxed in 1717.

**HAYWARD, HEYWARD, ASAHEL**, of Charlton, m. intentions 26 Aug., 1785, Elizabeth, dau. of Isaac Moffitt, settled in west part of Ox., H. 68, where he d. She m. (2) 15 June, 1826, Eliphalet Taylor, a Revolutionary pensioner, lived and both died at the same place. . . . *Children*, first two b. at Charlton: **ARTEMAS**, d. aged 19, 8 April, 1805; **LARNED**, b. 30 Jan., 1790, d. 2 Feb., 1822, unm.; **BILLINGS**, b. 27 Dec., 1791; **SIMEON**, b. 24 Jan., 1794, m. 18 Aug., 1823, Lucy, dau. of Francis Blandin, no ch., he d. 5 May, 1827; she m. (2) Caleb, son of Salem Larned; **CLARISSA**, b. 13 Aug., 1796, m. intentions 20 Jan., 1816, John Brown of Dudley, and had *Artemas II.*, b. 16 Sept., 1817, at Ox., went to sea in boyhood, engaged in wrecking, raising sunken vessels, etc., on the Texas coast, became wealthy, d. 22 Feb., 1872, at Brownsville, Tex., in consequence of injury received from machinery on his steamboat; *Mahala H.*, b. 1820, d. unm., March, 1835, at Milford; *Elizabeth II.*, b. 12 Sept., 1824, m. Evelyn E. French; John Brown d. about 1824, she m. (2) John Morey, m. (3) 1835, Joseph Wheeler, she d. Jan., 1861, at Hopkinton; **RUFUS**, b. 17 Nov., 1799.

2. **BILLINGS**, son of Asahel (1), m. 10 Nov., 1816, Pamela, dau. of Calvin Aldrich. He d. 27 Sept., 1826, she m. (2) Noah Shunway. . . . *Children*, by

first m.: CALVIN, b. 20 Nov., 1817, m., had ch., resided at Buffalo, N. Y. and Chicago, Ill.; ASAHEL, b. 19 Oct., 1819, m. Maria Bemis (?), no ch., d. about 1870, at Ox.; HOLLIS, b. 16 Dec., 1821, unm., was repair master on the railroad between Boston and Springfield, and killed by cars, 30 May, 1857; MARY ANN, b. 16 June, 1824, m. Charles Moran of Worcester, she d.

3. RUFUS, son of Asahel (1), m. intentions 9 March, 1822, Samantha Shaw of Monson, b. 3 May, 1799. He d. aged 72, 19 Sept., 1873, she removed to Minnesota. . . . *Children*: SOPHRONIA L., b. 6 Sept., 1823, m. 28 June, 1847, Erastus Bolles, removed 1856 to Minnesota, he d. 1881; ELVIRA S., b. 6 March, 1829, m. 28 June, 1847, Dexter, son of Stephen Davis, settled at Ox., had ch., removed 1877 to Minnesota, and 1879 to Wisconsin, where she d. 2 Aug., 1880.

POLLY, and David Dodge, both of Charlton, m. 16 Dec., 1794.

CYNTHIA, of Charlton, and Levi Whitney, of Hopkinton, m. 24 May, 1812. MELICENT, and Daniel Dodge, Jr., of Ward, m. 30 Nov., 1817.

HEALY, JOSEPH, of Dudley, b. 1754, m. 21 Jan., 1790, Ruth, widow of Dr. Ezra Conant, dau. of Samuel Davis, settled on Sutton road, H. 26, where both d.; he d. aged 42, 4 Dec., 1796, she d. aged 70, 1 April, 1823. . . . *Children*, b. at Ox.: JOSEPH, b. 9 April, 1791; RUTH, b. 3 Aug., 1794, m. Lewis Lilley.

2. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (1), m. 30 Dec., 1823, Polly, dau. of Elihu Harwood, settled in Ox., where both d.; she d. aged 52, 23 April, 1857. . . . *Children*: RUTH, b. 14 June, 1824, m. John, son of Craft Davis; MARY, b. 5 June, 1827, d. 2 May, 1843, unm.; ELIZA, b. 28 Sept., 1828, d. 1836; AARON J., b. 29 Sept., 1832, d. unm., 1 May, 1859.

NATHANIEL, of Dudley, and Mary, dau. of John Davis, m. intentions 16 Nov., 1787.

HEFFERON, DENNIS, resided in Ox. 1776.

HEMENWAY, WILLIAM, and Sarah A. Tryon, m. int. 9 March, 1834.

HENRY, WILLIAM A., of Princeton, aged 34, d. 20 July, 1870.

MRS. MARY (Irish), aged 33, d. 5 Sept., 1868.

HERRING, MRS. MARY J., of Waterville, Vt., aged 27, d. 18 Dec., 1858.

HERVEY, JAMES F., son of James F. (who d. aged 59, 5 March, 1851), b. 23 Sept., 1818, at Leicester, came to Ox. 1844, removed to Worcester 1869, boot and shoe maker; m. (1) at Holden, Caroline Carter, she d. 11 Dec., 1880, aged 65, at Worcester; m. (2) Emma Willow. . . . *Children*, all by first m.: J. FRANK, b. 23 Sept., 1836, at Holden, d. 15 July, 1871, at Worcester, unm.; WILLIAM F., b. 24 Feb., 1838, at Ware Village, unm., musician in late war; C. MELVINA, b. 16 Aug., 1845, at Sturbridge, m. Albert Eddy of Worcester; ALBERT O., b. Dec., 1847, d. Jan., 1848; LUCY A., b. 7 Dec., 1848, at Oxford, m. Charles I. Rawson.

2. GEORGE M., b. 4 March, 1827, brother of James F., m. 10 Dec., 1848, Philadelphia D., dau. of Russell White, he d. 14 March, 1857: they had HORACE F., b. 25 Jan., 1850, m. 7 Feb., 1883, Bertha M. Beh; JOSEPHINE D., b. 8 April, 1852, m. 16 Oct., 1869, Marvin A. Gleason of Binghamton, N. Y.; ELLA E., b. 1854, d. young; GEORGE M., b. 22 Aug., 1855, m. 21 Jan., 1879, at Binghamton. The mother m. (2) Joseph C. Bradbury. [See Russell White.]

**HICKS, MARY**, wid., and children, resided in Ox., May, 1766.

*Alias COOK, MINDWELL*, and children, **ELIZABETH** and **SALLY**, resided in Ox., Feb. 1792.

**JOSHUA**, and Charlotte Twiss, m. 27 Oct., 1793.

**HILDRETH, SOLOMON**, d. 25 Aug., 1835, unm.

**HILL, REV. ABRAHAM**, b. 1717, at Cambridge, was graduated 1737 at Harvard University, taught at Weston in 1738; m. (1) Thankful, dau. of Ebenezer Allen of Watertown; m. (2) Naomi ——, named in his will, which also mentions his sister, Prudence Clark of Boston; settled as pastor of a Church formed the same day at Road Town, now Shutesbury, 27 Oct., 1742, was a royalist in the Revolutionary war, which caused a quarrel in his Church. He became alienated from the majority of the people with whom he contended bitterly, sued for his salary and won his suit. After this he did not preach for two years and on 27 Feb., 1778, was dismissed. He became an active tory, assuming authority and using all endeavors to defeat the measures for public safety, until the people in their wrath impounded him, and threw smoked herrings to him for food, but allowed him to return to his home at night. By a vote of the town he was forbidden to leave his house and authority was given to any person who saw him out to shoot him. In Jan., 1780, he changed his place of abode to the northerly part of Ox., purchasing for £10,000 the Gen. Ebenezer Learned house, H. 126, which he sold in 1787 to his son Aaron, who in his turn sold in 1790. He preached occasionally after residing here, in Mr. Bowman's absence, and presented a bill to the town for the same, 1782, which the town refused to pay. He d. 8 June, 1788, but "the place of his sepulchre no man knoweth." He had three children, one d. at Shutesbury, another, **NAOMI**, m. Dec., 1773, Rev. Ebenezer Sparhawk of Templeton, second wife, and was the mother of eight children. She received from her father's estate three lots of land in Shutesbury, a chaise, and a pair of steers. **AARON**, his son, was graduated at Harvard University, physician, came to Ox. with his father, resided at the homestead, had a very limited practice; removed to Maine, where he d. He m. Abigail ——, who united with the Oxford Church, 4 Feb., 1781. . . . Children: **AARON**, b. 8 Feb., 1781; **BETSEY**, b. 2 Nov., 1782; **ABRAHAM**, b. 28 May, 1784; **WILLIAM**, b. 6 March, 1786; **NABBY**, b. 22 Jan., 1788; **FRANCIS**, b. 4 March, 1790; **HENRY**, b. 5 June, 1793; **CHRISTOPHER**, b. 30 Jan., 1796; **LEONARD**, b. 4 Nov., 1797; **PRUDY**, b. 13 March, 1800; **GEORGE W.**, b. 28 Oct., 1801; all supposed to have gone to Maine.

**JAMES**, of Douglas, b. 22 Sept., 1744, son of Caleb, m. 16 Feb., 1769, Dorothy, dau. of Gen. Ebenezer Learned, settled at Douglas, removed about 1774 to Dudley, near Webster North Village. . . . Children: **BETHIAH**, m. 19 Nov., 1789, Mark Dodge of Dudley; **EBENEZER**, m. Betsey Whittemore; **JERUSA**, m. 29 July, 1790, Anthony Butler of Hardwick; **DEBORAH**, m. 20 Feb., 1797, Anthony Butler, who was then of Rutland, Vt., second w.; **DOROTHY**, m. David Freeman of Webster, and had *Ruth, Nancy, Joseph, Dorothy, Tamar, David, Oliver, Jerusha*; **JAMES**, m. 29 April, 1810, Betsey, dau. of Daniel Kingsbury, settled at Ox., she d. aged 78, 8 Feb., 1867; they had *Polly Olive*, b. 15 Sept., 1812, m. Joseph Bullard of Sutton; *Eliza*, b. 28 Oct., 1816, m. 25 March, 1850, Ira T. Sibley; *Marcus*; family removed to Sutton; **RUTH**, m. 27 March, 1805, Esek Chase of Douglas; **TRYPHENA**, m. Abel Davis; **BARNABAS**, m. 16 Nov., 1808, Nabby, dau. of Daniel Kingsbury, and

had *Daniel K.*, b. 1 April, 1809, m., and had at Webster, *George K.*; *Rufus*, b. 15 March, 1811, at Dudley, settled at Webster; *Abigail*, b. 18 June, 1814, at Dudley; *Lucy*, b. 10 Dec., 1818.

**JESSE**, Revolutionary soldier.

**LYDIA**, and Elias Pratt, m. intentions 18 July, 1767.

**LUCY**, and Abraham Briggs, Jr., m. intentions 7 Oct., 1797.

**JAMES**, son of James, d. aged 77, 8 June, 1857.

**ANGELINE**, w. of Paul D., dau. of Alex. Rice, aged 54, d. 3 March, 1877.

**PAUL D.**, aged 74, d. 19 Oct., 1888.

**HILLIARD, EDWARD**, was of Charlton 1754.

**SARAH**, and Obadiah McIntire, m. 9 Dec., 1756.

**HILLIKER, WILLIAM**, and Maria Elliot, m. 27 March, 1839.

**HILTON, JOSEPH**, and M. Elizabeth Green, m. 15 Nov., 1847. He d. aged 29, 28 April, 1856, she m. (2) William Mayo.

**EDWARD**, aged 68, d. 2 April, 1879.

**ELIZABETH** (Scotch), widow, aged 77, d. 7 May, 1882.

**ZACH.**, aged 42, d. 16 Aug., 1883.

**HINCHLIFFE, JOSHUA**, son of Joshua, of Watertown, aged 44, d. 6 Aug., 1879.

**CHARLES H.**, son of George, aged 22, d. 25 Aug., 1884.

**HODGES, GEORGE**, b. 14 Feb., 1822, at Salem, son of Hon. George and Elizabeth (Welcome), descended from John, who came to Salem as early as 1642. George removed with his parents in 1828 to North Andover, where his father began the manufacture of flannels, attended the Franklin Academy under Simeon Putnam, in young manhood learned manufacturing in his father's mill, later leased in partnership with Henry H. Stevens the Abbott Mill at Andover, continuing there until 1 Jan., 1846, when he bought the Ox. Woolen Co.'s mill and removed thither, continuing flannel manufacture successfully till his decease. He was an able and energetic business man, public spirited and liberal; in his later years considerably in public life, representative, selectman and moderator; in 1864 Democratic candidate for representative to Congress, and delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Chicago for nomination of a presidential candidate. The beautiful Episcopal Church edifice was built under his supervision and mainly at his expense. He bought the house, then recently built, next south of the church, where he resided until his removal to the new house at his factory village, Jan., 1862. He m. (1) 29 Jan., 1846, Sarah Elizabeth, dau. of Hon. Hobart and Elizabeth (Farewell) Clark of Andover, b. 11 Dec., 1825, she d. aged 46, 23 Oct., 1872; m. (2) Delia McLaughlin. He d. aged 59, 5 Nov., 1881. . . . Children, by first m.: **KATHARINE CRADOC**, b. 12 Jan., 1847, m. 1 March, 1866, William S. Slater of Webster, she d. 22 April, 1880; they had *Ruth*, b. 16 Jan., 1867; *Georgia*, b. 8 Sept., 1868; *Lydia Robinson*, b. 12 July, 1871; *Katharine*, b. 2 Oct., 1873; *Hope*, b. 29 Dec., 1875; *James Howe*, b. 11 Feb., 1878; **ALICE WELCOME**, b. 4 May, 1849, d. 16 Dec., 1857.

**HOLBROOK, DR. HORATIO**, of Wrentham, resided at Ox. about 1807 for about two years, taught school at the centre, studied medicine with Dr. Daniel Fisk, settled at Thompson, Conn., of high repute.

**JONATHAN**, of Shrewsbury, and Polly Rawson [Brown?] of South Gore, m. intentions 12 Oct., 1816.

**THOMAS**, and Sarah Blood, m. 9 Nov., 1736.

**CHLOE**, and Preserved Pierce of Brooklyn, Conn., m. 9 Sept., 1821.

**LEWIS**, w. Caroline, had **LEWIS**, b. 1828; **SARAH ANN**, b. 1829, both d. young; Lewis, the father, d. 1 Jan., 1830.

**ASA**, son of Amaziah, of Bellingham, aged 82, d. 9 Sept., 1874.

**ANNA**, widow, of Medfield, aged 69, d. 19 Oct., 1874.

**HOLDEN**, DR. **JABEZ**, bought 1752 the first Meeting-house lot, north end of the Plain, H. 244, sold 1755, remained in town, was of Ox. June, 1760. He m. 3 Oct., 1751, Rebecca, dau. of Eleazer Ward. . . . *Children*: **ELIZABETH**, b. 14 March, 1753; **SAMUEL**, b. 10 Aug., 1755; **WILLIAM**, b. 10 June, 1757.

**EBENEZER**, resided at Ox. Feb., 1755.

**HOLLEY**, JOSEPH or **ICHABOD**, d. 9 March, 1849, aged 98, supposed from R. I., lived about 1800 at the Samuel Rawson place in South Gore, and dug iron ore from the hill near for smelting works at the East village; the following ch. are on Ox. records: **PERRY**, m. intentions 7 Feb., 1800, Selah Bliss of South Gore; **PENELOPE**, m. intentions 8 Feb., 1800, Benjamin Smith of South Gore; **POLLY**, of Burrillville, R. I., m. (1) intentions 20 Aug., 1807, Benjamin Pratt, Jr., m. (2) Nehemiah Collier; **ICHABOD**, m. intentions 10 Sept., 1815, Mrs. Polly Weld, m. n. Mellen, whose husband Weld had d. at Hatfield; **RICHMOND**, m. Mary ——, and had *Delilah*, b. 2 May, 1818; *Perry*, b. 4 Feb., 1820.

**HOLLINGSWORTH**, dau. of James M., aged 3, d. 17 Aug., 1845.

**MARY**, w. of James M., aged 39, d. at Templeton, 11 Dec., 1848.

**HOLMAN**, DR. DAVID, descendant of Solomon of Newbury 1693 or 1694, who came from Wales, the line being **THOMAS**, **THOMAS**, **ABRAHAM**, who was b. 30 July, 1776, at Sutton [History of Sutton], m. Polly Converse, b. 9 Sept., 1777, at Providence, R. I.; **DAVID**, their son, was b. 24 Jan., 1803, at Union, Conn., where Abraham then resided, studied at the medical institute at Pittsfield, was graduated at an early age, began practice with Dr. Charles Negus of Dudley, now Webster, continuing about ten years. In 1831 settled at Ox., where he continued for upwards of 50 years. He m. 4 July, 1830, Almira, dau. of Rufus and Huldah (Bates) Brown of Thompson, Conn., b. 20 Aug., 1809; bought 1841 the estate south of the North Common, H. 181, and d. there, aged 78, 13 March, 1881, she d. aged 74 at the same place, 31 March, 1884. . . . *Children*: **GEORGE W.**, b. 25 Dec., 1834, m. 13 Aug., 1862, Sarah, adopted dau. of Abijah Davis; had *Grant D.*, b. 14 Feb., 1867; **JUSTIN B.**, b. 12 June, 1837, m. 20 Aug., 1862, Laura, dau. of Hiram Allen of Webster, railroad conductor between Saybrook and Hartford, Conn.; they had *Mabel C.*, b. April, 1866; **RUFUS B.**, b. 9 Aug., 1840, m. Aug., 1862, Addie Cutter of Medford, druggist; **MARTHA A.**, b. 30 March, 1842, m. 6 March, 1862, Stephen F. Marsh of Sutton; had *Anna K.*, b. June, 1863; *George*, b. 8 March, 1871; *Mary A.*, b. 13 March, 1874; **EMMA J.**, b. 9 Nov., 1844, m. 30 Oct., 1867, Otis D. Cooper of Auburn; had *Varnum O.*, b. 13 May, 1871; **WILLIAM F.**, b. 8 March, 1847, m. 9 Nov., 1879, Martha W., dau. of Andrew Gardner of Nantucket.

**TYLER**, b. 3 Jan., 1830, son of Aaron of Millbury, m. May, 1856, Mary Barnard of Auburn, came to Ox. in 1858, having bought land in the northeast

part of the town, H. 158. . . . Children: SUSAN M., b. 21 June, 1857; LAURA L., b. 2 April, 1859; M. STELLA, b. 14 Sept., 1861.

SOLOMON, and Mercy Waters, both of Sutton, m. 28 Aug., 1729.

EDWARD, of Sutton, and Rebekah Gale, m. 7 May, 1754; she resided at Ox. May, 1765, "late wife of Edward Holman."

ABEL, residence, Ox., 1782.

STEPHEN, residence, Ox., March, 1783.

SIMEON, of Ward, and Sally Rich of Sutton, m. 3 May, 1812.

JACOB, and Hannah Parker, both of Ward, m. 4 July, 1819.

OLIVE, and Joshua Shumway, both of Ward, m. 4 Oct., 1820.

SOLOMON, and Miranda Clark of Millbury, m. 11 Jan., 1821.

SIMEON, aged 42, d. 1 Sept., 1829.

SIMEON D., of Auburn, and Nancy Lawrence, m. 27 May, 1846, she d. aged 29, 4 May, 1855.

MOSES D., d. 9 Nov., 1850.

JOHN E., son of Moses, aged 70, d. 17 March, 1872.

HOLMES, JOHN, of Roxbury, son of David of Dorchester, m. 9 April, 1690, Hannah Newell, was among the first settlers at Woodstock, Conn., where he was owner of the first mills. He had DAVID, who succeeded him at the mills and was a clothier, and had a son DAVID, b. 11 Aug., 1721, who was a physician and settled at Ox., m. (1) intentions April, 1743, Mehitable, da. of Ephraim Mayo, m. (2) 12 Nov., 1761, Temperance Bishop; the second child by the second m. was ABIAL HOLMES, D.D., the historian, and the father of Dr. O. W. Holmes. Dr. DAVID was of Ox. in 1742, bought the estate on the main street next north of the hotel property, H. 240, where he settled. They had DAVID, b. 17 April, 1744. In Oct., 1746, he sold and returned to Woodstock. The occasion of his removal appears to have been the death of his father, 22 May, 1745. In July, 1746, it was represented to the court that the estate could not be divided without detriment, upon which it was ordered that the widow's thirds be set off and the balance be assigned and confirmed to David, the eldest son, he to pay his three brothers, Josiah, Moses and Stephen, each the sum of £54. 6s. 9d. [Moses Holmes, 19 years of age, son of David Holmes of Woodstock, 20 Aug., 1746, chose as his guardian Jonathan Pratt, Jr., of Oxford. Probate Record.] In 1763 Dr. David Holmes was dismissed from Ox. Church and recommended to Woodstock.

Thus Oxford lost one of its most valuable citizens. He took a stand among the foremost men of Woodstock, and in the Revolutionary struggle was very active. He was Captain in the French and Indian war, and in the Revolution offered his valuable services as surgeon; at the battle of Brooklyn in Sept., 1776, was taken prisoner; in the campaign of 1777 was surgeon in Col. Chandler's Regt., and in Sept. of that year retired from the service on account of ill health. [Miss Larned, History of Windham County.] He d. 19 March, 1779.

MOSES, and Keziah Pratt, both of Ox., m. 25 Dec., 1746.

Rev. JOHN (English), aged 77, d. 5 Jan., 1888.

HOLWAY, NATHAN, and Mrs. Sarah Chamberlain, m. int. 19 Jan., 1785.

HOOD, DANIEL, residence, Ox., May, 1766.

HOPKINS, FENNER S., of Southbridge, and Althea Bruce, m. intentions 24 Aug., 1884.

**HOSMER, MANASSEH**, of Thompson, Conn., bought land 1729 at Ox., now Charlton, where he resided 1735, removed to Dudley.

**HOUGHTALING, DANIEL**, and Mary A., had **EDWIN L.**, b. 12 April, 1845.

**HOUGHTON, NAHUM**, and Deborah Campbell of Rutland, m. intentions Jan., 1770, he was of Ox. 1768, then bought H. 188, taxed 1771.

**RODERICK**, of Petersham, and Polly Clark, m. intentions 16 Aug., 1800.

**HOURIGAN, JAMES**, aged 22, d. 21 March, 1865.

**HOUSTON, MARGARET**, of Bedford, N. H., and Christopher P. Sanborn, m. 23 Sept., 1845.

**HOVEY, DANIEL**, of Ipswich, b. 24 June, 1665, son of Daniel, bought 1722 the farm, H. 162, on Long Hill on which he and his descendants lived more than 100 years, and also in 1724 the estate at the northeast corner of Main Street and the Sutton road. With him came his w. Molly or Mercy, his sons **DANIEL** and **JAMES**, and dau. **MERCY**, who m. (1) Thomas Gleason, Sen., second w., she m. (2) John Wait of Sutton and d. 1767. There are also named in the records **PRISCILLA**, who m. David Town, and **REBECCA**, who m. William Lamb, who may have been his daughters. He was deacon in 1729, then 64 years of age, carpenter, occupied his homestead on the Plain until his death. In 1735 he deeded one-half his homestead to his son James. After his death his presumed son-in-law, David Town, became an owner. He d. 7 March, 1742, she d. 30 March, 1743.

2. **DANIEL**, son of Daniel (1), m. 24 Nov., 1726, Mehitable Bridges of Framingham, settled on the farm on the hill, d. 3 April, 1758, she d. 6 Aug., 1785, aged 78. . . . *Children*: **TABITHA**, b. 1728, d. 1731; **BENJAMIN**, b. 1731, d. 1741; **DANIEL**, b. 1733, d. 1741; **MEHETABLE**, b. 28 Jan., 1735, d. 21 Oct., 1803, unm.(?); **TABITHA**, b. 15 April, 1737, m. 16 July, 1760, Zebulon Streeter of Douglas; **MERCY**, b. 1739, d. 1741; **DANIEL**, b. 20 Dec., 1741; **MERCY**, mentioned in his will, m. Ambrose Stone; **SARAH**, b. 12 Sept., 1747, m. 23 April, 1767, Daniel Hood.

3. **JAMES**, son of Daniel (1), m. 1 April, 1740, Rebecca Rockett, no ch. mentioned in his will; he d. 1 May, 1751(?). [Will approved 1 July, 1751.]

4. **DANIEL**, son of Daniel (2), m. (1) 31 Dec., 1759, Content Ramsdell of Abington, was only son, received his father's farm and personal estate, was required to pay legacies to his sisters. Lieutenant in Capt. Town's company and marched on the Lexington alarm. He d. 1776, date of appraisal 6 Nov., Gideon and five other children named in settlement of estate. He with Lieut. Ebenezer Shumway owned at the time of his death the brick-yard lying northwest of Town's Pond. In 1795, Molly deeded one-seventh of the farm and brick-yard to her brother Gideon. His widow m. intentions 6 May, 1782, Charles Cudworth of Freetown. . . . *Children*: **SARAH**, b. 23 Dec., 1760, m. 19 Aug., 1779, Moses Nelson; **GIDEON**, b. 22 Nov., 1762; **LYDIA**, b. 6 April, 1765, living 1792, at Putney, Vt., unm.; **DANIEL**, b. 7 May, 1767, d. 1768; **MIRIAM**, b. 30 Aug., 1769, m. Amos Shumway; **CONTENT**, b. 10 March, 1772, m. Obadiah Joy of Putney, Vt.; **MARY**, b. 6 Dec., 1774, living 1795, at Putney, unm.

5. **GIDEON**, son of Daniel (4), Revolutionary soldier, m. (1) intentions 1 May, 1784, Hannah Crane, she d. 5 April, 1785; m. (2) 17 March, 1789, Polly Crane, sister of first wife. He d. 11 Aug., 1801, she m. (2) Jeremiah Dana.

He was an only son; owned and occupied the homestead. . . . *Children*, by second m.: HANNAH, b. 15 Nov., 1789, d. at Bristol, Ill., unm.; DANIEL, b. 26 May, 1793, m. Reliance Smith, removed to Bristol, where he d.; they had *George Daniel*, d. 1850; *Mary Crane*, residence, Bristol; PEREZ G., b. 25 Sept., 1795.

6. PEREZ G., son of Gideon (5), m. 4 Dec., 1821, Hannah J., dau. of Mayo Packard, b. 2 Dec., 1803, settled on homestead, removed to Charlton about 1827, returned to Ox., removed about 1840 to Illinois. He d. 26 July, 1851, at Bunker Hill, Ill. . . . *Children*, b. at Ox.: CALPURNIA, b. 17 June, 1822, d. 1831, at Charlton; MILDRED, b. 6 Oct., 1824, m. Sarah Goodwin of Bunker Hill, he d. 27 July, 1881, six ch.; LUCIUS, b. and d. 1826; MARCIA ANN, b. 24 Dec., 1826, d. July, 1848, at Bunker Hill; CALISTA, b. 12 March, 1827, at Charlton, m. David Cavender, of Bunker Hill, she d. 1846, no ch.; LURA, b. 4 April, 1828, d. 23 July, 1851, at Bunker Hill; DANIEL W., b. Oct., 1829, m. Rebecca A. Barnes, residence, Forest City, Ill., three ch.: GIDEON, m. Kate Herder of Bunker Hill, three ch.; MARY G., b. 28 Sept., 1834, m. William Lancaster, seven ch.; CLARISSA H., m. George E. Barnes, five ch.; JAMES H., b. 23 July, 1837, m. Mary A. Griffin of Salem, Ill., no ch.; ELIZA J., b. 8 June, 1839, at Ox., m. John M. Ness, six ch.; OLIVE J., b. 15 March, 1841, at Troy, Madison Co., Ill., m. James M. Wilson of Bethalto, Ill., he d. 8 Dec., 1872, no ch.; SARAH H., b. 28 Jan., 1844, at Bunker Hill, m. John L. Manley, three ch.

DANIEL, of Sutton, b. about 1717, son of Luke and Susanna (Pillsbury) of Boxford. [Luke Hovey of Boxford sold land on Prospect Hill to Thomas Gleason 25 Feb., 1734.] He m. 31 March, 1742, Ruth, dau. of John and Anne (Messenger) Tyler of Boxford, baptized 30 June, 1728, settled in Sutton in 1754, bought the farm in the northwest part of that town, now in Ox., H. 160. They had MOSES, b. 28 Oct., 1748, and BENJAMIN, b. 12 March, 1758, who both owned estates and resided in Ox. Benjamin was Revolutionary soldier, bought first the farm now or late of George W. Gibson, H. 148, and later the Dr. Learned place at North Ox., H. 131, which he sold in 1785. He was from 1783 to 1787 deputy sheriff for Worcester County. A little before 1790 both removed to central New York, among the pioneers in Otsego and Chenango Counties, Moses going to Unadilla, Otsego, and Benjamin to Oxford, Chenango. A well attested tradition has it that Moses while living in Ox. became involved in debt, and imprisonment awaited him unless he made his escape. He, therefore, one night deposited his clothing on the bank of Town's Pond to give the impression he had drowned himself and left town. Travelling westward he came after a few days to a large place, perhaps Hudson, N. Y., where there was going on a public sale of wild lands in New York State. Although he had not five dollars in his pocket he ventured to make a bid on a large tract when to his surprise it was struck off to him. He obtained a few hours grace for payment and put up at a neighboring tavern (Foster's). In the night he was awakened by two men clamoring outside and demanding admittance. He was alarmed and thinking some of his creditors were in hot pursuit, dressed in haste and was on the point of making his escape when the landlord met him and informed him that two men had arrived who intended to have been at the sale but were detained, and they wished to see him to know if he would sell his land. He replied that he might be induced to sell, but would want a good bonus for his bargain. The business was closed in the morning, he sold for hundreds of dollars above the price he paid and reserved

for himself, as the story goes, a good farm at Unadilla, on which he settled and spent his subsequent life. He m. 1777, Phebe Tenney, he d. 29 Oct., 1813, she d. 25 April, 1813.

Benjamin's history is remarkable. Samuel M. Hopkins, Esq., once an eminent lawyer of Oxford, N. Y., wrote as follows: "One hundred and ten miles west from Catskill . . . brought me to the village of Oxford, and to the house of Benjamin Hovey the founder of it, who eighteen months before had cut the first tree to clear the ground where the village stood. Here I took up my residence. Hovey was a man of very strong natural sense and vigor of action, but of limited education. He started for New York, laid open the plans for the settlement to the proprietors, built Oxford on his own lands, and became the leading man of a very growing country."

A recent letter from Oxford, N. Y., says: "Gen. Hovey, who gave our village its name, was admirably fitted for the task of settlement, by early habits, and was blessed with rare personal qualities for the arduous labors and hardships of pioneer life. In the year 1790 he came and built a log house on the site of Fort Hill, named thus from an old Indian fort which overlooked the river. To this house he removed his family the following year."

A granddaughter, recently living at Syracuse, N. Y., wrote: "they chose with taste, as the Chenango river passes through the town. Grandfather's log hut was directly on its banks. There they fought the Indians, went forty miles to mill in a canoe and to Onondaga County for salt, and had a pioneer life, but men were men in those days, true to their time and need."

The first frame building erected in the village was the academy, an institution very early organized, with Hovey's name at the head of the list of trustees, which position he occupied during his residence in the town, a period of about ten years only. This institution held a festival on 2 Aug., 1854, at which an address was delivered by W. H. Hyde, Esq., from which we quote: "The shades of evening are gathering; what a sea of gorgeousness on the Autumn forest! We hear the light dip of paddles in the river and a canoe darts toward the landing on the shore. What strange beings are these? They seem regardless of the ruin that is gradually gathering over their race. Can it be that they do not think of the oncoming destruction that awaits them, while they see the little academy on the Common, the occasional dwelling, and hear the woodman's axe whose strokes for them 'Like muffled drums are beating funeral marches to the grave?' That tall man with whom they are talking, bartering with at the log house, is Benjamin Hovey, the senior trustee of the academy. . . .

"Few men have passed a more eventful life. Having seen the fruition of his labors, and the harvest of his early toil and suffering, in the flourishing village around him, rapidly increasing in population and wealth, he looked for new projects with an ambition fed by its own innate energy and a spirit of enterprise faltering at no point beyond which were seen new fields open for its gratification. We next find him among the active co-workers with Burr and Wilkinson in a project for canalling the Ohio near Louisville. The wild and restless ambition of Aaron Burr, however, led him to seek new objects on the lower Mississippi and amid the untold wealth and romance of Mexico, and the project in which Hovey had embarked with such ardor was suffered to dwindle in neglect." He having expended much of his private fortune in the enterprise "retired at last in disgust . . . to find a grave on the shores of Lake Erie remote from the village he had founded and the friends of his manhood. A life of more romantic reality seldom occurs in the history of man."

[1813, Feb. 10, Moses Hovey and wife Phebe of Unadilla, N. Y., with other heirs of their father Daniel, deed to Daniel of Sutton, trader, the homestead.]

EZEKIEL, of Sturbridge, w. Mercy, dau. of Benjamin Fitts, residence, Brimfield, large family. . . . Children: ELIZA, m. 14 May, 1845, Joshua Wood of Templeton; HIRAM, m. —— Streeter of Southbridge, long resided at North Ox., d. 17 June, 1860, aged 49; LOUISA, d. 8 Feb., 1843, aged 19. Mercy, the mother, d. 7 Nov., 1854, aged 78.

JOHN, and Deborah Hoyle, both of South Gore, m. int. 24 May, 1801.

**HOWARD, CAPT. JOHN**, b. about 1740, was of Ox. 1785, soldier in French and Indian war and also "an officer in the Revolutionary army" [Headstone, West Sutton], an intelligent, worthy and influential man, a Baptist, and constant Church goer at Sutton; by trade a shoemaker; one of the parties who purchased Dudley's farm north of the Sutton road, and settled at H. 10, where he d. 28 Sept., 1814, aged 74. He m. Huldah, dau. of Jonathan Sibley of Sutton, sister of Gideon Sibley, she m. (2) intentions 15 Feb., 1816, Daniel Harwood of Barre, no ch. . . . Children: JOHN, b. 22 May, 1766, m. 31 Oct., 1793, Hannah Carroll, resided with his father until 1814, removed to Orange; they had at Ox., John, b. 1794, d. 1796; Tamar, b. 10 June, 1797; Hannah, b. 6 Sept., 1799; Sally, b. 22 Aug., 1801; Huldah, b. 23 March, 1803; Salmon, b. 26 Feb., 1805; Cynthia, b. 2 May, 1810; he d. 15 July, 1857, aged 91, she d. 8 March, 1850, aged 82, both at Orange; HULDAH, b. 23 June, 1768, m. 25 Nov., 1790, John Waters, Jr., of Sutton, where she d. 26 Sept., 1795; they had Anne, b. 1791; Lucy, b. 1792; Lydia, b. 1793; Huldah, b. 24 Sept., 1795, m. Jesse Bigelow of Ox.; STEPHEN, b. 8 Aug., 1770, m. 23 Dec., 1790, Betsey Cummings, settled at Sutton and had Parley, b. 1794; Jonathan, b. 1796; Stephen, b. 1798; Betsey, b. 1800; Silence, b. 1803; removed to Orange; RUTH, b. 14 March, 1772, m. Samuel Robinson (?); SIMEON, b. 7 May, 1775, m. Lucy, dau. of Bartholomew Putnam of Sutton, b. 18 July, 1779, settled at Sutton, and had Simeon, Mary, Ruth, Artemas, Sumner, Lucy Ann, Cynthia, Miranda, Stillman, all these excepting Sumner and Lucy Ann settled at Athol; Lucy Ann m. at Orange, went West; HANNAH, b. 24 Aug., 1778; ABRAHAM and SARAH, b. 15 Dec., 1781; Abraham, m. 3 April, 1811, Sally, dau. of Moses Putnam of Sutton, and had Leonard; his w. d. he m. (2) Aug., 1815, Hannah, dau. of Ebenezer Davis, Jr., of Ox. and had child, removed to Orange, where he d.; Sarah, m. 11 Nov., 1824, Isaac King of Sutton, and d. 13 Jan., 1836, at Sutton, no ch.; LYDIA, b. 8 March, 1783, m. (1) May, 1803, Edward Putnam of Sutton, and had Edward; she m. (2) Capt. Elijah Bigelow of Douglas, and had ch., both d. at Douglas; LUCY, b. 27 May, 1786, m. Ebenezer Robbins, settled and d. at Ox., no ch.

2. SUMNER, son of Simeon, and grandson of John (1), m. 11 Nov., 1829, Adaline, dau. of Prentiss Billings, settled at Sutton, removed to Ox., where he d. . . . Children: EMELINE, b. 20 Dec., 1831, m. Ivers A., son of Learned Davis; SIMEON, b. 11 May, 1835, m. Emeline Chase of Webster, d. Feb., 1878, at Lonsdale, R. I., had ch.; SUSAN, b. 22 July, 1837, m. James Lovett; FRANKLIN, b. 13 March, 1840, m. Emily, dau. of Leander Putnam of Sutton, settled at Lonsdale, removed 1885 to Ox., H. 30, had ch.; LUCY S., b. 2 March, 1843, m. (1) George DeWolf of Cumberland, R. I.; had George; she m. (2) Charles Mathewson of Cumberland, resided at East Greenwich, R. I., had ch.; MARIA, b. 22 Feb., 1845, m. John W., son of William Robinson; SARAH E., b. 1847, d. 1851; CELIA E., b. at Ox., 1850, d. 1858; EMMA, b. 1 June, 1853, d. 23 July, 1870; HENRY J., b. 29 Oct., 1855, at Ox.

**DOROTHY**, of Killingly, Conn., and Solomon Shumway, m. intentions 17 Sept., 1768.

**RUTH**, and Samuel Robinson, m. intentions 6 April, 1793.

**DAVID**, of Charlton, and Priscilla Shehy (or Town), m. 26 Nov., 1794.

**MOSES**, and Phebe Clark, m. 28 Dec., 1794.

**TAMAR**, and Daniel Wakefield, m. intentions 22 Oct., 1814.

**SARAH**, of Douglas, and Smith Emerson of South Gore, m. intentions 5 Dec., 1815.

**MRS. EMMA G.**, aged 30, d. 1 Sept., 1886.

**HOWARTH, ANDREW**, son of Charles, of Rochdale, Eng., b. 1820, came with his parents when six years old to Andover, where his father and uncles James and Isaac began the first making of fine flannels by machinery in America. He was thoroughly educated in the business; in 1844 went to Keeseville, N. Y., in charge of weaving, in 1846 to Waterbury, Vt., thence in 1847 to Bellingham, and in Aug. to Richmond, Va., where he was superintendent, remaining until 1854, when the mill burned, and he returned north, and was overseer of weaving at Hodges' mill in Ox. Four months later he removed to Little Falls, N. Y., where he was overseer until 1859, when he took the agency and managed successfully 13 years. In 1872 he bought a two-set flannel mill at Northfield, Vt., and was prospered for ten years. In 1882 he bought his present mill at Ox. and began business, having two mills on hand until 1884, when he sold at Vt. **FRANCIS A.**, his son, is partner. Mr. H. is of good business capacity, closely following the detail of his operations, liberal in public matters and has the respect of his townsmen. He m. 26 Sept., 1846, Martha Moorcroft, who d. April, 1877, at Northfield, Vt. They had **FRANCIS A.**, b. 1849, at Richmond, Va., was graduated 1872 at Brown University, m. Bertha A. Husy of Hoboken, N. J.; had *Andrew P.*, b. 1874, at Northfield, Vt.

**ANN E.**, and James Cropper, m. intentions 31 July, 1847.

**HOWE, HOW, LUCY**, and Abner Shumway of Sutton, m. 19 April, 1770.

**ABEL**, of Worcester, and Jerusha Williams, m. intentions 3 March, 1796.

**JOEL**, of Jamaica, Vt., and Huldah Fitts, m. 15 Feb., 1802.

**LOUISA**, of Worcester, and Abner Alley, m. intentions 11 Jan., 1827.

**CALEB**, and Ann Buck of Killingly, Conn., m. intentions 13 Sept., 1827.

**LYMAN**, and Mary Sweetser, m. intentions 31 Jan., 1829.

**ELBRIDGE**, of Auburn, and Eleanor Newton, m. intentions 18 March, 1839.

**ELBRIDGE**, aged 37, d. 21 Nov., 1850.

**HOWELL, SUSAN**, w. of William, d. aged 45, 29 Oct., 1855.

**HOWLAND, SARAH C.**, widow, m. n. Mathewson, a. 55, d. 21 March, 1882.

**ENOCH**, son of James, of Douglas(?), aged 88, d. 1 Nov., 1888.

**E. HARRIS**, b. 8 Feb., 1846, at Brookfield, son of Abner and Martha A., came to Ox. July, 1866, representative 1872, removed April, 1876, to Spencer, where he, 1891, resided.

**HOYLE, WILLIAM**, d. 4 Dec., 1827.

**ARTEMAS**, aged 25, d. 24 Jan., 1859.

**HUBBARD, DANIEL**, son of William, of Brighton, a. 75, d. 13 Feb., 1880.

**HUDSON, DANIEL**, came to America 1639, brick maker at Watertown in 1640, removed to Lancaster 1664, with six ch.; **WILLIAM**, the seventh, was b.

there 12 June, 1664, and later four others. On 11 Sept., 1697, Daniel, with his w. Joanna, two daughters and two ch. of his son NATHANIEL, were killed by the Indians. [Bond. Worcester Historical Magazine, II., 296.] WILLIAM, son or grandson of Daniel, came to Ox. as one of the 30 settlers, lived at the northeast part, H. 168, farm still in the possession of his descendants. He m. 17 May, 1721, Mary Farrington of Boston, who d. 28 March, 1769, aged 66. . . . *Children*: JOHN, b. 1 Jan., 1722; ELIZABETH, b. 28 Feb., 1723, d. 1741; JOSEPH, b. 23 Sept., 1725; BENJAMIN, b. 22 March, 1727; MARY, b. 1729, d. 1740; MERCY, b. 1730, d. 1741; SARAH, b. 1733, d. 1741; SAMUEL, b. 1735, d. 1740; EBENEZER, b. 1737, d. 1741; HOSEA, b. 1740, d. 1741; SAMUEL, b. 19 Feb., 1742; A DAU. m. —— Boyce of Mendon. [Of 12 ch. seven d. within 17 days.]

2. JOHN, son of William (1), m. 25 Nov., 1745, Thamazin Ellis of Medway, settled on the hill south of his father and d. 12 Nov., 1765, she m. (2) intentions 27 Aug., 1768, Isaiah Blood of Charlton. . . . *Children*: MARY, b. 16 May, 1746, m. Joseph Pratt, 3d; EZEKIEL, b. 1749, d. 1751; WILLIAM, b. 2 Feb., 1751; THAMAZIN, b. 2 March, 1753, m. 17 Feb., 1774, Jonathan Underwood; ELIZABETH, b. 1755, d. 1756; ELIZABETH, b. 25 June, 1757; BATHSHEBA, b. 18 Aug., 1759, m. John Mayo; DORCAS, b. 1762, d. 1767; PHEBE, b. 1764, d. 1768.

3. WILLIAM, son of John (2), m. 28 June, 1775, Ruth, dau. of Amos Shumway, settled on the homestead, removed about 1823 to Ellisburg, N. Y. The house went to decay and about 1865 was removed. Revolutionary soldier. Lieut. of militia. . . . *Children*: ALICE, b. 11 Sept., 1776, m. Dr. William T. Fisk; RUTH, b. 20 Feb., 1779, m. 13 May, 1798, John Wait of Sutton, removed to Ellisburg; AMOS, b. 22 June, 1781; BRADFORD, b. 11 March, 1784; LUCINA, b. 12 May, 1787, d. unm. at Ellisburg; BETSEY, b. 27 March, 1791, m. Dr. William T. Fisk, second w.; WILLIAM F., b. 16 Oct., 1801, went to Ellisburg, m. and d. there.

4. AMOS, son of William (3), m. 12 Nov., 1809, Mary, dau. of Dr. Daniel Fisk, settled near her father, removed June, 1820, to Ellisburg, N. Y., where he built a scythe factory, he d. 20 Feb., 1830. . . . *Children*: LUCIAN F., b. 14 Dec., 1810, scythe maker, m. 2 March, 1835, Adaline Stearns, and had George S., b. 1835, Mary A., b. 1838, Ezra H., b. 1840, Alice S., b. 1842, Lucian F., b. 1846, Louise, b. 1850, Frederick E., b. 1853; resided 1885 at Ellisburg; AMOS B., b. 1812, d. 1813; MARY L., b. 26 July, 1814, d. 14 Feb., 1845; SANFORD AMOS, b. 16 May, 1817, resided at Fargo, N. D., where he was judge of the supreme court, had Francis L., Theron C., Episcopal clergyman at Mankato, Minn., Harriet I., Sanford, resided at Benson, Minn., Sarah C.; ABIJAH T. and ABISHA S., b. 1 May, 1819, both practicing physicians at Stockton, Cal.; Abijah T., m. Dec., 1848, J. M. Luff, and had Suárez T., b. 1849, d. young; Fausta, b. 1852, d. young; Gertrude M., b. 7 Feb., 1855, d. young; Henry T., b. 11 Aug., 1858(?); Augusta M., b. 29 Aug., 1850, m. 1 May, 1881, James S. Reamey, attorney at law; Mrs. J. M., the mother, d. 28 Dec., —; Abisha S. m. 2 May, 1853, Rose Elliot of Mt. Vernon, O., and had Lyell E., b. 18 May, 1855, physician, d. 6 Jan., 1879; Florence, b. and d. 1857; CELIA M., b. 16 Nov., 1821, at Ellisburg, m. 26 July, 1848, Rev. Oscar Park, she d. 9 July, 1862, had three sons and three daughters; DANIEL F., b. 1824, d. 1825; DANIEL F., b. 1826, d. 1846.

5. BRADFORD, son of William (3), m. (1) 19 June, 1814, Lucy, dau. of Jotham Merriam, removed to Ellisburg, N. Y., she d. 16 Feb., 1817, m. (2)

at Ellisburg, Mrs. Bonner. . . . *Child* by first m.: LORING B., b. 17 May, 1815, d. 1816; ch. by second m.: A. BRADFORD, b. 4 June, 1826, at Ellisburg, came to Ox. and m. (1) 1 Sept., 1849, Caroline P., dau. of Dea. John Hurd, she d. 2 March, 1860, they had *Oliver B.*, b. 16 June, 1852, *William W.*, b. 2 April, 1854, who, 1890, reside at Grafton; he m. (2) 15 June, 1867, Mrs. Cordelia Sumner, m. n. Davis; soldier in the late war; *WILLIAM*, m. and settled in Oregon, had ch.

6. JOSEPH, son of William (1), m. 11 Jan., 1759, Mehitable Thompson of Charlton, settled on the homestead, where he d. about 1780, she d. 2 Aug., 1821, aged 88. . . . *Children*: JOSEPH, b. 1760, d. 1768; MERCY, b. 1761, d. 1768; DAVID, b. 1763, d. 1768; JOHN, b. 1765, d. 1768; JOHN, b. 1 July, 1768; MEHETABLE, b. 11 July, 1770, m. 16 Jan., 1797, Jacob, son of Dr. James Gleason of South Gore.

7. JOHN, son of Joseph (6), m. 24 April, 1794, Deborah, dau. of Lemuel Crane, settled on the homestead. He d. 19 Aug., 1849, she d. aged 49, 12 Nov., 1823. . . . *Children*: POLLY, b. 23 Feb., 1795, d. unm. 10 March, 1818; JOSEPH, b. 15 Nov., 1796; OLIVE, b. 5 Feb., 1799, d. 8 Oct., 1855, unm.; HANNAH, b. 10 Jan., 1802, m. 20 Aug., 1833, Stephen Brown of Thompson, Conn., no ch., she d. a widow 7 March, 1876; DEBBY ANN, b. 14 Dec., 1803, teacher, d. 27 May, 1822; JOHN P., b. 30 Dec., 1805; LAURA, b. 26 Feb., 1812, m. Lewis Stockwell.

8. JOSEPH, son of John (7), m. 21 April, 1824, Rachel, dau. of Reuben Eddy, settled on the homestead, where both d., she d. aged 90, 14 Dec., 1887, he d. aged 91, 6 June, 1888. . . . *Children*: HENRY S., b. 13 May, 1825, m. 25 Nov., 1858, Hannah E. Dayhoff of Fremont, O., resided 1888 at Bristol, Ill., was graduated at Amherst College 1849, lawyer in good standing, judge; had *Elizabeth H.*, *Joseph E.*; REUBEN E., b. and d. 1828; JOHN D., b. 5 Oct., 1833, m. 3 July, 1866, R. Angelia, dau. of Moses K. Shepardson, settled on the homestead, d. 17 Oct., 1887; they had *Dayton*, b. 28 March, 1870; DANIEL C., b. 1835, d. young.

9. JOHN P., son of John (7), m. 10 April, 1833, Abigail, dau. of Samuel Harrington of Paxton, b. 7 July, 1811, resided at Newton, removed to Ill. He d. 30 June, 1889, she d. 14 June, 1889, both at Mason City, Ill. . . . *Children*: MARTHA H., b. 18 March, 1835, at Newton, m. 17 Jan., 1865, R. J. Onstott of Salem, Ill.; they had *Emma*, b. 15 Oct., 1865, at Pekin, Ill.; JOHN D., b. 23 Jan., 1841, at Scottville, Macoupin Co., Ill., m. 16 Dec., 1866, Eliza A. Davis, b. 21 Dec., 1847, at Paxton, residence, Mason City, Ia.; they had *Walter D.*, b. 1875, *Sarah E.*, b. and d. 1880; *William P.*, b. 1882; PRESTON C., b. 20 Aug., 1844, at Milton, Ill., was graduated at Ann Arbor, Mich., lawyer, m. 28 June, 1876, Florence A. Hamilton, b. 29 June, 1852, at Ann Arbor; they had *Henry A.*, b. 18 May, 1879; *Florence A.*, the mother, d. 30 May, 1884, m. (2), and 1891, is in law practice at Toledo, O.; *OLIVE A.*, b. 8 Sept., 1852, at Havana, Ill., teacher at Bloomington, Ill., m. 1889, Frank Y. Hamilton of B., where they reside and he is in law practice.

10. BENJAMIN, son of William (1), m. 16 March, 1756, Sarah Holman of Sutton, resided from 1750 to 1773 in the south part of Ox., at H. 40, removed 1773 to Chesterfield, N. H., which place he left about 1797. . . . *Children*: SARAH, b. 7 Feb., 1757, m. 1780, Benjamin Streeter, d. 15 Oct., 1842; MERCY, b. 1760, d. 1768, at Ox.; HANNAH, b. 1762, d. 1768; BENJAMIN, b. 1764, d. 1768; MOLLY, b. 3 May, 1767; LUCY, b. 23 Oct., 1769; SOLOMON, b. 17 Nov., 1771; BETTY, b. 1774; RHODA, b. 1778; HANNAH E., b. 1781.

JOHN, said to have been from Lexington, b. 9 May, 1757, m. 12 Feb., 1784, Hannah Nelson of Sutton. Four years in Capt. Moore's Co., soldier in the Revolutionary army, marched in Capt. Town's Co. on Lexington alarm.

HANNAH, aged 11 or 12, resided at Ox. May, 1765, also JOHN, supposed same as above named, aged 6 or 7.

OTIS, was a hatter in Ox. June, 1809. [Court Records.]

HUME, MARY ANN, and Edward Dunham, m. 17 April, 1828.

HUMPHREY, ARTHUR, one of the settlers of Woodstock 1686, m. Rachel, had (second son) EBENEZER, b. 22 Aug., 1692, at Woodstock, kept garrison at the French fort [See note under Joseph Rockett], one of the 30 proprietors of Ox., constable 1723, several years selectman. He m. 21 April, 1732, Sarah, widow of Joseph Read, he d. 19 May, 1761, she d. 12 March, 1784, aged 83. . . . Children: RACHEL, b. 24 Nov., 1732, m. Jonathan, son of Joseph Phillips; ARTHUR, b. 9 June, 1735; SARAH, b. 28 Aug., 1738, d. young(?); MARY, b. 2 June, 1740, d. young(?); EBENEZER, b. 22 June, 1741; HANNAH, b. 28 Aug., 1743, m. John Dana; ABIGAIL, b. 4 Sept., 1745, d. young(?).

2. ARTHUR, son of Ebenezer (1), soldier in the French war, Corp. in Capt. Town's Co. and marched on Lexington alarm, enlisted in the Continental army, m. intentions 14 July, 1758, Mary, dau. of Josiah Kingsbury, resided on part of the homestead, removed to Charlton, and about 1781 to Goshen, N. H., among the first settlers there, owned a large tract of land and was one of the solid men of the town. He and w. both d. on the land he took up. He d. about 1812. . . . Children b. at Ox.: NABBY, b. 25 Oct., 1758, m. —— Merrill, no ch.; JOHN, b. 16 June, 1760, d. 1769; JEMIMA, b. 22 March, 1762, d. 1769; EBENEZER, b. 8 May, 1764, Revolutionary soldier, settled in Ohio or Ind.; BETHIA, b. 27 March, 1766; JOSIAH and THOMAS, b. 3 May, 1768, both settled in Vt.; ARTHUR, b. 17 June, 1770, went west with Ebenezer; MOLLY, b. 9 Sept., 1772, m. —— Butterfield, residence, Charlestown, N. H., had a large family; SAMUEL, b. 18 Oct., 1774, m. lived on the homestead, and cared for his parents, removed to Unity, N. H., and late in life to New York city to live with daughters, he d. in New Jersey, had no m. sons; KATY, b. 17 Dec., 1777, m. (1) —— Howard, 2 ch., m. (2) —— Holden, both resided at Charlestown, N. H.; ALEXANDER, b. 8 Aug., 1780, at Charlton; GEORGE, b. at Goshen, N. H., d. there unm. aged 40; SARAH, b. at G., m. Zachariah Jones of G., had 7 ch. b. at G., removed to Sunapee, N. H., later to Claremont, N. H., where he d., she d. at Goshen.

3. EBENEZER, son of Ebenezer (1).

The following from the pen of Judge Barton appeared in the *Worcester Spy* soon after his death:—

"He was born, lived and died upon the 40 acre lot originally assigned to his father, who was one of the 30 English settlers. . . . At the commencement of the Revolution Capt. Humphrey was in the vigor of his manhood and early participated in the privations and perils of the war. He was out as First Lieut. at New York in 1776, at the taking of Burgoyne in 1777, and afterwards commanded a company stationed near Rhode Island to guard the shores. But during the war his services at home were little less valuable than in the field. It is a singular fact but it must be an acknowledged one that the war of the Revolution originated in the spirit of our towns, and was prosecuted by their means. . . . Capt. Humphrey shared largely in the administration of these municipal affairs, and notwithstanding his means were limited he contributed what would be equivalent to one-third of the support of one soldier during the war. Under the pension law of 1832 he received a partial return

for the great sacrifice he had made in the service of his country. He always spoke with much feeling of the distresses of the people after the war, growing out of a depreciated currency, coupled with enormous taxation. It finally led to Shays' Rebellion. But although Oxford was a Shays town Capt. Humphrey stood firmly on the side of the government and the laws; and when he found great numbers of his friends embodied and about to rush into civil war he coolly advised them that they 'had better go home.' He was a patriot in the true and best sense of the term. His patriotism was based on a sense of civil and religious duty and not on a miserable selfishness that seeks nothing but popular favor. He was long one of the deacons of the Congregational Church in Oxford. His character was not less remarkable for his piety than his patriotism: and he will long be remembered as a sample of those men of another age who not only had the valor to achieve, but the virtue to perpetuate our national independence."

He was in 1777 chosen selectman and later from 1785 to 1802 was every year re-elected and from 1795 was chairman. From 1796 onward for six years he was each year moderator of the annual town meeting. He was a man of more than ordinary physical strength, and was of a commanding aspect; in temperament genial and inclined to humor, by trade a mason, industrious and exemplary. He m. (1) 9 April (March?), 1761, Ruth, dau. of John Shumway, settled on the homestead; she d. 11 Aug., 1803, m. (2) 20 March, 1804, Abigail, widow of Lot Marsh of Dudley, who d. aged 66, 1 Sept. 1820, m. (3) intentions 30 March, 1832, Elizabeth, wid. of Elijah Batcheller of Sturbridge, mother of Rev. David Batcheller; he d. 20 June, 1836, aged 94 years, 11 months. . . . Children: PETER, b. 3 Jan., 1762, d. 1769; MARY, b. 26 May, 1763, d. 1769; RUTH, b. 14 March, 1765, m. John, son of Lemuel Crane; STEPHEN, b. 13 May, 1767, m. 13 April, 1786, Molly Robbins of Douglas, lived near his father; they had *David A.*, d. about 1814, at Dudley, unm.; *Daniel H.*, m. Mehitable Elliott, and had Ono E., Daniel H.; *Stephen F.*, m. Roxana, dau. of Charles Brown of Dudley, and had *Fidelia*, b. 1812; *Adaline D. A.*, b. 1 July, 1814, m. Pliny Moffitt; *Julia*, b. 1818; *John W.*, m. *Mary*, dau. of *William C. Brown*, resided at Dudley; Stephen, the father, d., she m. (2) Nathan Upham of Dudley, 7 ch., all her ch., excepting *Stephen F.* (who lived with his grandfather at Ox.), lived with Mr. Upham; MARY, b. 31 July, 1769, m. 3 May, 1791, Rufus, son of Gen. Ebenezer Learned; SARAH, b. 30 Oct., 1771, m. 19 Feb., 1795, Jesse, son of David Kidder of Dudley; PETER, b. 2 Oct., 1773, m. 11 Feb., 1802, Sarah, dau. of Dea. John Davis, residence, Livermore, Me.; had a son *John*, who was killed there about 1828 by a falling tree; RUFUS, b. 2 Sept., 1775; RACHEL, b. 23 Dec., 1777, m. William, son of Joseph Davis; EBENEZER, b. 1 Nov., 1780, m. and settled at Jay, Me.; JOHN, b. 23 May, 1784, d. 1788; LUCY, b. 7 July, 1787, m. Samuel, son of Jeremiah Amidown.

4. RUFUS, son of Ebenezer (3), m. (1) 27 Oct., 1800, Sally, dau. of Jeremiah Amidown, settled on the homestead, she d. aged 34, 10 Sept., 1811; m. (2) 14 April, 1812, Sally, widow of Joshua Wetherell of Dudley, dau. of Craft Davis, she d. 5 Nov., 1844, aged 66; he d. 4 Nov., 1851. . . . Children: LAURA, b. 1801, d. 1803; RUFUS, b. 1803, d. 1805; SOPHIA, b. 3 July, 1805, d. 9 April, 1865, unm.; AZUBAH, b. 27 July, 1807, m. 25 Nov., 1841, Alfred Howe of Auburn; they had *Ansel L.*, b. March, 1844, soldier in the late war in Co. I, 39th Regt. Mass. Vols., killed in battle on the Weldon R. R., Va., 18 Aug., 1864; he d. aged 73, 28 July, 1883, she d. 13 Feb., 1875, both at Ox.: LAWSON, b. 3 Feb., 1810, m. 30 Nov., 1837, Jemima, dau. of Ozias Cortis, he d. 23 June, 1865, she d. aged 71, 2 Jan., 1883; they had *Luman W.*, b. 29 June, 1851, m. 9 May, 1874, Clara M., dau. of Benjamin Stafford, she d. 29 May, 1882; they had *Lawson A.*, b.

and d. 1875; Myrtie M., b. 1876, d. 1878; William N., b. 1 Oct., 1879: ch. by second m.; SARAH, b. 1812, d. young; CATHERINE, b. and d. 1815; WILLIS H., b. 10 April, 1817, millwright, m. 12 March, 1843, Lydia Emerson of East Thompson, Conn., where they resided, she d. 1890; he d. 1891; they had *Mary J.*, b. 13 Aug., 1844, m. Rufus A., son of Lewis Shumway; *Sarah*, b. 25 Jan., 1856, m. Eugene Joslin of East Thompson, Conn.; EBENEZER, b. 23 Dec., 1819, m. 3 Sept., 1849, Elmira Howe of Auburn, sister of Alfred, settled on the homestead, no ch.; RUFUS, b. 20 May, 1821, m. Eve Schaff (German), settled at Ox., removed about 1854 to Guthrie Co., Ia., where he d. 7 Feb., 1865, family returned East; they had b. at Ox., *Maria Louisa*, b. 28 Oct., 1851, m. 28 Feb., 1879, William Bates, residence, Sutton; they had George, b. 1880; *Cora F.*, b. 27 Jan., 1861, m. 25 Dec., 1881, Joseph H. Mansfield, residence, Worcester, and had Florence L., b. 30 Jan., 1883; Eve, the mother, m. (2) Joseph Bancroft of Millbury, who d. at Worcester, March, 1883.

5. ONO E., son of Daniel H., grandson of Stephen and great-grandson of Ebenezer (1), b. 15 Oct., 1810, at Boylston, m. 4 Nov., 1833, Nancy, dau. of John Larned, settled in west part of Ox., carpenter; he d. 4 Sept., 1878. . . . Children: ROSANNA, b. 27 Oct., 1835, m. J. Milton Davis; JOHN W., b. 6 Oct. 1843, soldier in late war; CHARLES, b. 24 Jan., 1846, m. 17 Aug., 1864, Josephine, dau. of Joseph Moore of Worcester, b. 1847, settled at Ox., and had *Charles II.*, b. 1 April, 1868; *Percival G.*, b. 31 Aug., 1870; *Luella M.*, b. 10 June, 1873, d. 1882; *Olin E.*, b. 19 Sept., 1878; *William*, b. 21 May, 1881.

6. DANIEL H., b. April, 1813, son of Daniel H., m. Phebe G. Benthall of Rhode Island, settled in west part of Ox., carpenter, no ch. He d. aged 56, 8 Feb., 1870, she d. aged 70, 2 Feb., 1871.

HUNKINS, THOMAS, and his sister ELIZABETH, who m. Nathaniel Chamberlain, were from Boxford, where they being then adult, were baptized 24 Feb., 1706. He was one of the thirty proprietors, and m. Lydia ——. His home lot was the Deacon Hurd farm, in part at least, H. 42. In 1718, he bought the rights of Daniel Pearson, H. 34, where he lived about forty years. He d. 1762, and the name became extinct in Ox. [On 27 Dec., 1761, Thomas Town, son of John, Jr., was appointed guardian of Thomas Hunkins, he being in feeble health. His will, approved 15 April, 1762, names wife Rachel (second w.?), daughters Lydia, Elizabeth, Mary, and granddaughters Mary and Sarah Pratt, daughters of Sarah, then deceased, and grandson John Campbell, son of his daughter Mary Bogle]. . . . Children: LYDIA, b. 31 Aug., 1711, at Topsfield, m. John Town, Jr.; ELIZABETH, m. Roger Amidown; SARAH, b. 23 March, 1719, at Ox., m. Joseph Pratt; MARY, b. 4 Sept., 1725, m. John Bogle.

HUNT, ELIZABETH, resided at Ox., Aug., 1765.

MARY, and Jonathan Baldwin of Spencer, m. 28 Oct., 1766.

OTIS W., of Douglas, and Submit Cummings, m. 27 March, 1823.

HUNTING, HENRY F., and Irena Rice of Marlboro', m. int. 1 June, 1834.

HUNTRESS, JOHN, from Boston, a baker employed by Root and Moore, w. Ann. . . . Children: JOHN W., d. 13 Nov., WILLIAM A., d. 16 Nov., CHARLES M., d. 21 Nov., 1831, all of Scarlatina

HURD, PETER, of Cambridge, bought in 1733 the farm in the south part of Ox., H. 42. He m. 11 June, 1730, Sarah, dau. of Samuel Eddy. He d.

1750, she d. 14 Oct., 1779. The original dwelling stood in the field 60 rods or more northerly of the present house which was erected by Dea. John Hurd, and occupies the site of one built by him about 1805. . . . *Children*: PETER, b. 2 May, 1735; WILLIAM, b. and d. 1737; JOSEPH, b. 19 June, 1738; SARAH, b. 30 April, 1740, d. 7 May, 1816, unm.; MARY, b. 28 Jan., 1745.

2. JOSEPH, son of Peter (1), Revolutionary soldier in Crafts' Cavalry Co., marched on Lexington alarm, and was in Saratoga battles, a good citizen of full average mental ability, collector of taxes; m. 15 Dec., 1763, Mary, dau. of John Livermore, once of Weston, then of Framingham, resided at the homestead, where he d. 3 Jan., 1820, she d. aged 82, 31 July, 1827. . . . *Children*: MARY, b. 16 Sept., 1765, m. David, son of Gen. Ebenezer Learned; WILLIAM, b. 13 May, 1767; ELIZABETH, b. 6 May, 1770, d. 16 April, 1802, unm.; JOSEPH, b. 26 March, 1773, d. 2 Nov., 1787; ABIGAIL, b. 8 Feb., 1777, m. Capt., Jonathan Morse of Livermore, Me., second wife; JOHN, b. 20 May, 1779; PATTY, b. 23 July, 1781, m. intentions 3 June, 1803, David Brackett of Dudley, eight ch.; SAMUEL, b. 24 July, 1785, d. 14 Jan., 1796.

3. WILLIAM, son of Joseph (2), m. Sept., 1793, Lois, dau. of Joseph Davis, residence, Livermore, Me., where all his ch. were b., returned to Ox. about 1809, settled west of the river in the south part of the town, H. 60; d. there 4 April, 1841, she d. 3 July, 1843. He was one of the first Methodists in Ox., an upright man; teamster, land surveyor. . . . *Children*: POLLY, m. intentions 14 Aug., 1814, Amos Upham of Dudley, where they settled; JOSEPH, b. 2 Feb., 1796, d. 7 May, 1883, unm.; HANNAH and ELIZABETH, b. 1798, Hannah m. Reuben Harwood; Elizabeth m. 29 March, 1827, David Melendy of Charlton, where they settled; JOHN, b. 1802 (?), d. 12 Sept., 1819; Lois, b. 1806 (?), d. 19 Dec., 1831, aged 25.

4. JOHN, son of Joseph (2), m. (1) intentions 31 Aug., 1805, Mary Stone of Greenwich, dau. of Dr. William of Enfield, she d. 21 May, 1824, aged 44; m. (2) intentions 26 March, 1825, Mary Brigham of Grafton. He d. 30 April, 1866, she d. aged 79, 11 Oct., 1866. Resided at homestead, captain of militia, a worthy man, many years deacon of Congregational Church. . . . *Children*: ELIZA, b. 21 June, 1807, d. 4 Nov., 1833, unm.; WILLIAM S., b. 24 Dec., 1808, m. 1835, Nancy Hungerford of Harwinton, Conn., b. 1809, at Deerfield, entered the store of Witt & Dowse in his youth; went south and began trade in Georgia in partnership with his brother-in-law, was successful until the war broke out when he returned North and resided at New Haven, Conn., removed to Hartford, Conn., where he d. 30 July, 1876. He was a true gentleman, a man of solid worth and highly esteemed; ch.: Maria J., b. 1837, at Monticello, Ga., d. 1848, at Springfield, while at school; Eleanor S., b. 1845, m. 1871, George Talcott of Hartford, Conn., he d. thirteen days after marriage at Niagara Falls, N. Y.; she m. (2) Henry Hillyer, Esq., of Atlanta, Ga.; JOHN C., b. 3 Sept., 1810, m. (1) 21 Oct., 1840, Mary II., dau. of Peter Shumway, studied at Bangor, Me., for the ministry, preached at Beaver Dam, Wis., where she d. 16 May, 1854; he m. (2) in 1855, at Beaver Dam, Mary B. Crosby, returned East and resided at Buckland, where he d. 23 Aug., 1882; ch. by first m.: Sara S., b. 16 April, 1843, m. 17 Nov., 1879, Henry Downing of Glen Head, Long Island, had Benjamin W., b. 5 Oct., 1871; Grace L., b. 14 Aug., 1872, d. 1874; George H., b. 25 March, 1878; William S., b. 8 June, 1846, at Beaver Dam, residence, Quincy; Nelson S., b. 26 Feb., 1850, at Beaver Dam, m. 3 Sept., 1875, Elizabeth Fraser, residence, Framingham; ch. by second m.: Charles C., Mary A.; WINTHROP, b. 22 Jan., 1812, d. 28 Oct.,

1861, unm.; **HIRAM**, b. 21 Aug., 1814, m. (1) 1841, Jane E. Powers of Enfield, she d. 1854; m. (2) in 1856, Mrs. Hannah M. Morse of Chicago, he d. 27 Feb., 1872, at Pittsfield, where she resided 1890; **MARY ANN**, b. 20 Jan., 1816, m. 31 Oct., 1842, Rev. John P. Foster, settled at Fowlersville, N. Y., removed to Oconomowoc, Wis., as a home missionary, his health failing he returned to Ox.; after three years settled May, 1847, at Sweden, Me., d. 27 April, 1851, aged 44; she was many years matron at Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary: they had *Harriet E.*; *Maria J.*, m. David P. Wells of Whately; **SAMUEL N.**, b. 16 Sept., 1817, went South in young manhood, d. 20 Jan., 1868, at Cuthbert, Ga., unm.; **SARAH S.**, b. 13 July, 1820, d. 30 July, 1841; ch. by second m.: **CAROLINE P.**, b. 10 Sept., 1827, m. A. Bradford Hudson.

**HURST**, Miss EMMA E., aged 19, d. 15 Oct., 1885.

**HUSE**, BARZILLAI B., and Abigail Cady, m. int. 19 Aug., 1811.

**GEORGE W.**, and Almira Stone of Douglas, m. int. 8 March, 1845.

**HUTCHINSON**, EDWARD, Esq., grandson of Elisha of Boston, who was a leading citizen, Colonel, counsellor and representative. His son **EDWARD** was a merchant, m. 1706, Lydia Foster, and had with others **EDWARD**, b. 8 Dec., 1729, was graduated 1748, at Harvard, came to Ox. late in life having been for many years an invalid, remained several years residing with Mr. John Pratt, and later with Mr. Elias Pratt at H. 153, where he d. 8 May, 1806, aged 76. He was a man of good abilities, and cultivated tastes, a lover of nature as well as books, and spent his time largely in the pleasant season in riding in his carriage, and had his room adorned with flowers, butterflies and other beautiful natural objects. Several old volumes bearing his name are extant in town, one being Addison's works and bearing dates 1748 and 1794 and on several blank pages hymns copied from Doddridge, Watts and others, and extracts from Pope indicating his fondness for poetry on moral and religious themes. A volume bears his presentation to John Wolcott, Sept. 6, 1787. His sister Elizabeth m. Rev. Nathaniel Robbins of Milton, whose son Edward H. was Speaker of the House of Representatives and Lieut.-Governor.

**STEPHEN**, son of Jesse, b. at Smithfield, R. I., m. (1) Sally Angell, they had **ELIZA**, m. 2 Sept., 1835, Chandler Stockwell Jr. of Douglas; m. (2) Eveline Jenks of Smithfield, and removed to Sutton, and thence in 1835 to Ox., settling at H. 10, where he d. 18 Feb., 1851, aged 59, she d. 1 June, 1880, at Pawtucket, R. I. . . . *Children* by second m.: **STEPHEN**, b. 8 Aug., 1824, residence, San Francisco, Cal., unm.; **SARAH A.**, b. 10 Nov., 1825, m. Charles A. Sigourney; **WILLIAM G.**, b. 27 June, 1827, m. (1) and resided at Worcester, where she d., m. (2) Mrs. Whipple, had ch.; **MARY E.**, b. 16 July, 1829, m. Julius E. Bacon of Sutton, removed to Worcester, freight agent at P. & W. R. R. office; they had *Georgie*, m. William, son of Col. J. Pickett of Worcester; **EMILY M.**, b. 19 Feb., 1831, m. 10 Aug., 1851, Sanford Jones, who d. 1862, at New Orleans, La. [A relative of Jones says he was in the Confederate army against his wishes, and while returning from an out-station near New Orleans with his comrades in a hand car was challenged by U. S. soldiers, and not hearing the call did not stop, were fired upon and five of the squad of 14 men were shot, Jones among them, who d. five days later, believed to have been 29 April, 1862.] She m. (2) —— Glidden, and resided at San Francisco, Cal., no ch.; **JESSE**, b. 22 Jan., 1833, m. Martha Bodwell of Worcester, where she d., he d. later at Boston, no ch.; **DANIEL**, b. 14

Nov., 1834, m. Emma Greenwood of Hubbardston, and had *Ralph E.*; JOHN G., b. 29 Sept., 1836, at Ox., d. unm.; ABBY A., b. 23 Aug., 1838, m. (1) Simeon, son of Charles Tourtelotte, m. (2) Frank Wood of Grafton, removed to Vt., no ch.; SAMUEL P., b. 12 Sept., 1840, d. unm.; LOUISE E., b. 6 Oct., 1844, m. Melville Walker of West Boylston, Capt. in the late war, resided 1885 at Los Angeles, Cal.; had *Loleta*.

CLARISSA, and Henry C. Spaulding, m. 9 Nov., 1845.

**HYDE**, FREDERIC G., son of Col. Augustus and Fidelia W., of Norwich, Conn., b. 11 May, 1847; entered in his boyhood the U. S. Naval School at Newport, R. I., whence he went to Annapolis, Md., where he was graduated 10 June, 1867. He immediately sailed on the *Minnesota* and afterward on the *Dacotah*, serving on the latter from Jan., 1868, to May, 1870, and was in command of the vessel several months in 1869 at Mare Island, Cal., Navy Yard. In March, 1871, he was commissioned Lieutenant. In Feb., 1874, having been in service on the *Kansas*, he was detached on sick leave, but in the latter part of 1875 was again in service and was ordered to the West Indies station on the *Ossipee* and later to Brazil on the frigate *Hartford*, going out of commission in her Dec., 1879. Soon after he was appointed instructor at Annapolis, and in 1882 commanded the *Mayflower* in a cruise with cadets. He next served at Portsmouth Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va., and thence sent his resignation to the government to take effect 24 June, 1883.

His family came to Oxford in 1873, and after his resignation he continued to reside here until his removal 1888 to Woodstock, Conn. He was naturally of a retiring disposition, never self asserting, but always ready to meet any reasonable demand upon his time and attention, and was punctilious in the performance of every task he undertook, whether of a public or private nature. He was of a genial temperament, much beloved by his associates of the G. A. R. and was a generous benefactor to that organization. Having inherited from his uncle, Hon. Lafayette S. Foster of Norwich, a considerable fortune he was able to give substantial aid to the needy, and his frequent quiet and unostentatious acts of this nature will cause him to be long and tenderly remembered by many in Oxford. Here as well as in Woodstock he was in full sympathy with Church work, and took upon himself freely his share of its responsibilities, however much of time or money might be involved. In Woodstock especially he won a large circle of friends, and the expressions of esteem in the large gathering at his funeral (which was under the supervision of the Oxford G. A. R. Post) were profound and general.

He m. 2 June, 1870, at Vallejo, Cal., Mary H. Dunster, b. 16 March, 1850, at Pontiac, Mich.; they had FRED. D., b. 23 May, 1871; m. (2) 15 June, 1887, Alice M., dau. of Marvin W. Robinson; they had MARVIN F., b. 11 July, 1888; EUGENE S., b. and d. 1890; he d. 10 Sept., 1890, at Woodstock, Conn.

**IDE**, NATHAN, and Vida Wakefield, both of South Gore, m. intentions 22 April, 1797.

POLLY, and Bezaleel Wakefield, both of South Gore, m. int. 14 Oct., 1797.

LIBERTY, of South Gore, and Lucy A. Pollock of Thompson, Conn., m. intentions 11 Feb., 1829.

ESTHER, and Corliss Barrett, m. intentions 22 Nov., 1829.

INGRAHAM, SARAH E., aged 27, d. 8 Sept., 1865.

**INMAN, SANFORD A.**, b. 20 June, 1822, son of Edward, of Burrillville, R. I., came to Ox. 1845, settled in the east part. H. 9, farmer. He m. (1) 28 Nov., 1843, Marion S. Severy of Auburn, who d. aged 36, 7 Jan., 1859, m. (2) 20 May, 1860, Sophia N., widow of Eleazer Kelley, dau. of Amos Bigelow of Sutton. . . . *Children* by first m.: **HENRY A.**, b. 28 Oct., 1844, m. 1 Dec., 1867, Marion, dau. of Nathan Waters of Sutton, business in Boston, no ch.; **FREDERICK A.**, b. 18 May, 1846, m. 4 Feb., 1874, Annie P. Wiggin of Boston, business in Boston; they had *George S.*, b. 25 Nov., 1874; *Harry B.*, b. 6 March, 1876; *Frank A.*, b. 16 May, 1878; **CAROLINE V.**, b. 2 Dec., 1848, m. 2 Dec., 1866, Lewis T. Carpenter, residence, Rochester, Minn.; they had *Minnie M.*, b. 25 Nov., 1867; *Sophia B.*, b. 16 March, 1869; *Carrie M.*, b. 28 Oct., 1873; *Mabel F.*, b. 6 Dec., 1874; **NELSON S.**, b. 16 Dec., 1856, m. 5 Aug., 1879, Flora Marcy; they had *Marion F.*, b. 8 July, 1880; *Grace B.*, b. 11 Dec., 1882; *Mary M.*, b. 20 Dec., 1884; *Nelson M.*, b. 21 July, 1887; *Eugene L.*, b. 24 Jan., 1889.

**THOMAS L.**, of Sutton, and Rhoda Burton, m. intentions 18 Aug., 1844.

**IVES, JOHN**, taxed 1771, m. 1 Dec., 1772, Eunice Collier. . . . *Children*: **JOHN**, b. 4 June, 1775; **SUSANNA**, b. 30 Aug., 1778; **SARAH**, b. 14 Dec., 1781.

**JACKSON, CALVIN**, aged 74, d. 17 March, 1855.

**JEFFORD, JOHN**, w. Mary, had **ALPHEUS**, b. 5 Feb., 1774.

**JENKINS, GEORGE H.**, aged 32, d. 9 Feb., 1869.

**JENKS, SABRA B.**, m. n. Whiting, of Douglas, aged 58, d. 14 Feb., 1885.

**JENNISON, ROBERT**, of Watertown 1637, had **SAMUEL**, b. 1642, m. Judith Macombe; had with others **ROBERT**, b. 1684, m. Dorothy Whittemore, removed about 1727 to Sutton; they had with others **JOSEPH**, m. Martha Twiss of Salem, was of Ox. June, 1771 [Court Records]; **DANIEL**, b. 1 Sept., 1757, m. 29 Jan., 1778, Molly Putnam of Sutton, resided on Prospect Hill, now Auburn. . . . *Children*: **MAVERICK**, m. 25 May, 1802, Elizabeth, dau. of Benjamin Learned, removed to Binghamton, N. Y., d. 13 April, 1848, she d. 2 Sept., 1849, at Union, N. Y.; they had (first four b. at Ox.) *Luther*, b. 1803, m. Maria L. Putnam, residence, Binghamton; *Learned*, b. 1804, m. (1) Prudence Davis, m. (2) Lucy Patrick; *Betsey*, b. 1806, d. 1875, at Binghamton; *Mary*, b. 1808, d. 1877, at Natick, Mass.; *Daniel*, b. 1811, m. Joanna P. Taylor; *Lydia*, b. 1813, m. Stephen B. Fairchild of Great Barrington; *Ebenezer*, b. 1815, m. Margarette Kirby, he d. 1867, at Chatham; *John*, b. 1817, m. Lydia A. Van Allen; *Lewis*, b. 1824, m. Hannah Q. Allen, residence, Binghamton; **GARDNER**, settled and d. at Biddeford, Me., **NATHANIEL**, m. 30 Nov., 1797, Catharine Sibley, settled and d. aged 88, at Orange; **JOSEPH**, m. (1) Hannah Ryan, m. (2) Hannah Twiss, settled and d. at Auburn; ch. by first m.: *Samuel*, m. intentions 23 March, 1834, Roxana, dau. of Ambrose Stone, resided on the Daniel Jennison homestead, he d. 1 Jan., she d. 3 Jan., 1887; they had *Sophia*, b. 10 Nov., 1835, m. 19 June, 1859, Emory, son of Moses Ingraham of Coventry, R. I., residence, Ox. (had *Harry B.*, b. 13 Nov., 1864); *Emily A.*, b. 23 April, 1838; *Daniel A.*, b. 5 June, 1840, residence, Missouri, had ch.; *Boardman R.*, b. 1842, soldier, d. in a southern prison; *Elmer R.*, b. 1844, m. Marietta, dau. of Lafayette Battey, resided at the homestead, had ch.; *Lucina*, m. Leonard Richardson of Auburn, removed to Newport, N. H., had ch.; *Maverick*, b. 17 May, 1811, m. (1) 19 April, 1838, Hannah,

dau. of Ebenezer Newton, b. 20 March, 1810, at Ox., she d. 10 Jan., 1860, m. (2) Elsie, widow of Jairus Sparhawk, he d. 30 July, 1872; ch. by first m.: Frances A., b. 20 Oct., 1841; Anna M., b. 2 Jan., 1845, m. Fred Hutchins, second w., residence, Thompson, Conn.; Hobart N., b. 15 Nov., 1849, m. 27 Nov., 1874, Henrietta Milliken of Biddeford, Me., residence, Worcester; Nancy, *Minerva*, m. Lewis Fitts; Daniel, m. 21 Feb., 1838, Julia A. Leach, shoe manufacturer at Ox., removed to Fitchburg, had ch.; Joseph, m. 24 March, 1847, Henrietta S. Tiffany of Douglas, soldier, killed at Ball's Bluff; Mary A., m. Sumner Sparhawk; by second m.: *Chloe*, m. —— Ackley; *Lewis*, m. Clara Winch, residence, Auburn; *John*, d. young.

SAMUEL, two of this name, both men of some note, have resided at Ox., descended from ROBERT of Watertown. The line was ROBERT, SAMUEL, SAMUEL, WILLIAM, b. 1707, at Watertown, was graduated 1724 at Harvard, College, settled at Salem 1728, dismissed 1736, preached as supply, and was teacher at Westboro', and later at Worcester and Holden, returned to Watertown, d. 1 April, 1750. His son SAMUEL, of Ox., b. 1733, was in the French and Indian war, and Lieut. 18 Feb., 1756. About 1765 he was merchant at New London, Conn., and made voyages to the West Indies, removed to Douglas, m. (1) Naomi Everden, was in 1774 a prominent member of an assembly at Worcester to discuss public policy, member of the Provincial Congress 1774 from Douglas, made an effort to change the name of the town to his own, refused 11 Feb., 1771. [Douglas History.] In 1785 had come into reduced circumstances, removed not far from 1784 to Ox., where he had the confidence of the people and was a useful citizen. [The following is from Bentley MSS., American Antiquarian Society: "1790, Jan. 2, letters are received from a Samuel Jennison of Oxford . . . begging charitable relief. He was a son of Rev. —— Jennison, formerly of this parish."]

The following document from his pen is in the town archives and needs no explanation. It was written at a time of discouragement and perplexity as to the means of supporting religious institutions in Oxford:—

"Whereas the Glory of the Supreme Being, the Honour of the Christian Religion and the best Interest of Societies is greatly promoted by the Establishment of an Orthodox ministry and as the Town of Oxford is Destitute by the Removal of the Revd. Mr. Bowman and as it appears to be the desire of a number that the Town should as soon as may be unite in the Call and Settlement of some Gentleman whose Erudition and sentiment in Religious Matters should Recommend him to their Affection and Esteem. But as the Town is under some Embarrassment Occasioned by their Proportion of the Charges arrising on the prosecution of the late war; and other Incumbrances —They are not determined what method it would be most proper to pursue for Effecting the same. But as we understand that a number of Towns in this and a Neighboring State have Devised Ways and means for Establishing a perpetual Fund for the Support of the Gospel with them without having Recourse to Taxation or the more uncertain dependence on a Free Contribution for that purpose.

It is Therefore moved that a Committe be Chosen . . . whose business it shall be to go to some of the Towns before referred to and Enquire what mode they Respectively pursued and how they Effectually their plans, and make Report to the Town at some future meeting and also that the same Committee be desired in the mean time to provide preaching as they shall Judge proper Considering the present Inclement Season and the Difficulty that attends a considerable number's waiting on Divine Service on account thereof.

Oxford Dec. 22, 1784."

"To be Communicated to the Town at their meeting if thought proper."

Endorsed "Mr. Jennison's Draught."

He d. 18 Nov., 1790, no ch. His widow m. Josiah Wolcott. The eldest son of Rev. William, was Doctor William, b. 19 March, 1732, m. Mary Staples of Mendon, practiced medicine there and in Douglas, East Sudbury (where he was in 1783), and Brookfield, where he d. 8 May, 1798. His son SAMUEL was the lawyer of Oxford, b. 26 May, 1759, at Milford, was graduated at Harvard College 1774, at fifteen years of age, taught school at Westboro' the next winter. In the winter of 1776-7 he was at his father's house in Douglas and was offered a commission in the army by an officer who chanced to meet him there; entered the United States service as a Lieutenant in June, 1777, and was at the taking of Burgoyne having at that time been promoted to Quartermaster in Nixon's Regiment. He served until July, 1779, when he was honorably discharged. In 1781, he engaged in trade in Brookfield, but was unsuccessful, and soon began the study of the law, and was duly admitted to the Worcester bar and began practice at Oxford, but remained here for a short time only, returning to Brookfield and later removed to Thomaston, Me., where he d. 1 Sept., 1826. He m. 1781, Sally, dau. of Rev. Nathan Fiske of Brookfield, and had NATHAN F., b. 1783, unm.; SALLY, b. 1785, unm.; SAMUEL, b. 1788; WILLIAM, b. 1790; the two latter were prominent and highly esteemed business men of Worcester.

ELIAS, and Hannah Twiss, both of Sutton, m. 16 June, 1748.

ANN, and Anthony Dike, m. 16 Jan., 1775.

MEHETABLE, Charlton, and Jonathan Chase, Sutton, m. 22 Jan., 1797.

TWISS, of Charlton, and Lydia Prince, m. 30 Nov., 1797.

OLIVE, dau. of Elias, of Millbury, and Ezra Lovell, Jr., m. int. 7 Oct., 1815.

MRS. HANNAH N., aged 50, d. 10 Jan., 1861.

ABIGAIL H., m. n. Penniman, aged 77, d. 29 June, 1863.

**JEPHERSON, JEPHSON, PHILA**, of South Gore, and Walter Brown of Uxbridge, m. intentions 26 Jan., 1811.

WILLIS, of South Gore, and Amy Jepherson of Douglas, m. int. 5 June, 1813.

REUBEN, and Mary Kelley, both of South Gore, m. int. 14 Feb., 1821.

**JEWELL, JOHN M.**, b. 24 Sept., 1739, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth, of Dudley, Revolutionary soldier, m. intentions 18 Aug., 1764, Sarah, dau. of Jonas Pratt (?), settled on a 100-acre lot, part in Ox., part in Charlton, being Cox's, resided there nearly twenty years; in 1771 the town sunk taxes because of "loss of his house and effects" [by fire ?], On 1 May, 1784, he quit-claimed 71 acres to Cox's agent, "being their property by right." In Dec., 1786, a suit for ejectment was brought and won. In Dec., 1792, he was of Ox. at which time there was a suit in court against him.

**JEWETT, STEPHEN**, b. 15 Oct., 1735, m. (1) 3 March, 1757, Mehitable, dau. of Timothy Harris, removed to Lanesboro', where she d. 25 Oct., 1772; m. (2) 15 Dec., 1774, Sarah Hatch, they had at Lanesboro' ten ch. . . . Children, by first m.: DAVID, b. 30 June, 1758; ELIZABETH, b. 11 Feb., 1761; TIMOTHY, b. 5 March, 1763; SILENCE, b. 27 Feb., 1765, brought up at Elisha Davis', m. 5 April, 1787, Samuel, son of Joseph Davis of Dudley, where they settled, and had Nancy, b. 1788, d. 1791; Samuel, b. 1790, m. Jane Benson, and removed to Ohio; Nancy, b. 1792, d. 1835, unm.; Aaron, b. 1794, m. Electa Mumford, settled and d. at Eastford, Conn.; Joanna J., b. 1796, d. 1867, unm.; Mehitable H., b. 1798, d. 1815; Betsy, b. 1801, m. Levi Upham of Dudley; Elsie, b. 1803, m. Ziba White, removed to Mendon, Mich.,

where she d. 1871; JOANNA, b. 31 Dec., 1766; EZEKIEL, b. 18 Feb., 1769; ROGER, b. 5 Sept., 1771.

2. ROGER, son of Stephen (1), was brought to Oxford in infancy from Lanesboro', and lived in the family of his uncle Dea. Samuel Harris; wheelwright; m. 28 June, 1795, Mary, dau. of Joseph Davis of Dudley, settled at Dudley; removed Nov., 1819, to Bondet Hill, H. 38, and in old age to Woodstock, Conn., where he d. 2 Feb., 1852; she d. aged 68, 6 July, 1844, at Ox. . . . *Children*, b. at Dudley: SYLVIA, b. 14 Aug., 1796, m. 1821, John M. Pratt; POLLY, b. 9 Sept. 1798, m. 1819, Stephen R. Tenney of Hubbards-ton; JOHN, b. 2 Nov., 1800, m. (1) Esther C. Bates, m. (2) Mrs. Alice Conant of Dudley: woolen cloth manufacturer at Dudley many years with Aaron Tufts and later alone, from 1849 to 1857 president of the Oxford Bank, a successful business man; he d. 8 March, 1868, at Dudley; JOSEPH, b. 29 Jan., 1802, resided at Meredith, N. Y., and Florence, Mich., m. and had four daughters but no son to mature; he d. 27 July, 1876, at Florence; SARAH D., b. 26 Dec., 1804, m. Hiram Wakeman at Mendon, Mich., where they settled, no ch.; SOPHIA, b. 28 Aug., 1808, unm.; AZUBA, b. 28 Sept., 1811, m. 1837, Henry H. Ball, resided at Dudley and Charlton, soldier in the late war; he d. 21 April, 1879, she d. 27 April, 1879, both at Webster; they had *Henry J.*, b. 1840, m. Susan Gale; *Agnes E.*, b. 1844, m. Dresser T. Bates; *Eugene A.*, b. 1848; ELIZA, b. 2 June, 1815, disappeared in 1863, not heard from.

DAVID, of Thompson, Conn., and Sarah Stevens of Dudley, m. 9 Oct., 1734.

SUSANNA, and Joseph Upham of Dudley, m. 15 April, 1791.

JEDEDIAH, a physician, and w. resided at Ox., Feb., 1792.

SAMUEL, resided at Ox., Dec., 1793, clothier at south end of the Plain, w. Patty; ch.: SAMUEL and ROYAL. Ox. records give a DAU., b. 16 Oct., 1794; SALLY, d. 13 March, 1795; SON, b. 22 July, 1796.

**JOHNSON, SMITH**, perhaps son of Smith, and grandson of Smith of Woodstock, Conn., b. 3 Dec., 1736, tanner; no record of estate in Ox., lived here at least from Nov., 1774, to Nov., 1778. Jonathan Gould of Woodstock, Conn., then owned the tannery near the North Common and he may have been tenant. In 1776, the town voted to build a workhouse "opposite Smith Johnson's." In Nov., 1778, he bought 70 acres and a tan-yard on the west side of the "Great Pond" in Dudley, sold in 1783 to John Bates of Killingly, Conn., and later owned the tannery at Dudley Centre. He m. Sarah; had a dau. b. 5 Nov., 1774, the mother d.; m. (2) 5 Nov., 1776, Mrs. Abigail Amidown.

SMITH, m. 13 May, 1827, Mary, dau. of William Googins, and had WILLIAM S., b. 21 Jan., 1831; Smith, the father, d. at Ox., she m. (2) Alvan Stone.

LEWIS A., b. 6 Jan., 1813, at present Webster, son of Arnold of Thompson, Conn., m. 6 July, 1836, Lucy A. Larned of Northbridge. . . . *Children*: GEORGE E., b. 10 May, 1837, at Northbridge, unm.; ANN AUGUSTA, b. 14 April, 1839, at Northbridge, m. (1) W. Freeman, son of Walter L. Rosebrook, m. (2) Samuel, son of John Brown of Ox.; WILLIAM O., b. 27 July, 1841, at Worcester, d. 16 June, 1865; ALBERT E., b. 11 May, 1843, at Webster, m. 16 Oct., 1873, S. Luella, dau. of Fred. Hutchins of Thompson, Conn., and had *Cora*, b. 1874; MARY L., b. and d. 1844; FRED. F., b. 16 Sept., 1846, at Webster, soldier in the late war, d. 4 Dec., 1870, at Ox.; ITHIEL T., b. 26 July, 1849, at Douglas, Methodist preacher; m. 24 June, 1891, Mary H. Lawrence of Charlestown; CHARLES W., b. 5 Sept., 1854, at Ox.

**AMOS**, of Holliston, m. Aug., 1786, being then of Southboro', Elizabeth, dau. of Josiah Childs of Framingham, b. 30 April, 1766; AMOS, their son, was b. 1792, m. 27 Nov., 1816, Eunice Brintnell, b. 1 Jan., 1790, d. 29 Sept., 1875. He was a miller, and came from Saxonyville to Ox. early in 1828 to take charge of the Oxford Woolen Company's grist-mill, remaining eight years, and removing 1836 to Boston to take charge of the Mill-dam mills, removing from Boston to Foxboro' 1851, resided there till 1882, when he went to New Haven, Conn., to live with his only surviving child, Angeline, wife of Fitz Henry Weld, m. 2 Oct., 1831. He was an exemplary man and much respected, selectman from 1833 to 1835. . . . *Children*: EVELINE and ANGELINE, b. 2 Oct., 1817, at Hopkinton; MARY JANE, b. 13 March, 1819, at Hopkinton; ELIZABETH, b. 2 April, 1820, at Southboro'; AMOS A., b. 21 July, —, at Hopkinton; JANE E., b. 21 Dec., 1827, at Framingham, d. 1834, all except the first two d. young.

**MOSES S.**, b. 17 Dec., 1826, at Douglas, son of Pliny and Sophia (Albee), came to Ox. 1 April, 1859, shoe cutter, representative 1863, removed Oct., 1865, to Worcester, where he d. 17 April, 1883.

**ALFRED**, and Calista Wood, m. 8 Dec., 1828.

**AMOS D.**, and Theodocia D. Walker, m. 10 Oct., 1830.

**SILAS**, aged over 30, d. 28 Sept., 1818.

**MARY ANN**, dau. of Benjamin, aged 14, d. 19 Feb., 1849.

**MRS. MARY J.**, aged 27, d. 7 Sept., 1874.

**JONES, JOSEPH B.**, m. intentions 21 May, 1784, Hannah, dau. of Peter Phillips. . . . *Children*: **POLLY**, b. 26 June, 1784, m. Simeon Smith; **JOSEPH**, b. 27 Nov., 1785, resided at Charlton.

**JOHN**, of Bellingham, and Mary Rockett, m. 17 Oct., 1751.

**PHINEHAS**, Revolutionary soldier.

**BETSEY**, of Paxton, and Stephen Streeter, m. intentions 12 Feb., 1826.

**JESSE**, tanner, bought a pew in the Meeting-house 1781, in 1786 the town voted not to sink his tax.

**SOPHIA**, m. n. May, of Woodstock, Conn., w. of Dexter W., aged 81, d. 29 April, 1880.

**ELNATHAN**, aged 76, d. 9 June, 1856.

**JOP, JOHN**, m. 7 April, 1763, Hannah Henshaw of Leicester, and had at Ox. **JOHN**, b. 14 Feb., 1764, occupied before May, 1766, a lot of a half-acre and a house on the main street, nearly opposite the town hall, joined the Church in 1764, lived in town at least five years, being here in Dec., 1768. He probably returned to Leicester. In 1794, being then of Winchester, Litchfield Co., Conn., he brought a suit in court at Worcester for services rendered at Leicester. [Court Record. There is no record of his purchase or sale of land. The next known owner of the before named estate was Abner Mellen, from whom it passed by mortgage to Andrew Sigourney. There appears no record of Mellen's purchase. There is a tradition that a man of eccentric habits lived at this place, who left town putting the estate into Mellen's possession to be cared for until his return. He never appeared and Mellen thus became the presumed owner. The fact that there are no records of purchase or sale would give strength to the assertion.]

**JORDAN, JOURDAN, WILLIAM**, 3 years in the Revolutionary war, Capt. Moore's Co.

**MARTIN**, w. Catherine, resided at Ox. Dec., 1793.

CATHERINE, aged 67, d. 2 March, 1814.

WILLIAM (Irish), aged 61, d. 8 April, 1861.

ELIZA B., m. n. Hart, of Auburn, aged 63, d. 6 March, 1869.

**JOSLIN, ISRAEL**,—perhaps a descendant of Egidius Josselyn, who, according to Burke, was a nobleman of Brittany, and emigrated to England in the time of Edward the Confessor,—came to America about 1718, m. Ruth Bayley, and settled at or near Hingham, and removed not far from 1725 to Thompson, Conn., where he d. 1761. He had a son **ISRAEL**, b. 30 Sept., 1719, m. Sarah (or Mary) Brown, and d. 24 Dec., 1800. Their fourth child was **EDWARD**, b. 4 Dec., 1746, and d. 20 Feb., 1822, he m. Elizabeth Alton, settled at Thompson, Conn., and was a sergeant in the Revolutionary war. His son **JESSE**, b. 18 March, 1780, m. Sibyl Bates, and d. 7 Aug., 1848. They had with others **ELLIOT**, b. 30 March, 1807, m. 30 March, 1830, Almira Davis, b. 9 Jan., 1811. He d. 27 Jan., 1876. She d. 17 Jan., 1890, at Ox. They had at Thompson, Conn.: **ORRIN F.**, b. 14 Dec., 1831, m. 9 Aug., 1853, Helen E. Field, settled at Ox., successful shoe manufacturer, active in church affairs; **ALLEN L.**, b. 30 Aug., 1833; **ABNER D.**, b. 29 Nov., 1837, prominent teacher in public schools at Jersey City, N. J.; **ETHIA E.**, and another, twins, b. 1844, d. 1845; **HOWARD P.**, b. 5 April, 1852.

2. **ALLEN L.**, son of Elliot (1), came to Ox. at 17 years of age to learn the shoe business, ten years partner with L. B. Corbin, and later head of the firm A. L. Joslin & Co. and doing a large and profitable business, president of Oxford National Bank, justice of the peace, State Senator in 1886, m. (1) 15 Sept., 1857, Lucretia M., dau. of Loriston Shumway, she d. 8 Jan., 1863, m. (2) 24 Oct., 1867, Sarah A. E., dau. of Abel Proctor of Peabody. . . . *Children* by first m.: **ADA L.**, b. 26 Oct., 1858; **HOMER S.**, b. 14 Dec., 1862, m. 13 May, 1885, Lillian May, dau. of Samuel C. Willis, Jr., settled at Ox., partner in shoe manufacture with his father; ch.: **Philip W.**, b. 18 May, 1890; by second m.: **ELLIOT P.**, b. 6 June, 1869, was graduated 1890 at Yale, studying for a physician; **ABEL PROCTOR**, b. 7 Oct., 1875, d. 15 Aug., 1876.

**MRS. MARY**, aged 40, d. 9 July, 1875.

**ESEEK**, b. 14 Jan., 1822, son of Sylvanus of Douglas, m. 1843, Huldah E. Hunt of Sutton, came to Ox., 1849, bought 1850 lot half a mile north of Centre, built his present residence; carpenter. . . . *Children*: **JASON W.**, b. 17 July, 1847, residence, California; **JULIA M.**, b. 20 Aug., 1849, m. Nov., 1865, George Benway, residence, Waupun, Wis., had ch.; **SYLVANUS**, b. 9 Sept., 1851, m. Oct., 1880, Mary E. Esten of Millville, residence, Detroit, Minn.

**JOYCE, PETER**, w. Sabrina, had **HENRY C.**, b. 6 June, 1836.

**KATHAN, ANNA**, and Robert Tweed, m. intentions 1743.

**KEACH, DR. BENJAMIN**, resided here with family, May, 1766, taxed 1769.

**KEEFE, MRS. MARGARET**, aged 31, d. 22 Dec., 1860.

**KEITH, CHARLES E.**, son of Royal, of Grafton, aged 66, d. 3 Nov., 1881.

**KELLEY, ORRIN A.**, and Maria Laflin, m. intentions 29 Sept., 1833.

**MERRICK I.**, aged 35, d. 5 Jan., 1858.

**HARRIET A.**, m. n. Thayer, of Hardwick, aged 37, d. 14 Dec., 1859.

**KEMP, HANNAH**, of Dudley, and Hall C. Gleason, m. 26 Dec., 1824.

KENDALL, REV. THOMAS, Chapman in "Sketches of Dartmouth College Alumni," says, was from Framingham and d. at New Lebanon, N. Y., Dec., 1836, aged 91. Barry gives "Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary of Hopkinton, b. 1745." His mother was Mary Curtis. He was graduated at Dartmouth 1774, studied with Rev. Daniel Emerson at Hollis in 1775, went on a mission with others to the Caghawaga Indians, settled at Foxborough 25 May, 1786, dismissed 5 Feb., 1800, installed at Kingston, R. I., 29 Sept., 1802, dismissed 3 Nov., 1818, his last settlement; 29 Aug., 1800, bought the John Kidder farm, in the southwest corner of Millbury adjoining Ox., where his family resided while he preached at Kingston. He was chaplain in the war of 1812, and was granted land at Sharon, Vt., went there to possess it, found his title defective and got nothing. He went with his son to New Lebanon, N. Y., in 1820, where he spent his last years. He m. Ruth, dau. of Richard Waters of Sutton.

THOMAS, son of Thomas (1), b. 3 Aug., 1786, at Foxborough, m. (1) 7 April, 1808, Olive Crane of Ox., who d. 30 June, 1818; m. (2) Martha, dau. of Timothy Sparhawk of Ox. He d. 10 Dec., 1831. He was a well-read man and had remarkable inventive genius the widest known production of which is the ordinary thermometer, which from its cheapness and excellence for many years superseded largely other instruments of the kind in the country. He first learned the trade of blacksmith and later that of a machinist. He was also a millwright and at the erection of the Merino factory at Dudley planned and helped to construct the first water wheel, and set up and put in operation the machinery, and when the Ox. Central Manufacturing Company was organized, in which he was a proprietor, he there did the same. The failure of this company brought him loss and discouragement, and he went in precarious health to the farm on the hill for recuperation. While here his fertile mind conceived the idea of making a cheap thermometer. The thought seemed completely to possess him and no hindrances changed his purpose. A visit to an English maker in Boston gave him no encouragement, but with full faith in his final success he obtained a quantity of glass tubing which he took home and experimented upon until he had obtained his purpose, and was able to make an instrument of good quality at a low cost. The imperfection of all thermometers, not severally tested, arose from an unavoidable variation in the size of the tubes, and to meet this difficulty Mr. Kendall invented a machine which graduated the scale of each instrument exactly to match its calibre, and thus secured a uniformity which it was impossible to obtain in the old method. By actual tests the best of English instruments hung beside them were found inferior. At the time of his decease foreign manufactures were almost entirely out of the market. This graduating machine was kept unpatented but secretly until his son David exposed it at Rochester. An inventor at Champaign, Ill., made slight improvements upon it, and it is now in use by all the makers in the country.

There is reason to believe that Thomas Blanchard was indebted to Mr. Kendall for some of the most valuable parts of his machine for turning irregular forms. Unquestionable authority asserts that Asa Kenney of Sutton, now Millbury, clock maker, who had a government contract for stocking muskets was the first man to project a machine of this kind, and that Blanchard adopting his ideas constructed another which failed, as did Kenney's. He then consulted Kendall, told him he thought a machine for turning irregular forms might be made, and asked if one constructed so and so (describing his

own), would not do it; to which Kendall after some thought, replied, no. After further consideration he gave his ideas of what would make the machines a success, upon which Blanchard made a model, tested it and had it patented.

Mr. Kendall transacted a large business at New Lebanon, N. Y., until his decease, when his sons, who were all employed at the trade, succeeded him. John, who was for several years in business in the West, was, 1888, owner and operator of the factory at New Lebanon, and making more instruments than ever before. . . . Children by first m.: RUTH W., b. 9 March, 1809, m. 1 Oct., 1834, George W. Spencer, she d. 22 Oct., 1878, he d. 22 Aug., 1876; they had *Georgette W.*, b. 1835, d. 1855; JOHN, b. 21 July, 1810, m. 24 July, 1832, Deborah A very, and had at New Lebanon, N. Y., *Mary Curtis*, b. 5 Feb., 1834, m. 1 Jan., 1866, Edward C. Clark of Piermont, N. Y., one dau.; *Ellen C.*, b. 10 Oct., 1837, at Galesburg, Ill.; *Jane C.*, b. 1840, d. 1841; *Sarah W.*, b. 15 Jan., 1842, at Galesburg, m. 6 Sept., 1870, Henry L. Brown, four ch.; *EDWIN*, b. 11 March, 1812, m. (1) Jane Smith of Dalton, and had ch.; m. (2) Mrs. Danby, m. n. Hand, of Albany, N. Y., no ch.; he d. 30 Jan., 1882; *ADONIRAM*, b. 17 Dec., 1813, inherited much of his father's inventive talent, m. (1) Mary Mead of Pittsfield, and had *Mary*, m. —— Clinton of Rochester, N. Y.; *James*, machinist, residence, Detroit, Mich.; m. (2) and had *Louise*, m. —— Smalley of Rochester, N. Y.; *Charles*, residence, Fort Benton, Montana; *THOMAS* and *DAVID*, b. 24 Jan., 1816; Thomas, m. Nancy Smith of Dalton, and had *James*, *Mary J.*, *Charles*, *Lucy*, *Rosa*; David, m. Ann Wolcot, he d. 6 July, 1862, family removed West; they had *Olive*, *David*, *Jefferson D.*; *DANIEL*, b. 1817, d. 1818; and by second m.: *OLIVE*, b. 1819, m. 1835, Frederick A. Ticknor, and had *Albert K.*, b. 1836 (only surviving child), m. 1877, *Mary E.* Goddard of Millbury, granddaughter of Rev. Joseph Goffe; he was barometer maker and superintendent in a medical laboratory at New Lebanon, N. Y., in 1883 assistant supervisor in a watch-case factory at Rockford, Ill.; *ELVIRA C.*, b. 1824, d. 1826; *CHARLES S.*, b. 1826, was graduated at Middletown Seminary, d. 1853, was at his decease partner of John in making thermometers at New Lebanon, N. Y.

**KENNEY, NATHAN**, was very early in Ox., m. 23 Feb., 1719, at Woodstock, Conn., Rebekah Chamberlain of Ox., and had **NATHAN**, b. 6 July, 1719, no record of estate. He was probably a relative of the Sutton families who came from Salem a few years later, Jonathan being there in 1723, and Henry having bought land there in 1725. [The will of Jonathan Kenney was proved 10 Aug., 1731, w. Rebekah, sons Thomas, Nathan, Samuel, Henry, daughters Rebekah, Eunice, Elizabeth, Mary, all minors. The will of Henry Kenney was proved 10 Aug., 1731, same date as Jonathan's; w. Mary, son Theophilus, daughters Jemima, Priscilla, Dinah; son William Fisk and dau. Mehitable.]

Nov., 1746, Joseph Rockett of Ox. was administrator of estate of Nathan Kenney, late of Woodstock, Conn.

**JONATHAN**, of Sutton, m. 3 March, 1735, Prudence, dau. of Ebenezer Gale of Ox., settled on Long Hill, removed to Sutton; they had **PRUDENCE**, b. 1737; **NATHAN**, b. 1741; **VIOLETTA**, b. 1744, m. Jonathan, son of Ebenezer Gale, no ch., she d. soon; **REBEKAH**, b. 1746; **LUCY**, b. 1750.

**3. JESSE**, son of Asa of Sutton, b. 31 Dec., 1783, m. 18 May, 1809, Polly Sibley of Sutton, and had in Ox., **SUMNER**, b. 12 Nov., 1814, m. intentions 1 March, 1841, Nancy Carpenter of Charlton, settled at Sutton; had children.

ELIZABETH, of Sutton, m. June, 1742, Ebenezer Gale.

EUNICE, and Aaron Gleason, m. 11 Dec., 1744.

HENRY, son of Theophilus, of Sutton, and Abigail Truesdell, m. 24 Oct., 1765.

ASA, son of Asa, of Sutton, and Sophia Snow of Sutton, m. 17 April, 1806.

JOHN, d. 5 Oct., 1819.

PRUDENCE S., dau. of Perley of Sutton and Thomas Rich, m. 7 Jan., 1830.

KENT, THOMAS, of Leicester, and Catharine McCanna, m. 13 Jan., 1828.

KEREVAN, ELIZA, aged 29, d. 28 Nov., 1873.

KIDDER, JAMES, son of James, b. about 1626, at East Grinstead, Sussex, Eng., of Cambridge 1649, removed to Billerica, where ENOCH was b. 16 Sept., 1664. FRANCIS, son of Enoch, settled before 1732 at Sutton, near Ox. line. 3 April, 1724, Enoch bought land in Sutton. The estate of Francis was divided between his sons Francis, Jonathan and John. Inventory £984, heirs named. Francis, Jonathan, John, Elizabeth, Mary. The farms of Jonathan and Francis, H. 160, 161, were set to Ox. 1793, that of John was later owned by Thomas Kendall. FRANCIS, son of Enoch, m. 24 Feb., 1731, Elizabeth Hill of Billerica. He d. 20 Oct., 1763, she d. aged 94, 31 Jan., 1805. They had ELIZABETH, b. 27 March, 1732; MARY, b. 1734, d. 1737; ENOCH, b. 1736, d. 1737; FRANCIS, b. 1738, d. 1742; ABIGAIL, b. and d. 1741; FRANCIS, b. 6 Feb., 1743; JONATHAN, b. 6 July, 1744; MARY, b. 3 April, 1746, d. unm. 14 March, 1817; JOHN, b. 5 July, 1749.

2. JONATHAN, son of Francis (1), m. 30 Nov., 1769, Susanna Dwinnell; he d. 16 July, 1816, she d. aged 72, 2 April, 1819. . . . Children: JONATHAN, b. 21 Nov., 1770, m. 12 April, 1795, Polly Severy of Sutton, removed to Maine; FRANCIS, b. 13 Aug., 1773, m., settled in Vermont, one son; SUSANNA, b. 21 March, 1774, m. Daniel Nichols of Ox.; JACOB, b. 29 Jan., 1776; MEHETABLE, b. 18 March, 1778, m. John Waters of Sutton, third w.; NAHUM, b. 20 April, 1779; PETER, b. 18 Sept., 1781; RUTH, b. 13 Oct., 1783, d. unm.; SOLOMON, b. 11 Jan., 1786; DANIEL, b. 31 May, 1788, m. and settled at Braintree, Vt.

3. PETER, son of Jonathan (2), m. intentions 26 Oct., 1813, Sophia, dau. of Amos Shunway, settled on the homestead; sold in 1821 and removed to farm on Worcester road, H. 133, where he d. 10 Dec., 1835; she d. 16 March, 1850. . . . Children; CYRUS, b. 10 Nov., 1814, m. 9 Nov., 1851, Mary Converse, owns the homestead, no ch.; IRENA, b. 24 March, 1816, m. William Wellington; PLINY, b. 12 Dec., 1817, d. unm. 9 Oct., 1860, at Ox., was a railroad contractor in the West; AMOS, b. 1819, d. 1821; ADALINE, b. 1822, d. 1823; EMELINE, b. 5 Oct., 1823, m. Jeremiah L. Stone; SUSAN, b. 16 Aug., 1825, m. 14 Nov., 1850. Joseph B. Moore of Lancaster, had *Angeline*; SOPHIA, b. 1 Nov., 1827, m. 29 Oct., 1850, Franklin T., son of Lawson Snow, removed to Roxborough, Vt., where she d. 1876, had ch.; PETER, b. 7 Dec., 1829.

4. PETER, son of Peter (3), m. 30 Nov., 1859, Frances L., dau. of Amos Ball of Princeton, residence, Binghamton, N. Y., merchant; 1890, farmer and auctioneer at Ox. . . . Children: PLINY E., b. 25 Jan., 1861, m. 17 July, 1886, Mary L., dau. of William H. Marble, had ch.; FORRESTER L., b. 27 Sept., 1863; PELATIAH B., b. 1867, d. 1868; VALENTINE A., b. 11 Feb., 1869.

5. JACOB, son of Jonathan (2), m. Esther ——. He lived on the hill near his father, to whom he sold in 1802 one-fourth of the homestead which his father had before deeded to him, removed about 1803 to Maine; they had in Ox., FANNY, b. 27 April, 1801; LYDIA, b. 31 Oct., 1802.

RICHARD, b. 10 May, 1705, son of Ephraim who was brother of Enoch of Billerica, bought 1727 a 40-acre home lot in the south part of Ox., II. 42, the Dea. Hurd farm. He m. 24 Dec., 1728, Hannah Rich of Sutton [See William Davidson], and in the spring of 1729 bought of the heirs of Joseph Dudley 150 acres then in Ox., later Dudley, bounded on the south line of Ox. township, in the Upham neighborhood near the road from Ox. to Dudley, where he settled and d. They had RACHEL, b. 8 Oct., 1729, m. 19 May, 1751, Jesse Dimmock of Mansfield; HANNAH, b. 8 Nov., 1731; SAMUEL, b. 8 Feb., 1734, m. Sarah ——, settled in Dudley, and had *Sarah*, b. 1759, m. 1778, Stephen Edmunds; *Rebecca*, b. 1761, m. 1779, Josiah Barnes; *Samuel*, b. 1763, m. 1787, Zilpah Bacon; *Nathaniel*, b. 1765, m. 1792, Polly Eddy; *Jedediah*, b. 1767, m. 1789, Chloe Foster; *Richard*, b. 1769; *Ezrai*, b. 1772; EUNICE, b. 7 Dec., 1735, m. 16 April, 1765, Joseph Upham, Jr.; RICHARD, b. 9 May, 1738; DAVID, b. 28 June, 1740; BENJAMIN, b. 27 Sept., 1743, m. 9 Nov., 1777, Phebe Sabin; NATHANIEL, b. 1746, d. 1756; THOMAS, b. 21 Aug., 1750.

2. DAVID, of Dudley, son of Richard (1), m. 23 Feb., 1768, Susanna Upham. He d. before Oct., 1778, she m. (2) Dea. John Davis of Ox. . . . Children, b. at Dudley: DAVID, b. 16 Oct., 1768; JONATHAN, b. 10 March, 1770; JESSE.

3. DAVID, son of David (2), m. 9 Nov., 1794, Sophia Fessenden, and had at Ox., HANNAH; DAVID, b. 11 May, 1797; BENJAMIN, b. 30 Jan., 1800; removed to Townsend, thence to Fletcher, Vt.; had other children.

4. JONATHAN, son of David (2), m. (1) Polly Severy of Ward, settled at Wendell, where she d. 1811; m. (2) 1811, Patience Potter, and removed to Sherman, N. Y., where both d. He d. 18 May, 1863, aged 93, she d. 8 Feb., 1872, aged 93. . . . Children, by first m.: JONATHAN; by second m.: MARY, b. 1812; JOHN, b. 1814; JESSE, b. 1815; SAMUEL, b. 1817; JANE P., b. 1819; LUTHER R., b. 1829.

5. JESSE, son of David (2), m. 19 Feb., 1795, Sarah, dau. of Dea. Ebenezer Humphrey; removed in 1802 to Livermore, Me., where he was a farmer, much respected. He d. Aug., 1857, she d. 24 Oct., 1874, aged 102 years, 11 months, 24 days, no ch. [On 14 April, 1791, John and Susanna Davis of Ox. deeded to David Kidder of Ox., Jonathan Kidder of Dudley, and Jesse Kidder of Ox., a minor, heirs of David Kidder late of Dudley, their rights in the estate of said David.]

HIRAM, son of Benjamin, of Windsor, Vt., aged 26, d. 25 Aug., 1862.

KILBORN, KILBURN, MRS. CLARINA, aged 70, d. 3 July, 1883.

JOHN, son of John, aged 77, d. 29 April, 1888.

KILLEY, SAMUEL, Revolutionary soldier.

KIMBALL, SAMUEL, b. 5 June, 1750, son of Phinehas of Hopkinton (?), bought Nov., 1771, forty acres in the easterly part of Dudley, on the shore of Chabunagungamang Lake, where he settled, removed to the farm of his father-in-law Isaac Burrill on Five-Mile River, in Quaddie Valley, East Thompson, Conn., before June, 1775 (at which date he sold his estate in Dudley), d. there 14 Nov., 1835. He m. (1) about 1771, Phebe Burrill, b. Nov., 1751, she d. 9 July, 1815; m. (2) intentions 30 Nov., 1816, Mrs. Mary Jephson of Ox., South Gore. Of the nine children by first marriage, the eighth, WILLIAM, was b. 10 March, 1790, m. (1) 1 Dec., 1814, Patience Newell of Rehoboth (?), b. 21 Sept., 1793. He was a skillful mechanic, ten years superintendent of Slater's Mill at South Ox. His wife Patience d. 21 March, 1824;

m. (2) 3 Oct., 1827, Mrs. Mary, m. n. Robinson, widow of Rev. Lewis T. Seaman, Baptist, removed 1836 to Ox., where he was a carpenter, farmer and merchant, a substantial and much respected citizen, d. 20 Jan., 1876, she d. 5 Feb., 1889. . . . *Children*, by first m.: MARY, b. 28 May, 1816, m. 30 March, 1834, Elisha Arnold, resided in New Jersey and Hartford, Conn., where she d. 15 Jan., 1852, he d. 1 June, 1885, at Tolland, Conn.; they had *Mary A. P.*, b. 6 June, 1840, m. Howard P. Reynolds of Concord, resided at Plainfield, N. J.; WILLIAM N., b. 8 March, 1819, m. Mary Ann Archer of Webster, where they settled, he d. 27 March, 1851; they had *Harriet N.*, b. 1843, d. young; *Sarah J.*, b. 27 Nov., 1844, m. Albert M. Harrington, settled in Millbury, removed to Homer, Neb.; *William A.*, b. 25 June, 1846, m. Lura Loper, had ch., resided at Severance, Kan.; ch. by second m.: GEORGE R., b. 1 July, 1828, at South Ox., sergeant in Co. G, 16th Regt. Conn. Vols. in late war, enlisted July, 1862, twice wounded at battle of Antietam, on recovery assigned to Vet. Res. Corps, continuing to his discharge July, 1865; he m. (1) 28 July, 1851, Hannah M. Phillips, no ch.; m. (2) Mary E. Bailey of Gorham, Me., settled at Lewiston, where he was watchmaker and jeweler, removed 1888 to Ox.; they had *George E.*, b. 17 Aug., 1880; HARRIET S., b. 1831, d. 1839; JOHN E., b. 18 July, 1833, was graduated 1858 at Yale College, taught in Kentucky and Chicago a year each and in St. Louis from 1862 to 1880, the last fourteen years in the high school, later was local superintendent of schools at Hartford, Conn., and superintendent at Newton, returned 1884 to Ox., where he was selectman, school committee, deacon, moderator in town meeting, one of the most competent in this position in the later history of the town; specially efficient in the management of the Free Public Library; justice of the peace, authorized to issue warrants and take bail. THOMAS D., b. 20 Dec., 1838, studied one year, 1859, at Yale College, later at College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, enlisted 1862 in the late war, Captain of Company G, 51st Mass. Regt., transferred to the 2nd Heavy Artillery, served through the war, brevetted Major; m. 1869, P. Arabella, dau. of Dr. James C. Campbell of St. Louis; has been many years General Agent of Washington Life Insurance Company at St. Louis, residence, Kirkwood, Mo.; ch.: *Clinton* and *Clarence*, b. 6 May, 1870; *Arthur C.*, b. 10 June, 1879.

PHINEHAS, of Killingly, Conn., perhaps son of Phinehas, m. 9 Oct., 1781, Rebecca Marvin. [Ox. Rec.]

KING, JOHN, of Sutton, and Elizabeth Town, m. 10 Jan., 1758.

DANIEL, of Ludlow, and Esther Stockwell, m. 28 May, 1818.

ISAAC, and Sally Howard, m. intentions 20 Oct., 1824.

PAMELIA, and Martin Bemis of Spencer, m. int. 26 Jan., 1834.

ANN M., dau. of Salem McIntire, aged 38, d. 14 June, 1854.

THOMAS, of Boylston, aged 42, d. 9 June, 1874.

NICHOLAS (Irish), aged 61, d. 11 May, 1888.

KINGSBURY, JOSEPH, settled at Dedham about 1637, freeman 1641, and had ELEAZER, b. 1645, m. 30 Oct., 1676, Esther Judson, was of Dedham in 1677. They had JOSIAH, b. 26 Dec., 1677, at Dedham, who was an early settler at Needham, and lived on what is known as the "town farm," licensed innholder in 1719, selectman and representative. He m. 16 Jan., 1705, Susanna Morey of Roxbury; he d. 20 April, 1739. They had with others younger, JOSIAH, b. 15 Nov., 1705; THEODORE, b. 17 Dec., 1707; both settled near the north end of Chaubunagungamaug Lake on the "Hobart grant."

2. JOSIAH, son of Josiah (1), m. Mary Smith of Needham. [Needham records give "Joseph of Oxford," an error.] He d. 15 April, 1774, she d. 22 Dec., 1776. He received from his father 350 acres taking in "the brook which runneth out of the Chaubunagungamaug Pond," and settled at the site of Webster Ahnshouse. . . . *Children*: JOSIAH, b. 31 Dec., 1732, d. in service as soldier in French war 13 Aug., 1756; DANIEL, d. 1740; JEREMIAH, b. about 1735; AMASA, b. about 1738; MARY, m. Arthur Humphrey; JEMIMA, m. Elijah Moore.

3. JEREMIAH, son of Josiah (2), Capt. in the Revolution, m. 31 May, 1758, Ruth, dau. of Jonathan Ballard, settled on the homestead, she had uncommon strength of character, attended her father's grist-mill in girlhood; he d. aged 81, 23 April, 1816, she d. 16 April, 1827, aged 94. . . . *Children*: JOSIAH, b. 30 June, 1759; JOHN, b. 30 May, 1761; JEREMIAH, b. 21 Aug., 1763; JONATHAN, b. 12 Feb., 1766, tanner in Ox. 1791, m. 4 Aug., 1791, Elizabeth, dau. of Peter Shumway; they had *Ruth B.*, who m. Rufus Larned; Elizabeth m. (2) Samuel Coburn; Jonathan went to Owasco, N. Y., remarried, removed about 1816 to Peru, O., a dau. m., remained in N. Y., a dau. d. July, 1819, a son in Sept., 1819, and the father Aug., 1819, all d. at Peru; Jeremiah R., a son, wrote from Peru to his friends in Ox., Sept., 1822, mentioning others of the family then living, small ch.; MARY, b. 21 Aug., 1768, m. David Harwood.

4. JOSIAH, son of Jeremiah (3), at 16 joined the Revolutionary army, serving through the war, after his return learned the clothier's trade and began business at the outlet of the great pond, South Ox., continuing until his sale to Samuel Slater in 1812, removed April, 1816, to Spencer. His dau. writes: "He was at West Point under Benedict Arnold, acting quartermaster when he turned traitor, and was an Ensign when discharged." He m. 15 Dec., 1795, Esther Craig of Leicester, he d. 2 July, 1819, she d. 10 Sept., 1836. . . . *Children*: THOMAS G., b. 7 Jan., 1797, m. 13 April, 1836, Harriet Huntington, settled on the homestead in Spencer, where he d. 9 Oct., 1883; they had *Henry H.*, b. 15 Feb., 1837, resided on the homestead; *Azel A.*, b. 23 April, 1838, soldier in the late war, d. 19 Dec., 1864, in Libby prison; *Edwin H.*, b. 24 Dec., 1840; OLIVE, b. 2 Sept., 1798, m. 12 Nov., 1822, Francis T. Allen of Sturbridge, she d. 22 Sept., 1871; they had *Clarinda*, others who d.; JOSIAH, b. 14 Sept., 1800, m. Lucinda Adams, he d. 30 Nov., 1840; they had *Oliver*, *John*, *Sophia*, all d.; *Mary*, b. 21 March, 1840, lives on the homestead; HADASSAH, b. 10 Sept., 1802, m. Asa McCollum, residence, Sextonville, Wis.; had *Lucy*, *Lorraine*, *Van Buren*, *Curtis*, *J. LeRoy*, *Lewis Cass*; ELMIRA, b. 22 Aug., 1804, m. (1) William Bullock of Sturbridge, and had *William H.*, m. (2) Calvin Kent of Grafton, and had *John*, b. 1832, *Marcus*, b. 1834, *George W.*, b. 1838, d. 21 Nov., 1874; the mother d. 16 May, 1839, at Grafton; JONATHAN, b. 1806, d. 1808; MARY S., b. 16 Sept., 1808, m. Stephen Draper, no ch., she d. 12 Aug., 1837; RUTH, b. 18 Jan., 1811, m. Henry DeWolfe of Uxbridge, and had *Henry*, b. 1855; he d., she resides at Spencer.

5. JOHN, son of Jeremiah (3), m. 20 Sept., 1792, Abigail, dau. of Dea. David Harwood, settled one-third of a mile north of the East village, east of the Ox. road. He d. 27 Jan., 1830, she d. 10 Dec., 1829, both at Dudley. . . . *Child*: STEPHEN, b. 9 Feb., 1793, m. Lucinda Howlett of Thompson, Conn., settled at the homestead, removed to Dudley, where he d. about 1868, no ch.

6. JEREMIAH, son of Jeremiah (3), an active and energetic man of much native sagacity, farmer. In 1788-9 manufacturer of potash, and his account book shows business transactions with many people in his vicinity. In

exchange for ashes he sold molasses, sugar, rum, fish, tea, salt, sole-leather, etc., became wealthy, was considerably in public life and in positions of trust, Capt. of cavalry; April, 1805, Lieut.-Col. of cavalry, resigned Feb., 1808, removed late in life to Dudley, where he d. 8 Feb., 1842. He m. (1) 1 Sept., 1793, Betsey, dau. of James Butler, she d. 30 Aug., 1830, m. (2) 1832, Sally, sister of his first w., she d. 6 Feb., 1861. . . . *Children* by first m.: DAVIE B., b. 19 June, 1795. HANNAH, b. 9 Feb., 1797, m. intentions 29 Dec., 1821, Andrew W. Porter, b. 2 March, 1795, at Middleboro', came to Ox with Samuel Slater and was for six years one of his most efficient associates, removed to Monson, became wealthy at manufacturing, was distinguished for business ability and for his liberality and devotion to religious and benevolent causes, deacon; they had 1 dau. d. young; she d. 16 Dec., 1869, m. (2) 17 Jan., 1872, Mary, widow of Samuel Stafford, dau. of Peter Butler of Ox. [See Butler.] PETER, b. 5 Nov., 1798, d. young; LAURA, b. 21 Feb., 1807, m. Elijah Lyon of Woodstock, Conn., resided at New Boston, Worcester and Amenia, N. Y., where he d. Dec., 1844, she d. 20 Sept., 1868, at Providence, R. I.; they had *Charles II.*, *Elijah J.*, b. at Worcester, residence, Providence; *Elizabeth P.*, b. at Amenia, m. Franklin Church, resided at Providence; rem. to N. Y. city.

7. DAVIE B., son of Jeremiah (6) m. (1) 18 May, 1825, Nancy, dau. of Jonathan Harris, she d. 18 Jan., 1835, m. (2) Betsey, dau. of Asa Robinson of Dudley, she d. 8 Oct., 1839, m. (3) 5 May, 1842, Mrs. Louisa B. Lee, she d. 28 Dec., 1873, farmer in Dudley, of remarkable sincerity of life and character, removed late in life to Webster, where he d. 28 Nov., 1882. . . . *Children* by first m.: JEREMIAH D., b. 15 Aug., 1827, m. 22 Oct., 1850, Sarah E. Judson of Uxbridge, resided at Stafford Springs, Conn., and Dudley, removed to Webster, where he was marketman, she d. 9 Sept., 1870, m. (2) 27 Nov., 1873, Phebe P. Palmer; child by first m., *Mary*, m. Charles H. Palmer, 1890 resided at Chicago, Ill.; 2 ch. by second m.; he lost his life in his burning barn 4 Feb., 1884, at Webster; ELIZABETH, b. 18 June, 1833, m. 23 April, 1855, Rev. Henry Pratt, pastor of the Congregational Church at Dudley, he d. 1880, at Topsfield; ch., *Henry K.*, b. 19 Oct., 1856, m. Jenny Childs of Woodstock, Conn., had chil.; *D. Butler*, b. 28 Sept., 1861, was graduated 1883 at Williams College, 1884 assistant in the Observatory at Harvard University, Cambridge, studied divinity at Andover, settled 1889 pastor of the Union Congregational Church, Powell Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; child by third m., LOUISA P., b. 18 April, 1849, m. 4 March, 1880, Edward Day of Webster, studied for the ministry at Andover, settled pastor at Ludlow, removed 1890 to Lenox, where he is pastor; one dau.

8. AMASA, son of Josiah (2), m. 16 Jan., 1760, Elizabeth, dau. of Jeremiah Shumway, settled west of the river, H. 74, she d. 18 Oct., 1793, m. (2) 4 Oct., 1795, Martha Shumway, dau. of Peter and niece of his first w., he d. 26 Oct., 1809, she d. 31 March, 1826, farmer, Capt. of militia. . . . *Children*: DANIEL, b. 16 Aug., 1760; SIMEON, b. 6 April, 1762; by second m.: BETSEY, b. 30 Dec., 1796, m. 20 June, 1821, Joab Maynard; TWINS, b. 1801, d. 1803.

9. DANIEL, son of Amasa (8), m. 8 Sept., 1785, Abigail Barnard of Sutton, settled in the south part of Ox., now Webster, house removed many years, he d. aged 49, 28 Feb., 1809. . . . *Children*: RUFUS, b. 9 March, 1786; BETSEY, b. 20 Sept., 1788, m. 29 April, 1810, James Hill of Dudley; ABIGAIL, b. 16 Nov., 1791, m. 16 Nov., 1808, Barnabas Hill of Dudley; LUCY, b. 14 Feb., 1794, m. Stephen Webster of Thompson, Conn.; POLLY, b. 4 June, 1796,

d. young; OLIVE, b. 17 Aug., 1799, d. young; MARY OLIVE, b. 8 July, 1804, m. 24 Aug., 1828, Daniel Marcy, Jr., of Dudley.

10. RUFUS, son of Daniel (9), m. (1) 29 April, 1810, Rebecca, dau. of Hovey Davis, she d. 27 April, 1817, m. (2) 1 May, 1820, Sybela, sister of his first w., resided on the homestead, removed late in life to the east part of Ox., where he d. 27 Jan., 1846, she d. 10 Sept., 1863. . . . Children: JAMES H., b. 12 Jan., 1812, m. 1842, Louisa, dau. of Mark Elwell of Dudley, 2 sons, he d. 29 Jan., 1858, at Dudley; MARY E., b. 1 Aug., 1815, m. 1839, William Cutler of Thompson, Conn., second w., 1 son; LUCIUS W., b. 18 Aug., 1820, m. (1) 1845, Eunice E. Earle of Worcester, no ch., m. (2) 1847, Jane McFarland of Boston, had ch., residence, Fitchburg; GEORGE B., b. 24 Aug., 1822, d. 1835; MARTHA R., b. 1 Nov., 1826, m. 1849, Charles Perry of Dudley, where they settled, he d. (thrown from a sleigh) 29 Jan., 1868, had ch.; STEPHEN W., b. 11 Feb., 1832, m. 1852, Mary E. Johnson of Worcester, where they settled, no ch., he d. 1859, at Worcester, she d. 1875, at Ashland; JANE, b. 3 Feb., 1837, m. 1861, Frank W. Emerson, settled at Worcester; they had *Byron*, b. 16 Dec., 1862.

11. SIMEON, son of Amasa (8), m. 9 April, 1800, Nancy Morse of Sturbridge, physician of moderate practice, lived at the Israel Sibley place, H. 205, d. aged 44, 29 Nov., 1806. . . . Children: DANIEL M., b. 1803, ADALINE, b. 1805, both d. 1807; she m. (2) Calvin Perry.

12. THEODORE, son of Josiah (1), m. 31 Jan., 1731-2, Mary, dau. of Israel Town, had from his father 250 acres near Sucker Brook, settled near his brother Josiah, he d. 11 Feb., 1787, she d. Jan., 1810, aged 100 years and 3 months. . . . Children: ABIJAH, Revolutionary soldier(?), m. 23 Sept., 1756, Mary Chamberlin, he lived "near Ox. in no town," H. 47, lying in Nipmuck, east of Josiah Kingsbury, sold in 1768 to Ichabod Chamberlain, and later removed to Holland Purchase, N. Y.; they had *Ruth*, b. 25 April, 1757; *Elisha*, b. 16 May, 1759; *Philip*, b. 10 July, 1761; *Abijah*, b. 19 July, 1763; *Benjamin*, b. 15 Oct., 1765; *Amaziah*, b. 6 Feb., 1769; *Molly*, b. 6 Aug., 1771; JOSEPH, b. 6 Sept., 1734; SUSANNA, b. 19 Dec., 1736, m. 12 Jan., 1763, Ebenezer Robbins of Douglas; RACHEL, b. 29 Jan., 1739, m. Elijah Larned; RUTH, b. 1741, d. 1742; JACOB, b. 16 May, 1743; ESTHER, b. 2 July, 1745, m. 4 May, 1772, Douglas Robbins of Dudley; ELLIJAH, b. 3 May, 1747, was in the Revolutionary army, m. intentions 18 April, 1768, Lois Leonard of Douglas, removed to Holland Purchase, N. Y.; ch. *Leonard*, b. 4 May, 1769; *Elias*, b. 30 Sept., 1770, m. intentions 18 June, 1791, Lavinia Phillips of Gloucester, R. I., removed to New York State; *Israel*, b. 29 July, 1772; *Elijah*, b. 6 Aug., 1775; *John*, b. 21 May, 1777. 30 Sept., 1810, Lois, w. of Abijah Kingsbury, dismissed from the Church in Ox. and recommended to that in Booneville, N. Y. [Church Records.]

13. JOSEPH, son of Theodore (12), Revolutionary soldier, m. 16 Jan., 1760, Elizabeth, dau. of Roger Amidown, she d. aged 82, 16 April, 1816. . . . Children: SAMUEL, b. 18 Nov., 1760; ELIZABETH, b. 3 Sept., 1763; m. Ezekiel, son of Benj. Davis; MARY and MARTHA, b. 30 Oct., 1764; Mary, m. 20 Jan., 1795, Phinehas Sargent of Leicester, removed west; Martha, m. Calvin Farnum of Connecticut, removed west; LUCY, b. 5 June, 1767, m. intentions 19 April, 1795, David Cudworth of Freetown, son of Charles and Mary; JOSEPH and JEMIMA, b. 21 May, 1769; Joseph, m. Martha, dau. of James Wallis of Douglas; Jemima, m. 25 Nov., 1790, Sylvester May of Gloucester, removed to Cazenovia, N. Y.; SARAH, b. 21 Oct., 1772, m. intentions 23 Dec., 1797, Archelaus, son of Jacob Kingsbury.

11. SAMUEL, son of Joseph (13), m. 29 Dec., 1790, Sophia, dau. of Collins Moore; Revolutionary soldier in Green's Co., 1775, said to have been in the Saratoga battles. He d. 29 Jan., 1823, lived near John Larned on the road to North Village, Webster. . . . Children: SAMUEL, b. 12 Aug., 1791, m. intentions 9 Nov., 1818, Lucy Ann Plummer, of Killingly, Conn.; had *Emeline F.*, b. 4 Aug., 1819; NANCY, b. 21 March, 1794, m. 1 May, 1814, James Wallis, Jr., resided and d. at West Brookfield; SYLVIA, b. 6 April, 1798, d. young; SYLVIA, b. 10 Nov., 1803, m. Joseph Beaumont, settled and d. in Dudley; MATILDA S., b. 26 Oct., 1810, m. Asa Bartlett of Webster, where they resided; had *Elvira*, manufacturer at North Ox.; AMOS, Captain in the late war in the 15th Mass. Regt.; HARRIET M., m. A. J. Bates; SARAH, b. 8 Nov., 1816, d. 21 Dec., 1831.

15. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (13), m. 27 June, 1822, Martha, dau. of James Wallis of Douglas, lived on the homestead. . . . Children: LUCY, b. 3 March, 1825, d. unm.; DAVID, b. 22 Oct., 1826, m. (1) Statira Rawson, she d. 21 Nov., 1867; he removed to Chicago, Ill., m. (2) 26 April, 1868, Ellen Kearns; JOSEPH, b. 13 April, 1834, m. 30 Aug., 1871, Mrs. Almira Grout of Ox., no ch., she d. 16 Nov., 1879. He resided on the homestead.

16. JACOB, son of Theodore (12), m. (1) 10 March, 1766, Hannah Parker of Douglas, settled on a part of his father's farm north of the homestead, she d. 25 Feb., 1803; m. (2) intentions 28 April, 1804, Mary, widow of James Hovey Davis. He d. aged 93, 3 Nov., 1836, she d. 30 Nov., 1829. . . . Children: REBECCA, b. 28 Nov., 1766, m. intentions 19 March, 1789, Nathan Rawson; SUSANNAH, b. 16 Aug., 1768; EPHRAIM, b. 27 June, 1770; ARCHELAUS, b. 23 Feb., 1772, m. Sarah, dau. of Joseph Kingsbury, removed to Booneville, N. Y., d. there, four ch.; HANNAH, b. 1 July, 1774, d. 1 April, 1859, unm.; RUTH, b. 1776, d. 1779; LOIS, b. 30 Sept., 1778, m. Jonathan Mayo; LYDIA, b. 28 Feb., 1781, m. 21 Sept., 1806, Josiah, son of Elijah Moore of Brookfield, N. Y.; JACOB, b. 30 Nov., 1784 (?) d. aged 38, 6 April, 1823, unm.

17. EPHRAIM, son of Jacob (16), m. (1) 15 Nov., 1797, Rachel, dau. of Reuben Robinson, she d. 1 Feb., 1810; m. (2) intentions 26 June, 1814, Abigail Taft of Uxbridge. He d. 17 April, 1823; lived at or near the homestead. . . . Children: POLLY, b. 6 Nov., 1799, m. Alanson Taft; ALFRED, b. 1801, d. 1803; ELISHA, b. 7 Sept., 1803; ALFRED, b. 1 Aug., 1805; EPHRAIM, b. 1 Dec., 1807, m. (1) Melita, dau. of Japheth Cortis, no ch., m. (2) Nancy, dau. of Dr. Tiffany of Webster, no ch., resided and d. at Thompson, Conn.; LYDIA, b. 9 June, 1809, m. 14 Feb., 1827, Evander Taft of Uxbridge, had ch.

18. ELISHA, son of Ephraim (17), m. 15 Feb., 1824, Lucy Pierce of Holden; lived near the mill on Sucker Brook. . . . Children: RACHEL, b. 1828, d. 1832; DARIUS, b. 5 Sept., 1830, unm., residence, Victoria, B. C.; LAURA, b. 7 Oct., 1833, m. William Carpenter of Thompson, Conn., she d. 15 Feb., 1883, no ch.; JAMES, b. 24 May, 1835, m. Jan., 1858, Fanny Kenney of Thompson, prominent at Thompson, town clerk, justice of the peace, postmaster, trader; GEORGE, b. 29 Oct., 1838, m. 31 Oct., 1857, Harriet S. Hall of Dudley, lived on the homestead, had *Emma A.*, b. 28 June, 1858; MABEL, b. 25 Dec., 1863.

19. ALFRED, son of Ephraim (17), m. 7 March, 1826, Sophia, dau. of Dr. Jonathan H. Learned; an ingenious mechanic, overseer of weaving at Ox. Woolen Co.'s and other mills, lived at Augusteback Village in his later years, d. there 12 Oct., 1872; she d. 28 Oct., 1881. . . . Children: ALFRED H., b. 30 April, 1827, m. 13 April, 1851, Harriet N., dau. of Lemuel Bingham of Gilsum, N. H.; ALBERT L., b. 16 Dec., 1828, m. 30 Dec., 1855, Ann M. Stod-

dart of Cohasset, many years policeman in Boston, one dau., b. 1864, d. young; ANNIS S., b. 3 July, 1831, d. 28 Aug., 1861; AMELIA M., b. 1 Sept., 1837, d. 22 July, 1868.

MARY, and Phinehas Sargent of Leicester, m. 20 Jan., 1795.

KINSLEY, JAMES H., and Alice, had MARY A., b. 21 Feb., 1842.

KIRBY, MRS. JANE, aged 19, d. 5 Oct., 1865.

MARY R., widow, aged 68, d. 10 Nov., 1885.

**KNEELAND, NEALAND, BENJAMIN**, one of the thirty English settlers, came from Framingham, w. Abigail; had in F., JOHN, b. 18 June, 1710, and at Ox., JOSEPH, b. 8 May, 1714. His home lot was on the south side of the mill brook, adjoining the Humphrey farm on the east; not now a homestead. He sold 29 Jan., 1717, having then removed to Hebron, Conn. On 9 June, 1725, the Connecticut assembly granted to Benjamin Kneeland and others of Hebron an abatement of taxes. [Conn. Rec.]

KNIGHT, ELISHA, and Mary Carter, m. intentions 4 Oct., 1800.

**KNOWLAND, POLLY**, and Amos Wakefield, both of South Gore, m. int. 23 Aug., 1783.

MOSES, Revolutionary soldier, 45 months in Capt. Moore's company.

**KNOWLTON, ASAHEL**, and Sophronia, had SARAH S., b. 19 Sept., 1836.

**LACKEY, WILLIAM**, from Waltham, w. and child, "sojourned at William Brown's" April, 1753, in Ox. Aug., 1756, and 1764, sergeant in French war, had land granted him. [See Blaney.]

RACHEL, and two children, in Ox. 1757.

NAHUM, of Sutton, and Mary Lucy Sibley, m. 31 May, 1812.

ALBERT, son of Samuel of Westboro', d. aged 65, 5 Jan., 1871.

LADD, ELIZABETH, m. n. Worseley, d. 16 March, 1860.

**LAFLIN, JOSEPH**, m. (1) 12 July, 1753, Phebe Wilson, settled in west part of Ox., now Charlton; had JAMES, b. 1753, d. 1754; she d. 7 Dec., 1753; m. (2) 21 Nov., 1754, Martha Comins, and had PHEBE, b. 16 Nov., 1755; JOSEPH, b. 8 Oct., 1758; SOLOMON COMINS, b. 28 April, 1761.

LEONARD, of Charlton, b. about 1806, probably descendant of Joseph (1), m. Patience ——, blacksmith at Ox., H. 193 in 1832; removed 1837 to Long Hill, H. 172, d. 25 Feb., 1844. . . . Children: SARAH D., b. 12 Sept., 1831, at Weston; DOROTHY A., b. 5 March, 1837; PATIENCE L., b. 8 June, 1840; SALEM, b. 15 Feb., 1842.

MARIA, and Orrin A. Kelley, m. intentions 29 Sept., 1833.

**LAMB, THOMAS**, came with Winthrop in 1630 to Boston, removed soon to Roxbury, m. (1) Elizabeth ——, who, with a child, d. in 1639, m. (2) 16 July, 1640, Dorothy Harbittle; had with others JOSHUA, baptized 28 Nov., 1642, and ABIAL, baptized 2 Aug., 1646. ["Abial, son of Thomas, who was not long before deceased and left his children to y' Lord y' he might be theire fathr." JOSHUA, the son of Joshua, baptized March, 1675, was a colonel and a leading man at Leicester.] Thomas, the father, d. 28 March, 1646.

2. ABIAL, son of Thomas (1), m. Elizabeth ——. "Was in brave Capt. Johnson's company" in the Narragansett war. [Savage.] Removed 1694 from Roxbury to Framingham, where he was constable in 1700 and selectman in 1701, and probably d. there before 1710. . . . *Children*: HARBITTLE, baptized 28 Feb., 1675; ABIAL, b. 23 Dec., 1679; JONATHAN, b. 11 Nov., 1682, resided at Leicester; SAMUEL, baptized 12 April, 1685.

3. ABIAL, son of Abial (2), joined Framingham Church 1710, was one of the 30 settlers of Ox., constable in 1722, m. 4 Dec., 1699, Hannah Taylor of Marlboro'. He d. before 1771, she d. 1771, aged 94. [The *Essex Gazette* (Salem) of 23 July, 1771, has the following: "Died at Oxford, Hannah Lamb, widow of the late Abial Lamb, aged 94 years. She was the mother of the first English child born in that town," referring probably to Lydia, b. 3 April, 1713.] . . . *Children*: SARAH, b. 6 April, 1701, m. Samuel Town; CALEB, b. 30 Oct., 1704, m. (1) Elizabeth ——, m. (2) 14 Sept., 1733, Lydia Gary of Pomfret, where they settled, he d. 8 Feb., 1802; ch. by first m.: *Caleb*, m. 29 Aug., 1746, Susanna Haskell, and had John, b. 23 Dec., 1746; Mary, b. 5 March, 1748; *John*, d. 25 Sept., 1746; ch. by second m.: *Samuel*, b. 17 Aug., 1734; *Lydia*, b. 14 Oct., 1736, d. 12 March, 1767; *Josiah*, b. 27 Feb., 1738; *Mary*, b. 1 June, 1746, d. 30 Nov., 1756; *John*, b. 26 Sept., 1749 [Pomfret Records]; EBENEZER, b. 19 Oct., 1706; ABIAL, b. 21 Jan., 1709; LYDIA, b. 3 April, 1713, at Ox.; ELIZABETH, b. 21 July, 1716, m. 6 Nov., 1743(?), Andrew Phillips of Killingly, Conn.; WILLIAM, b. 7 April, 1720; SAMUEL(?).

4. EBENEZER, son of Abial (3), m. 21 May, 1730, Ame Green of Leicester. [Prof. S. S. Greene in his Genealogy of the Greene Family gives this name as "Anne." In Samuel Green's will the name occurs twice, and is spelled first "Any" and second "Ame." The name on the Ox. Records is "Ame." The fact that Amy was later a name often in the family has significance in this connection. In the Registry of Deeds, B. VII, pp. 414, 415, are two deeds to Ebenezer Lamb entered the same day, the first from Samuel Green of Leicester of 70 acres near said Samuel's house, the second from Abial Lamb, who for love, etc., gives to his son Ebenezer a lot in Oxford.] Of his ch. b. before Abijah in 1739 there is no known record. They had, however, ch. b. in Leicester, one being EBENEZER, m. Mary White of Watertown, settled at Charlton, farmer, d. 1818; had *Ebenezer*, settled at Charlton; *William*, a prominent citizen and physician at Grafton; *Dan*, studied medicine with his brother William, and was long in practice at Charlton; *Aaron*, farmer at Calais, Vt., m. —— Tucker of Charlton; *Jacob*, settled at Cherry Valley, N. Y., farmer; they had also four daughters, one m. Eli Jones of Spencer, another —— Parker of Leicester, the other two m. each a Mr. Stone and resided at or near Cherry Valley, N. Y.; JAMES, of Charlton, m. 16 June, 1757, Hannah Rich, and had *David*, who settled at Ox.; SAMUEL; ABIJAH, b. 14 Sept., 1739, at Ox., Capt. of an Ox. Company in the Revolutionary war, d. at Charlton, at the Charles Converse place; REUBEN, b. 14 Sept., 1742; RICHARD, b. 15 March, 1745. [These sons of Ebenezer were all powerful men, and it was a saying that together they "could raise a 40-foot barn"]; MARTHA, b. 25 Feb., 1747; LUCY, b. 15 Aug., 1750.

5. ABIAL, son of Abial (3), m. 9 April, 1740, Abigail, dau. of Collins Moore. He d. aged 94, 12 Feb., 1803, she d. 26 Oct., 1801. In 1749 his brother-in-law, Nathan Moore, deeded to him 218 acres in the south part of the town, the present almshouse site, where he resided about 25 years, and as

tradition runs became embarrassed financially by endorsing for a friend and was obliged to sell his farm. [An Abiel Lamb lived in 1773 at "Merrifield adjoining Charlemont," and then had a case in Worcester court]. . . . *Children*: DOROTHY, b. 6 March, 1741, m. (1) intentions 10 Dec., 1763, Andrew White of Dudley, second w., he d. 30 March, 1770; they had *Dolly*, b. 1768, *Perley*, b. 1770; she m. (2) 29 Aug., 1774, Lieut. Mark Elwell of Killingly, Conn., settled at Dudley, and had *Mark*, *Abial*, *Benjamin*; SARAH, b. 21 March, 1743, m. Abijah Harris; COLLINS, b. 10 Feb., 1745, d. 1756; ABIGAIL, b. 1747, d. 1748; LEVI, b. 18 April, 1749; ABIGAIL, b. 19 May, 1751; JONATHAN, b. 30 May, 1753; ZERVIAH, b. 1755, d. 1756; COLLINS, b. 30 June, 1757, d. 1776; ABIAL, b. 1759, d. 1769; EDMUND, b. 1761, d. 1769; LYDIA, b. 1764, d. 1769; ZERVIAH, b. 1769, d. 1770.

6. WILLIAM, son of Abial (3), soldier in the French war, m. (1) 21 Nov., 1743, Lois, dau. of Isaac Larned, she d. 10 July, 1752, m. (2) 12 Feb., 1753, Rebecca Hovey, she d. 30 Sept., 1791, m. (3) Mrs. Hannah Rockwood, he d. aged 83, 24 Aug., 1803. In March, 1783, William Lamb, w. Rebecca and grandson Larned resided at Ox. William Lamb, shoe maker, lived late in the last century in the east part of Ox., one-third of a mile northeast of Chaffee's, H. 22, house long ago removed, no road. . . . *Children*, all by first m.: HANNAH, b. 27 Aug., 1745, m. Joseph, son of Benjamin Davis; MARY, b. 20 March, 1747; LOIS, b. 12 Feb., 1749; WILLIAM, b. 30 Oct., 1751, Revolutionary soldier(?).

7. SAMUEL, son of Ebenezer (4), m. 5 April, 1753, Sarah Dana, shoe maker, lived at the centre, next north of H. 191, from 1753 to 1764, removed to Dudley and thence in 1767 to Charlton, settled at the Jonas Bemis place, was dismissed from Ox. to Charlton Church, 2 Feb., 1772. [A Samuel Lamb, w. Asenath, d. at Charlton 1798]. . . . *Children*: MARY, b. 29 July, 1754, m. Josiah, son of James Blanchard, settled and d. at Charlton, 3 ch.; PETER, b. 4 Feb., 1757, m. 1780, Elizabeth Weld and had ch. ♀ NAHUM, b. 13 July, 1759, m. 1781, Lydia, dau. of Thomas Daggett, settled and d. at Charlton, 9 ch.; SAMUEL, b. 25 July, 1761, m. 1796, Celia Richardson of Brookfield, she d. 1857; ESTHER, b. 14 Nov., 1763, m. 1783, Ebenezer, son of Nehemiah Stone, d. 12 May, 1849, at Charlton; JAIRUS, b. 17 Jan., 1766, m. (1) 1791, Mehitable Jenks, m. (2) Lucy, sister of his first w.; SARAH, b. 16 Aug., 1767, m. Thomas Henshaw of Brookfield, where they settled, she d. 30 Sept., 1834, had ch.; CHARLES, b. 10 July, 1769; AME, b. 14 Jan., 1771, m. 1789, Elias Hamilton of Brookfield, removed to New York State, d. there, had ch.; BETTE, b. 11 Nov., 1774, d. about 1792; SILAS, b. 27 May, 1778, m. Lucena, dau. of Joseph Pratt of Charlton, removed to New York State, had eh.

8. REUBEN, son of Ebenezer (4), m. 4 April, 1765, Rebecca, dau. of Alexander Nichols of Ward, he was then of Leicester, removed 1769 to Ox., bought the grist-mill later owned by Cyrus Lamb, H. 121. He was a man of influence and much decision of character, chairman of the committee of inspection and correspondence for Ox. in the Revolution, active in "Shays Rebellion," was known throughout the region as Miller Lamb, d. 12 Nov., 1819, she d. 30 Jan., 1838, aged 94. . . . *Children*: AMY, b. 1766, at Leicester, d. 1769; ABIJAH, b. 2 March, 1768; ALEXANDER, b. 13 Aug., 1770, at Ox., m. (1) and had *Amity*, m. Stephen Atwood; removed to Salisbury, Conn., m. (2) and had ch.; REUBEN, b. 7 Feb., 1774, m. 16 Sept., 1795, Nancy [Anna], dau. of Ephraim Russell, had *Rebecca*, m. Richard Stone, settled and both d. at New Boston, Conn., she d. 26 March, 1869; *Charles*, m. at Barre, removed to

New Boston, where he m. (2) Emeline Elwell, and d. aged 85, 9 Jan., 1882, at Dudley; the father, Reuben, removed to Columbus, O., physician, his w. went to her father's and later m. (2) Dr. John Tucker, settled and both d. at New Boston, he d. 29 July, 1824, aged 54, she d. 5 March, 1846; ALVAN, b. 27 May, 1777, settled at Columbus, N. Y., where he d. 1807; had *Reuben B.*, b. 1798, *Minerva*, b. 1803, *Galen G.*, b. 1805, *Hannibal*, b. 1806; JOSHUA, b. 12 Feb., 1780, resided at Columbus, m. (1) 25 Feb., 1808, Sarah German, she d. 8 Nov., 1819, m. (2) 20 March, 1820, Huldah White, she d. 21 Sept., 1875, he d. 6 Jan., 1864, both at Columbus, he was 40 years hotel keeper, 20 years postmaster, six years county judge of Chenango Co., wealthy and influential; he had by first m. *Reuben*, b. 1808, d. 1810; *Truxton G.*, b. 1811, d. 1880; *Lewis G.*, b. 1813, d. 1833; *Ambrosia*, b. 1816, d. 1863; *Angeline*, b. 1819, d. 1823; by second m. *Harlow R.*, b. 1821, *Edwin H.*, b. 1823, *Reuben L.*, b. 1825, *Loring C.*, b. 1831, d. 1835; JOSEPH, b. 31 Jan., 1785, m. (1) intentions 16 Aug., 1806, Sally, dau. of Reuben Barton of Sutton, she d. 25 Oct., 1816, aged 28, m. (2) intentions 13 Sept., 1817, Martha Abbott of Paxton, succeeded his father at the mill and farm at North Ox., and later was innkeeper, was drafted and went as musician in the war of 1812; m. (3) Mrs Ames, removed late in life to Charlton and Fitchburg, where he d. 27 Aug., 1866; *Estus*, his son, was a millwright and later a manufacturer and a leading railroad man at Providence, R. I., a man of wealth and high standing, m. (1) Sarah Buttrick, no ch., m. (2) the widow of Darius Farnum, m. n. Thayer; they had Augustus, b. 1844, m. Freelo D. Baker, resided at Providence; *Estus*, the father, d. 9 March, 1887, at Providence; *Edwin*, m. and settled at Lunenburg, d. there, had ch.; by second m. *Charles*, m. and resided at Fitchburg: DANIEL, b. 24 April, 1787, m. and settled at Hubbardston, and had *Albert*, settled at Leominster, d. about 1884; *Carter*, d. in Illinois; *Adaline*, resided at Hubbardston; *Charles*, d. at Hubbardston.

9. LEVI, son of Abial (5), m. Elizabeth, dau. of Josiah and Prudence Brown, b. 25 May, 1749, settled on the hill east of North Common, H. 172. He d. 17 Oct., 1803, she d. as late as 1830. . . . Children: LYDIA, b. 28 Nov., 1769, m. Josiah Gleason; RUHAMAH, b. 13 Aug., 1771, m. Ezra Parker; BETSEY, b. 30 May, 1773, m. Samuel Smith, Sr., of New Marlboro', second w., d. at N. M.; EDMUND, b. 23 April, 1775, m. 15 June, 1800, Hannah Harwood of Barre; he m. (2) —— and d. in 1873, at Boylston, aged 98; COLLINS, b. 3 Dec., 1776, d. young; POLLY, b. 12 Sept., 1780, d. young; NANCY, b. 30 Nov., 1783, m. Samuel Smith of Ox.; J. PRENTICE, b. 18 June, 1789, unm., soldier in war of 1812, d. in the service. [See Abijah Fisk.] ELIPHAZ, b. 27 April, 1792, d. young.

10. DAVID, son of James of Charlton and grandson of Ebenezer (4), b. 5 Oct., 1758. [He had brothers James, Asa, b. 1765, settled in Vermont, and a sister Abigail who m. —— Herrick.] Revolutionary soldier; m. (1) 12 March, 1778, Judith, dau. of Ebenezer Fitts of Charlton, b. 30 July, 1757, at Sutton, she d. 20 March, 1827; m. (2) 23 Sept., 1827, Sylvania Williams, dau. of the second wife of Timothy Sparhawk, b. 6 July, 1798, at Johnston, R. I., she d. 3 Jan., 1878, at Pulaski, N. Y.; removed about 1800 to Ox.; d. 21 March, 1847 [aged 87, 20 March, 1846, Ox. Rec.]. . . . Children: AMY, b. 12 Jan., 1779, m. Stephen Roberts, settled at Chelsea, Vt.; EBENEZER, b. 20 March, 1780, unm., settled in Vermont, d. 27 Dec., 1801; DAVID, b. 23 Nov., 1781, m. (1) Rachel Stevens, settled at Charlton, d. July, 1867; they had Alma, Ebenezer, Ziba, Mary, Louisa, Otis, Rachel; m. (2) Sarah Starr, no ch.;

ELEANOR, b. 29 Aug., 1784, m. Martin Twitchell of Milford, removed to Brookfield; they had *Emmons*; *Otis*, d. 31 Aug., 1874; *Henry M.*, d. 24 April, 1872; JULIA, b. 1 May, 1786, m. John Lilley of Barre; *John*, their son, resided 1883 at Milford; POLLY, b. 20 June, 1789, m. Ashbel M. Hawes; SALLY, b. 18 Feb., 1792, m. Oliver Shumway; JESSE, b. 24 Feb., 1794, m. Mary, dau. of Peter Stevens of Charlton, b. 6 May, 1796, sister of David's wife, he d. 1858, at Charlton; they had *Diantha*, b. 12 May, 1819, m. Luke A. Merriam of Woonsocket, R. I., where she d. Aug., 1869; *Emory*, b. 28 Feb., 1821, m. Phebe A. Richmond of Uxbridge, settled at Charlton, where he d. about 1869; *John*, b. 5 Nov., 1822, went to Sudbury, Vt., m. Lucinda Goodnow, no ch.; *Rufus*, b. 24 Aug., 1824, m. Hannah Battles of Westmoreland, N. H., residence, Uxbridge; *Diana*, b. 26 March, 1826, m. Baxter Shove of Blackstone; *Mary*, b. 25 March, 1828, d. 1833; *Lydia*, b. 28 March, 1830, m. Thomas, son of Samuel Merriam, he d. 1880, she d. 1865; *Jane*, b. 5 July, 1831, resided 1883 at Chicago, unm.; *Albert*, b. 1 June, 1833, m. (1) Nancy Kingsbury of Leicester, m. (2) Sophia Kingsbury, m. (3) Rebecca, dau. of Artemas Merriam; *William*, b. 11 July, 1835, m. Elizabeth Lamb, settled at Charlton; *Mary*, b. 18 July, 1838, m. David Merriam of North Ox.; ch. by second m.: *THOMAS*, b. 23 Sept., 1827, m. (1) 9 May, 1848, Louisa C., dau. of Hiram Moffit, then of Pulaski, N. Y., one ch., d. young; m. (2) and had ch., residence, Pulaski; *SYLVANIA*, b. 1829, d. 1832; *JAMES*, b. 1833, d. 1842; *JOHN*, b. 1835, d. 1840; *RUFUS*, b. 11 Feb., 1838, m. Nov., 1865, Ellen, dau. of Jerome Bennett of Woodstock, Conn., residence, Webster, carpenter; had *Charles F.*, b. 1867; *Willis J.*, b. 1868; *Nellie R.*, b. 1869; *Fred*, b. 1871, d. young; *Emma L.*, b. 1872; *Bernard L.*, b. 1874; *George A.*, b. 1876; *Fred*, b. 1880.

11. ABIJAH, son of Reuben (8), m. (1) 16 Aug., 1789, Lydia, dau. of Thomas Clark, b. 12 April, 1768, she d. 19 March, 1801; m. (2) 6 March, 1803, Sally, dau. of Daniel Fitts, b. 18 Dec., 1779, d. 12 April, 1847; residence, Ox. and Charlton, removed to New York State, d. 10 May, 1856, at Griffinsville. . . . Children: CYRUS, b. 30 Nov., 1789, assessor, an ingenious mechanic, land surveyor, millwright, musician, good citizen, m. 10 Sept., 1810, Betsey, dau. of Capt. Samuel Lamb of Charlton, b. 18 April, 1788, d. aged 76, 13 Sept., 1864, he d. 19 April, 1863; had *Selana*, b. 20 Jan., 1812, m. Jan., 1835, Jonas Tolman; HARVEY, b. 8 April, 1792, m. Esther, dau. of Aaron Hammond of Charlton, removed to Hartland, Vt., farmer, d. 7 Dec., 1869; had *Julius*, m. and settled at Hartland; *Harriet*; *John*, d.; *Clara*, who resides with her sister Harriet at the homestead; ch. by second m.: AMY, b. 29 June, 1810, d. 1812; PERRY, b. 28 April, 1814, m. Ruth, dau. of John Stevens of Charlton, removed to New York State and thence to Iowa, d. 1883, had ch.; SALLY, b. 24 May, 1819, m. Albin Munyan, residence, Thompson, Conn.; had *Ida E.*, b. 26 Aug., 1856, m. 1882, Irving Johnson of Thompson.

12. CHARLES, son of Samuel (7), m. 1792 Lucy Hooker of Sturbridge; settled at Charlton. . . . Children: AUGUSTA, b. 20 March, 1793, m. Harvey Stetson, settled at Charlton, removed to Woodstock, Conn., where both d.; had ch.; DIANA, b. 24 March, 1795, m. (1) — Farnum of Charlton, had ch.; m. (2) William Pierce of Rochester, N. Y., had ch.; she d. at Charlton. GROSVENOR, b. 10 Dec., 1797, m. Fanny Walker of Brookfield, settled at Charlton, removed to Sturbridge and Brookfield where he d.; she d. at Sturbridge, had ch.; CHARLES, b. 11 April, 1800, d. young; SARAH DANA, b. 10 May, 1802, m. Otis Newell of Spencer, resided at Charlton and Spencer; she d. at Southbridge, had ch.; MARY LUCY, b. 13 May, 1804, m. William

Bemis of Spencer where they settled, he d., she resides, 1891, at S., had chil.; EMELINE, b. 17 Sept., 1806, m. John Smith of Sturbridge where they settled and both d., had ch.; SABRINA, b. 3 March, 1809, m. Jonathan H. Learned of Ox.; they had *Charles G.*, resided at Stoneboro', Pa., where the mother d.; CHARLOTTE (m. Freeman Prince), and CHARLES, b. 13 Sept., 1811; SAMUEL H., b. 3 Oct., 1813, d. young; BETSEY, b. 14 Feb., 1816, d. young; SOPHRONIA, b. 19 Dec., 1818, m. John Carney of Webster where they settled, he d., she resided 1891 at W.

13. CHARLES, son of Charles (12), m. 21 Sept., 1835, Laura, dau. of Lyman Wetherell, residence, Ox., carpenter. She d. 18 May, 1890. . . . Children: CHARLES H., b. 18 Feb., 1837, m. Ruth E. Bemis of Spencer, soldier in the late war; he d. 7 Oct., 1880, at Ox.; they had *Martha J.*, b. 4 Aug., 1858, at Charlton; *William B.*, b. 3 March, 1861, resided 1891 at Binghamton, N. Y.; *George H.*, b. 17 Aug., 1868; *Mabel*, b. 1870, d. soon; EMMA, b. 6 Jan., 1841, m. Issachar Shumway; GEORGE L., b. 12 March, 1842, m. 1866, Anne P. Watson of Binghamton, N. Y., where they settled, had ch.; *ELLA J.*, b. 1850, d. 1851.

14. EBENEZER, of Charlton, son of Ebenezer and grandson of Ebenezer (4), b. 21 July, 1774, m. (1) 21 Feb., 1802, Rachel Wheelock, settled at Charlton, she d. 1813; m. (2) 15 June, 1814, Vashtia Clark, b. 16 July, 1778, d. 23 Aug., 1858. He d. 24 July, 1836. . . . Children, by first m.: SIMEON, b. 23 Oct., 1803, d. 1883; CALVIN, b. 5 July, 1805, residence 1883 at Charlton; CYRUS, b. 1807, d. 1815; FRANCIS, b. 5 Sept., 1809, d. 24 Jan., 1882; AARON, b. 1 April, 1813; by second m.: PAMELLA D., b. 3 April, 1815, m. 4 May, 1834, Henry Clark, she d. 26 July, 1876; CYRUS, b. 2 Nov., 1818, d. 12 April, 1882.

LIBERTY, b. 7 April, 1799, son of Josiah Q. of Leicester, m. intentions 5 Oct., 1822, Harriet A., dau. of Samuel Stone, residence, Leicester, removed 1834 to the Stone homestead, H. 102; d. 1 April, 1876, she d. 11 Feb., 1871; millwright, farmer, selectman. . . . Children, b. at Leicester: JOSIAH Q., b. 9 May, 1823, m. 29 Aug., 1848, Emily, dau. of Dwight Biscoe of Leicester, residence, Webster; had *Clara A.*, m. William Morris, had ch.; *Ruth A.*, m. Charles Klebart, had ch.; CHARLES C., b. 22 Jan., 1825, residence, Rochdale, lumber dealer, unm.; LIBERTY, b. 6 Dec., 1826, m. 26 June, 1849, Diana E. Arnold of Douglas; ch.: *Lilian*, b. 13 Jan., 1854, m. 22 Feb., 1881, Asa J. Tuck, residence, Lake Village, N. H., had ch.; HENRY, b. 8 Aug., 1828, m. 19 Feb., 1850, Mary Rockwood of Leicester, residence, Ox., he d. 19 Feb., 1888, at Rochdale; ch. *Elizabeth*, b. 1 April, 1852, m. 22 Dec., 1870, William J. Lamb., who d. Sept., 1883; had Harriet, b. Aug., 1872; *Etta*, b. 12 May, 1859, m. 17 May, 1877, William L. Lamb, residence, Auburn; ELBRIDGE G., b. 25 May, 1830, m. May, 1852, Maria Converse of Leicester, residence, Webster, he d. 11 Feb., 1882; ch. *Flora A.*, m. Owen Bigelow; *Ida May*, m. Leon Jillson; ELLEN J., b. 27 Nov., 1831, m. 1 Jan., 1866, Eratus Burlingham, Methodist minister; JOHN, b. 1833, d. 1834; JOHN, b. 7 Oct., 1834, at Ox., m. Mrs. Alice Morrison, m. n. Washburn, of Worcester, no ch., he d. 3 May, 1884, at the homestead, selectman; FRANCES ANN, b. 1836, d. 1838; FRANCES ANN, b. 25 Sept., 1838, m. 15 Jan., 1861, Frederick A. Lyon of Leicester; ch. *Hannah J.*, b. 15 Nov., 1865; *George F.*, b. 21 Oct., 1868.

WIDOW, aged 85, d. 1 June, 1884.

WIDOW, aged 93, d. 28 Jan., 1888.

LAMSON, EBENEZER, son of Timothy, of Concord, b. 13 April, 1741, tradition says the emigrant ancestor was from Ireland; being a relative,

Capt. Isaac Hartwell of North Gore became his guardian; lived with him in his youth, and had only a common school education. He m. 28 April, 1763, Ruth, dau. of Joseph Phillips of Prospect Hill, attended "meeting" at Charlton, Baptist, and under Elder Green's preaching he and his wife were converted. He soon began preaching; in 1778 was at Ashford, Conn., and soon after at Sutton. The Lamson genealogy says he preached as a Baptist 22 years. He afterward was a Universalist. Spent his later years at Mt. Washington, where his son Isaac resided. In 1824 there was a great 4th of July celebration on Mt. Everett, the highest point in southern Berkshire, at which Mr. Lamson gave the principal address, recited many Revolutionary anecdotes and sang patriotic songs, greatly to the delight of the audience. He d. 4 July, 1834, at Mt. Washington. . . . *Children*, b. at Charlton: ISAAC, b. 19 Feb., 1764, m. (1) 1784, Keziah Sharp of Ashford, settled at Charlton, eight ch.; m. (2) 1805, Deborah Pray of Ox., four ch.; m. (3) 1814, Mrs. Waitstill Patterson, four ch.; he d. 24 Jan., 1844; MARY, b. 2 Sept., 1765, m. 1780, Thomas Smith of Sutton, four ch.; WILLIAM, b. 21 Aug., 1767, m. 1 Jan., 1793, Hannah Tucker of Charlton, and had *Harvey*, b. 29 April, 1794; *William*, b. 20 May, 1798; the mother d. 22 Aug., 1803; merchant in Ox. several years, removed to New Boston, Conn., where he continued trade, m. (2) Susan Goodell, and d. there; EBENEZER, b. 5 Aug., 1770, m. (1) 5 May, 1798, Huldah Gould of Sutton; they had *Lyric*, b. 25 March, 1799, m. 2 May, 1824, Caroline Howe; *Lovisa*, b. 25 March, 1801; Huldah, the mother, d. 21 July, 1801; m. (2) 28 Aug., 1802, Elizabeth Rich of Charlton; they had *Tirzah*, b. 15 Feb., 1804, at Ox., m. Capt. Thomas Nichols; *David R.*, b. 6 June, 1806, at Charlton, lost a leg in a woolen mill at Woonsocket, R. I., later Unitarian minister at Berlin, m. Mary Smith of West Boylston, had three daughters; d. 2 July, 1886, at Oakdale; *Mary E.*, b. 15 May, 1808, m. Joseph Woodbury of Charlton, eight ch.; *James M.*, b. 9 Oct., 1810, m. intentions 24 Dec., 1847, Luann Darling, no ch.; *Horace*, b. 13 April, 1813, m. Irene Gale of Charlton, three ch., he d. aged 78, 7 June, 1886; *Huldah G.*, b. 16 Oct., 1815, m. Gilbert Rich of Charlton, three ch.; *Lucien B.* and *Lucinda*, b. 21 June, 1818, at Ox.; *Lucinda* m. Estes Darling; *Susan R.*, b. 13 Feb., 1831, m. Samuel R. Leland of Charlton, two daughters; TIMOTHY, b. 10 March, 1774, m. 29 May, 1798, Betsey Boyce of Sutton; coroner in 1805, trader in 1806 in Sutton, removed before March, 1808, to Ox., land surveyor and good school teacher; removed after three or four years to Thompson, Conn., where he was an innkeeper; d. 4 March, 1814, at Thompson; family removed to Providence, R. I. His eldest daughter *Mary* m. —— Elliot, steward at Brown University; their other children were *Ebenezer*, *Matilda*, *Miranda*. RUTH, b. 6 Nov., 1775, m. March, 1797, Samuel Davis, Jr., of Ox., no ch.; *Tirzah*, b. 28 Oct., 1779, m. Jonathan Sibley, no ch.; *Horace*, b. 24 Aug., 1782, m. 1 Jan., 1810, Anna Mann of Orrington, Me., removed to Canandaigua, N. Y., and d. 1 Aug., 1821, leaving one son.

2. LUCIEN B., son of Ebenezer, m. 10 Dec., 1845, Mary Ann E. Taft; he d. 29 Aug., 1852, at Ox.; they had LUCIEN B., b. 31 Oct., 1846; HARRY, b. 17 Nov., 1851; all reside at Providence, R. I.

MOLLY, of North Gore, and James Gray, m. 24 Jan., 1765.

SYLVANUS H., aged 28, d. 8 Sept., 1844.

LANAHAN, WILLIAM, aged 59, d. 31 May, 1874.

BRIDGET, aged 49, d. 30 Sept., 1874.

**LANDRAGAN, PETER**, and Margaret Wilkinson, m. int. 7 Nov., 1836.

**LANGDON, ANN** (Irish), aged 36, d. 16 Oct., 1868.

**LARKIN, WILLIAM**, b. 28 Dec., 1791, at Boylston (?), son of Edmund of Woodstock, Conn., came from Lancaster to Ox. in 1840, m. (1) Mehitable, widow of Daniel H. Humphrey, m. n. Elliott, of Dudley, she d. 22 Sept., 1824, at Lancaster, m. (2) Mary W. Ball of Northboro', he d. aged 76, 2 Aug., 1868. . . . Children by first m.: **W. SAMPSON**, b. 17 Jan., 1816, at Berlin, residence, Hackney Grove, Ia., where he had ch. and d.; **LUCETTA B.**, b. 11 Oct., 1818, at Lancaster, m. Silas, son of Ebenezer Fitts; **MEHETABLE H.**, b. 26 Nov., 1820, at Lancaster, m. Charles R. Carlton; ch. by second m.: **FRANCIS E.**, b. 20 Dec., 1828, m. 25 Nov., 1852, Ellen S., dau. of Levi Butler, he d. 26 June, 1882; they had *Leri F.*, b. and d. 1855; *E. Inez*, b. 13 Nov., 1856; *Elmer H.*, b. 29 Aug., 1859, m. 29 Nov., 1883, Eva A., dau. of Sumner Sparhawk, and had Lida F., b. 26 Feb., 1885; **MARY S.**, b. 21 Feb., 1830, m. James H. Robbins of Thompson, Conn. [See Robbins.]

**LARNED, LEARNED.** The emigrant ancestor of the Ox. families was **WILLIAM**, from Bermondsey parish, Surrey, England, of Charlestown in 1632, freeman in 1634, selectman in 1636, removed in 1641 to Woburn, where he was selectman; **ISAAC**, his son, b. in England, probably came with his father, was freeman 1647, m. 9 July, 1646, Mary Stearns, lived at Woburn and Chelmsford, had a son **ISAAC**, who was in the Narragansett war 19 Dec., 1675, in Capt. Davenport's company, wounded, m. 23 July, 1669, Sarah, dau. of John Bigelow, settled at Framingham and had 11 ch.; among them **ISAAC**, b. 10 May, 1680, one of the 30 English settlers at Ox.; **WILLIAM**, b. 12 Feb., 1688, settled at Thompson, Conn.; **EBENEZER**, b. 31 Aug., 1690, came with his brother Isaac to Ox. [Isaac and William and their descendants wrote *Larned*, Ebenezer and family wrote *Learned*.]

**ISAAC**, son of Isaac, m. 19 Nov., 1706, at Framingham, Sarah, dau. of John How, b. 24 Dec., 1686. He was a worthy, substantial, useful citizen, Lieut., land surveyor, considerably in public life, constituent member of the Church, between 1717 and 1743 14 years selectman, six years town clerk, resided on Johnson's Plain, H. 64, d. 20 May, 1758. . . . Children: **JOSIAH**, b. 1 Dec., 1707, at Framingham, m. 31 Jan., 1732, Catherine Rice of Ox., removed to New Salem, he d. 26 Feb., 1784, she d. 28 Jan., 1793; had *Catherine*, b. 18 Feb., 1733, m. 29 June, 1761, Reuben Barton; *Josiah*, b. 12 Sept., 1735; *Samuel*, b. 18 May, 1738, soldier in the French and Revolutionary wars, m. 12 June, 1760, Mehitable Town, settled at Ox., in 1781 resided at Ashford, Conn., said to have been over 100 years old at her death; they had Ruth, b. 1761, d. 1768; Samuel, b. 1764, d. 1769; Susannah, b. 1766, d. 1768; Mara, b. 8 Nov., 1768; Samuel, b. 8 May, 1771; *Moses*, b. 29 Aug., 1740, m. at New Salem, removed to Orford, N. H., where he d. 1823; *Nehemiah*, b. 28 March, 1743; *William*, b. 26 Sept., 1746; *Ezekiel*, b. 18 March, 1749; *Sarah*, b. 5 April, 1753; **ISAAC**, b. 2 Oct., 1709, at Framingham; **EXPERIENCE**, b. 29 July, 1711, at Framingham, m. Jeremiah Shumway; **JOHN**, b. about 1714, at Ox.; **MARY**, b. 4 May, 1716(?), m. John Mayo; **SARAH**, b. 8 June, 1718, m. 19 Feb., 1735, Samuel Shumway, and settled at Sturbridge; **ELIZABETH**, b. 13 May, 1720, m. William Davis; **SAMUEL**, b. 1722, d. 1741; **JOSEPH**, b. 27 Nov., 1724, m. intentions Dec., 1746, Hannah Jones of Hopkinton [Joseph Larned and Hannah Cheever, m. intentions Jan., 1748. Learned Genealogy says he

removed to Andover, Conn.], he was of Lebanon, Conn., in 1753; LOIS, b. 1 Dec., 1726, m. William Lamb; HANNAH, b. 12 July, 1730, m. 25 Aug., 1748, Samuel Robinson of Dudley.

2. ISAAC, son of Isaac (1), m. (1) 1 Jan., 1736, Elizabeth Jones of Hopkinton, she d. 4 Dec., 1752, m. (2) Mrs. Mary Leavens, she d. 16 May, 1789, he d. aged 90, 15 Aug., 1799, Lieut. of militia. . . Children: JEAN, b. 29 Nov., 1736, m. (1) —— Guild, m. (2) —— Newton, she d. March, 1814; ISAAC, b. 23 Jan., 1738, d. 24 Oct., 1756, at Albany, N. Y., soldier in the French war; HEZEKIAH, b. 21 Oct., 1739, Revolutionary soldier from Upton, m. Lydia Pelham of Upton, settled at Upton, removed to Douglas, was harmlessly insane, as were some of his ch., he d. Jan., 1821; they had *Hezekiah*, unm., *Isaac*, unm., *Benjamin*, b. 27 Feb., 1776, m. 23 July, 1796, Mary March of Douglas, resided at Readsboro' and Whitingham, Vt., Douglas and Ox., and had Sibyl, b. 1798, at Douglas, James, b. 1800, Roxana, b. 1802, Ebenezer, b. 1804, Merrick, b. 1806, Mary, b. 1809, Dulcenia, b. 1811, Alonzo, b. 1813, Lucy A., b. 9 Feb., 1817, m. Lewis A. Johnson of Ox., Benjamin (?); *Lavina*, m. Ebenezer Cook of Douglas, had a large family, the eldest, Ira, lived in Ox.; *Lydia*, d. unm. at Douglas; JOHN, b. 30 Oct., 1741; ELIZABETH, b. 26 Feb., 1744, m. 1 Nov., 1771, Moses Fay of New Rutland; MARY, b. 4 Feb., 1746, m. (1) —— Stowell, m. (2) —— Belding; ABIGAIL and MARTHA, b. 16 Jan., 1748, Abigail, d. 1767, Martha, d. 1749; ASA, b. 17 Feb., 1750; SIMPSON, b. 1752, d. 1756; HANNAH, b. 1754, d. 1756; HANNAH, b. 9 Feb., 1757, m. Joseph Reed of Ox.; ISAAC, b. 5 Feb., 1760, m. (1) Rachel Phillips of Sturbridge, m. (2) Mary Austin, removed to Vermont, 8 ch., d. 19 June, 1827, soldier in the Revolutionary war and in Saratoga battles [The rolls give both Isaac and Isaac, Jr., one was bombardier in 8th Co., Artillery, Capt. Todd]; LOIS, b. 25 April, 1762, m. 17 Dec., 1779, Seth Tucker of Charlton.

3. JOHN, son of Isaac (2), Revolutionary soldier, m. Abigail, dau. of Joseph Davis, she d. aged 72, 1 June, 1812, he d. 23 Feb., 1830, resided in the south part of Ox., now Webster. . . Children: SIMPSON, b. 18 Oct., 1769, m. (1) May, 1797, Sally, dau. of Collins Moore, no ch., m. (2) 1846, Polly Hewett, farmer, settled on Prospect Hill, removed 1806 to Dudley, d. 12 May, 1859; DAVIS, b. 20 May, 1772, m. (1) Nov., 1802, Betsey Upham of Dudley, m. (2) intentions 3 Nov., 1810, Mary, dau. of Ambrose Stone of Ox., lived with Simpson at North Ox. and later near him in Dudley; ch.: *Sally*, b. 1803, *Elizabeth*, b. 1804, *Hannah*, b. 1806, d. 1835; *Betsey U.*, b. 1809, d. 1835; *Davis*, b. 1812, m. Ruth, his cousin, dau. of John Larned of Ox., d. 1860; *Andrew*, d. young, *John A.*, b. 1816, *Mary S.*, b. 1818, d. 1874; ABEL, b. 1774, d. 1776; JOHN, b. 18 Jan., 1776; ABIGAIL, b. 8 Feb., 1778, d. unm. 4 Nov., 1822; RUTH, b. 19 Aug., 1780, d. unm. 3 Jan., 1809.

4. JOHN, son of John (3), m. (1) 15 Dec., 1802, Susanna, dau. of Collins Moore, she d. 2 June, 1811, m. (2) 17 Aug., 1812, Susanna, dau. of Rev. Isaac Stone of Douglas, resided on the homestead, d. 16 June, 1861. . . Children: ABIGAIL, b. 15 Nov., 1803, d. unm. 7 Feb., 1870; ABEL, b. 11 June, 1805, m. 28 Oct., 1834, Sarah, dau. of Josiah Corbin of Dudley, he d. Oct., 1862; had *Susanna*, b. 1832, d. unm.; *S. Jane*, b. 1834, m. Hamilton Ballard, residence, Indianapolis, Ind.; *H. Elizabeth*, b. 1835, d. unm.; *A. Frances*, b. 1837; *George C. JA* 1840, *Hezekiah C.*, b. 1844, both reside at Worcester, machinists; SIMPSON, y. 1806, d. 1813; SUSANNA, b. 30 March, 1808, m. 14 Nov., 1834, Rev. Geo. Champion of Colchester, Conn., went as missionaries to the Zulu country South Africa, he d. 17 Dec., 1841, at Santa Cruz, W. I., she

d. 8 July, 1846, at Boston, had 4 ch., all d. young, excepting *Henry*, b. 8 Nov., 1838, graduated at Yale, m. at New Haven, Conn., went to Minnesota for his health, d. there in young manhood; ch. by second m.: *RUTH*, b. 1 June, 1813, m. 18 Nov., 18-2, Davis Larned of Dudley, her cousin; *Moses*, b. 11 Dec., 1814, resided on the homestead, m. (1) 11 Feb., 1841, Dolly White of West Boylston, and had *Augusta*, b. 8 June, 1847, m. 1870, *Augustus C. Lapham* of Millbury; m. (2) 24 Nov., 1863, *Martha E.*, dau. of *Jeremiah Eddy* of Webster; *SIMPSON*, b. 2 Nov., 1817, left home in young manhood, not heard from.

5. ASA, son of Isaac (2), m. 7 May, 1776, *Mary Child*, he d. 31 July, 1813, she d. 1822, lived in the south part of Ox., now Webster, H. 49. . . . Children: *DOLLY*, b. 5 March, 1777, m. 25 Nov., 1810, *John*, son of *Dea. John Davis*, she d. 24 Oct., 1852, at Montague, he d. 7 Feb., 1862; they had *Larned*, b. 1811, at Montague, residence, Mt. Palatine, Ill.; *Elisha*, b. 1813, m. *Mary C.*, his cousin, dau. of Daniel Larned: *Susan*, b. 1818, d. 1823; *Sylvia*, b. 1819, d. 1823; *JONAS*, b. 2 June, 1778; *RUFUS*, b. 10 Feb., 1780; *ASA*, b. 27 April, 1782, m. (1) March, 1806, *Anna Sherman*, she d. 30 June, 1820, m. (2) 1822, *Mrs. Mercy Taft*, m. n. Stockwell, of Sutton, she d. 19 Dec., 1860, at Prescott, he d. 5 Sept., 1849, resided at Langdon, N. H., and Shutesbury, 6 ch., of whom *Rufus*, b. 1 May, 1811, now living in Shutesbury or Leverett, m., has ch.; *Lewis T.*, b. 25 April, 1824, at Shutesbury, m., residence, Chatsworth, Ill.; *DANIEL*, b. 23 March, 1784, m. 1806, *Martha Miller* of Grafton, settled at Weathersfield, Vt., where she d. 15 April, 1821; had *Lucy P.*, b. 1806, m. *Peter Spaulding* of Montague, 5 ch.; *James M.*, b. 1809, resided at Orford, N. H., auctioneer, lumber merchant, Capt. of militia, 9 ch.; *Jonas G.*, b. 1811; *Franklin*, b. 1814, residence, Newbury, Vt., had ch.; *Mary C.*, b. 1817, m. *Elisha Davis*, residence, Montague; *Daniel*, the father, m. (2) 1824, *Ruth Ball* of Springfield, Vt., no ch., she d. 1835, m. (3) 1836, *Persis Rice*, removed 1846 to Montague, where he d. 20 March, 1855; *SAMUEL*, b. 30 July, 1786, m. *Tammy Stone* of Wendell, he d. Sept., 1824; had *Hiram*, b. 1813, m. *Abby Penniman* at Warwick, R. I., removed to Illinois, 4 ch.; *Samuel*, b. 1815, d. unm. 1844; *Harvey*, b. 1817, d. 1845, unm.; *Simon*, b. 1819, d. 1847, unm.; *Asa*, b. 1821, m. at Mt. Palatine, Ill., and soon after d.<sup>1</sup>

6. JONAS, son of Asa (5), m. 29 April, 1817, *Clarissa Robinson* of Weathersfield, Vt., b. 9 Feb., 1790, settled on Johnson's Plain, H. 62, many years constable and collector, selectman and treasurer, a thrifty farmer, much respected, he d. 21 Nov., 1862, she d. 4 May, 1869, at Dudley. . . . Children: *CHLOE D.*, b. and d. 1818; *GEORGE R.*, b. 19 Oct., 1819, m. 1 Oct., 1851, *Sarah D. Gilbert* of Catskill, N. Y., b. 26 July, 1826; had *Charles G.*, b. 29 July, 1852; *Henry A.*, b. 4 Oct., 1859; *AMOS*, b. 23 Feb., 1823, m. 16 Dec., 1850, *Mrs. Harriet A. Gabriel* of Hartford, Conn., settled at Hartford, in shoe trade; they had *Clara*; *CHARLES*, b. 4 May, 1825, residence, Boston, a successful business man, general jobbing and commission, later operator in real estate, furnished gratuitously for four years beginning 1884 a course of free public lectures in Memorial Hall, Ox.; *J. ROBINSON*, b. 10 Dec., 18<sup>5</sup><sub>6</sub>, m. *Esther Bushnell*, no ch., he d. Jan., 1890, at Griswold, Conn.

7. RUFUS, son of Asa (5), m. (1) 23 Nov., 1812, *Ruth B. F<sup>is</sup>s<sup>try</sup>*, ne. ury, she d. 23 Jan., 1819; m. (2) 29 Oct., 1819, *Elizabeth Day* of Dudley, b. 18<sup>0</sup><sub>1</sub>, aged 93, 7 Aug., 1877; he d. 20 Aug., 1869; farmer, selectman, assessor, <sup>ge</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>b</sup> <sup>IZAB</sup> <sup>I</sup> <sup>PH</sup>, 1 Children:

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<sup>1</sup> Portions of this record of family of Asa and of some others, are from

**SOPHIRIONA**, b. 10 Aug., 1813, m. 9 April, 1839, Sullivan Spencer of Sturbridge, removed to Dudley; had *Joseph S.*, b. 1840; *Mary S.*, b. 1841; *Edwin Rufus*, b. 1843; *Amos L.*, b. 1852; *BETSEY S.*, b. 3 March, 1817, m. Edmund Miller; **SALLY C.**, b. 6 Jan., 1819, m. 20 June, 1838, Lewis W. Beckwith of Saratoga, N. Y., resided at LeRoy, Genesee Co., N. Y., farmer; had *Rufus II.*, b. 1839; *Albert L.*, b. 1840; *Edmund M.*, b. 1842; *Fred. B.*, b. 1845, d. 1847; *William I.*, b. 1848; *RUFUS D.*, b. 1820, d. 1825; **HANNAH E.**, b. 31 July, 1824; **REBECCA D.**, b. 16 March, 1830.

8. JOHN, son of Isaac (1), m. (1) 13 Sept., 1737, Hephsibah Smith, she d. 18 July, 1747; m. (2) 31 Jan., 1751, Miriam Smith, she d. 2 Feb., 1803; he d. 8 April, 1796. He bought land and settled west of the river opposite his father's farm, and lived near the river, southeast from the house now owned by Orlin Allard, H. 71. His first house was burned 1786; Jacob, his son, rebuilt on the same spot, and there the father died. He was captain of an Oxford company in the French and Indian war. His commission as lieutenant in John Foy's Company, 1st Regt. Worcester Co. Militia, was dated 24 Sept., 1756, in 1757 he was promoted to captain, in 1751, was constable and collector of the State tax. A descendant relates an incident of Capt. John's experience, showing the strifes in early times as to land titles. He bargained for a lot of land, which included H. 69, near his own, but before the purchase was completed learned that there was another claimant to the premises. The seller informed him that the pretended owner would perhaps try to get possession and desired he would prevent it if possible. As was predicted the claimant appeared and cut down and hauled together a quantity of logs for a house. As soon as he left, Larned sent his son John to the spot with orders to split every log into fence rails, which was done after a very hard day's work. Soon thereafter, the claimant, who was in fact the owner, came upon the ground with two teams, one loaded with materials for a shanty, and the other with household goods; the shanty was erected, the goods set up and full possession of the property established. Larned thought he had run a narrow chance of losing his money, but as it was Continental currency his saving in that case did not avail him much. . . . Children: **SARAH**, b. 14 April, 1738, m. Nov., 1761, Isaac Moffitt; **ELIJAH**, b. 14 Nov., 1739; **HEPHSIBAH**, b. 8 Feb., 1752, m. 31 Dec., 1778, Benjamin Upham of Dudley, she d. 29 June, 1814; they had *Benjamin*, d. in Dudley, unm., an enthusiast on the subject of perpetual motion; *Hosea*, m. Anna, dau. of Lot Marsh, and had Hosea, d. unm. in Dudley, shoe manufacturer; *Evelina*; *Samantha*; *Pliny*, m. Catharine Schimmell of New York State, resided in west part of Ox., no ch.; *Harvey*, m. 1839, Mary, dau. of Maj. Elijah Pratt, he d. 28 Nov., 1852; (had Mary A., b. 1842, m. Albert Jacobs and d. 1866); *Amos*, m. (1) Polly, dau. of William Hurd of Ox., and had William who m. Mary, dau. of Davis Larned of Dudley, and had two sons; m. (2) Lorana Robinson of Weathersfield, Vt.; *ELIHU*, b. 1754, d. 1758; **JACOB**, b. 1756, d. 1758; **JOHN**, b. 20 June 1758; **JACOB**, b. 31 July, 1760; **MIRIAM**, b. 8 March, 1764, m. 22 June, 1785, Simeon Upham of Dudley; had *Martha*, m. —— Briggs of Dudley; *Elihu*, m. Barbara Dalrymple of Dudley, large family; *Perley*, d. unm. at Dudley; **JEMIMA**, b. 6 Dec., 1766, m. Joseph Brown of Thompson, Conn., later of Ox.; **RUTH**, b. 7 Aug., 1769, m. Jacob Smith.

9. **ELIJAH**, son of John (8), m. 1 April, 1762, Rachel, dau. of Theodore Kingsbury. He d. 2 Sept., 1819, she d. 25 Feb., 1813. Settled on 75 acres west part of his father's farm, H. 65; soldier in French war and in Revolution at Saratoga battles. . . . Children: **EDWARD**, b. 23 July, 1762, d. unm.;

JONATHAN, b. 18 April, 1764; DAVID, b. 8 Sept., 1766; LUCY, b. 8 July, 1768, m. intentions 12 April, 1791, Benjamin Cox of Barnard, Vt.; SIMON, b. 3 July, 1770; POLLY, b. 14 July, 1772, m. 6 April, 1796, Joseph Coburn of Charlton (?); SALEM, b. 9 Dec., 1775.

10. DAVID, son of Elijah (9), m. Betty, dau. of Jeremiah Amidown, settled near his father, was an ingenious mechanic, but crippled. Lived the latter part of his life in the woods on a part of his father's farm, framed a house, laid the sills, but not being able to raise the frame roofed it in and lived in it many years. She d. aged 84, 19 Jan., 1853, he d. 10 Feb., 1843.

. . . Children: PRUDELLA, b. 19 Sept., 1788, in Dudley, m. Joel Eddy, second w., no ch.; JONATHAN, b. 18 March, 1790, in Charlton, m. and lived, and d. in Sturbridge; MILLS, b. 1793, d. 1794; SALLY, b. 27 July, 1794, d. unm. at Ox.; SIMEON, b. 1795, d. 1798; BETSEY, b. 29 Dec., 1796, m. 12 April, 1820, Thurlo Stimpson, removed to Ward; they had *Loretta*; *Erelina*; *Jolen L.*; *Edwin*; *George*; *Loren E.*; LAVINA, b. 1 June, 1799, m., residence, Westboro', d. soon; DAVID, b. 1800, d. 1803; ALICE, b. 7 June, 1805, m. 3 Nov., 1825, Edwin Joslin of Thompson, Conn.; HULDAH, b. 23 Sept., 1808, m. 20 June, 1830, Albro Joslin of Thompson, where they d.; they had *Emily*; *Ellen*; *Elizabeth*; SYLVANUS, b. 4 April, 1811, m. 4 Aug., 1835, Lucretia P. Wellington, he d. 3 Jan., 1850, at Newport, N. H.; they had *Sarah A.*, b. 29 June, 1836, at Millbury, m. H. I. Joslin of Webster; *Clara*, b. 25 April, 1838, at Waterville, Me.; *Henry S.*, b. 19 Nov., 1840, at Newport, N. H., d. 10 June, 1864, at Webster; *Albert*, b. 1843, d. 1845, at Newport; *Charles D.*, b. 24 Nov., 1845, at Newport, d. 8 July, 1872, at Webster; *Edward*, b. 1848, d. 1849, at Newport; Lucretia, the mother, m. (2) 17 Nov., 1859, Ezbon White of Webster, she d. 8 Sept., 1885.

11. SALEM, son of Elijah (9), m. intentions 26 Dec., 1802, Hulda, dau. of Daniel Harwood of Barre, b. 22 Jan., 1778(?), at Sutton, she d. 24 Sept., 1849; m. (2) Lydia, widow of William Wellington, she d. aged 71, 25 Jan., 1860. . . . Children: OLIVE, b. 18 Feb., 1803, d. unm. 10 Feb., 1877, at Ox.; CALEB, b. 17 April, 1806, m. intentions 19 Oct., 1827, Mrs. Lucy Hayward, he d. 1857, at Ox., no ch.; PHEBE, b. 27 Sept., 1808, m. 2 Dec., 1831, Harvey Stearns of Douglas, settled at Ox.; had *Oscar*, *Daniel*, and another; SIMEON, b. 1811, d. 1812; CYRENE, b. 16 July, 1813, m. (1) Nathan Trask, and had *Charles*, b. 3 July, 1836, soldier in late war, Co. G, 34th Mass. Regt.; m. (2) Luther Stone of Co. E, 15th Mass. Regt. in late war, residence, Vermont, she d. 5 April, 1867, no ch.; ELIAS, b. 29 April, 1816, m. (1) Ursula, dau. of Jacob Melendy of Charlton, removed West, had ch.; he m. (2) and resided at Edgar, Clay Co., Neb.; WILLARD, b. 11 July, 1818, went about 1848 to California, resided 1885 at Scott River, Siskiyou Co., unm.; DANIEL A., b. 6 Nov., 1820, went in 1840 to California, m. 1 June, 1860, Dennis D. Hall of Chester Co., Pa., residence, Stockton; had *Ella H.*, *Willard S.*, *Adt S.*, *Horace*, *Clara D.*; SYLVIA, b. 7 Oct., 1823, m. 5 July, 1846, Leander C. Patch of Worcester, she d. 1845, no ch.

12. JOIN, son of John (8), m. (1) 6 Dec., 1781, Martha Wakefield of Dudley, b. 30 March, 1760, d. 26 May, 1794; m. (2) 6 Nov., 1794, Abigail, widow of Tubal Wakefield, m. n. Marsh, sister of Lot [Wakefield was brother of his first w. Martha]. b. 20 Sept., 1772, d. 5 March, 1841. He d. 8 Dec., 1844. He settled on 80 acres of the central part of his father's farm, built the house now standing, H. 71. Was a prominent Baptist. . . . Children: DANIEL, b. 19 July, 1782, m. intentions 20 July, 1807, Hannah Palmer of

Dudley, removed to Kirby, Vt.; he d. 23 May, 1861, at Lyndon, she d. about 1850, at West Fairlee, Vt., no ch.; ABIA, b. 19 Nov., 1784, m. Jesse Robinson of Dudley, second w., tanner, removed to Hartwick, N. Y., where she d. 21 March, 1866, had ch.; THEODA, b. 14 July, 1786, m. 6 Oct., 1805, Solomon, brother of Jesse Robinson, b. 6 June, 1786, d. 1865, at Webster, resided at Hartwick, where she d. 25 May, 1859, had ch.; MARTHA, b. 4 Oct., 1788, m. 2 April, 1809, Enoch Marsh of Dudley [See Marsh], she d. 6 Oct., 1864; LAVINA, b. 13 July, 1798, m. Truman Head of Hartwick, deputy sheriff, had ch.; WILLIAM, b. 25 Oct., 1795; RUTH, b. 17 March, 1797, m. Capt. Ebenezer Gregory of New Lisbon, N. Y., resided, 1883, at Hartwick, one son; LUCY, b. 13 April, 1799, d. 29 Sept., 1847, unm.; POLLY, b. 12 June, 1801, d. 22 Nov., 1847, unm.; SIMON, b. 22 May, 1803; BETSEY, b. 28 Feb., 1806, m. 1 March, 1836, Josiah Upham of Dudley, second w., she d. 1 Dec., 1884, at Ox.; they had *Andrew L.*, d. unm. 1879; *Henry*, m. Imogene Lyon of Woodstock, settled in Dudley and removed to south part of Ox.: 1890, station agent at Ox.; had Eva A., b. 13 Sept., 1873, at Dudley; George H., b. 7 May, 1879, at Ox.; Nelson, m. Harriet Smith of Webster, 1883 resided in Chicago, no ch.; THOMAS, b. 28 Feb., 1808, m. Dolly Dean of Webster, removed to Sutton, Vt., where she d.; he returned to Ox., where he d. 9 July, 1835, aged 27, one son, Thomas, d. in young manhood; ZENAS M., b. 21 Feb., 1811; NANCY, b. 19 Nov., 1812, m. Ono E. Humphrey; SAMUEL, b. 20 July, 1815, m. 20 Dec., 1837, Nancy M. Wakefield of Dudley, removed 1862 to Ox. and resided at the William Hurd place, H. 60; ch.: *John E.*, b. 27 Feb., 1842, at Dudley; *Cyrus*, b. 24 July, 1844, at Dudley, soldier in the late war, d. 1 Sept., 1862, at Washington, D. C.; *George A.*, b. 3 March, 1855, at Dudley.

13. WILLIAM, son of John (12), m. intentions 7 Nov., 1818, Henrietta Adams of Dudley, settled in Ox., removed to Barton, Vt., returned 1841 to Ox. and went, 1862, with his son William Merrick, to Cassville, Wis., where he was killed by railroad cars 6 May, 1887; she d. about 1873. . . . Children: ADALINE, b. 21 July, 1820, at Ox., m. 15 April, 1841, Osborn Ward, settled at Danville, Vt., residence, 1883, St. Johnsbury, no ch.; WILLIAM MERRICK, b. 13 June, 1824, at Dudley, m. (1) 9 April, 1848, Lucy Melendy of Charlton, removed 1862 to Wisconsin, where she d.; m. (2) Emily Coburn; ABIGAIL, b. 24 Sept., 1828, at Ox., m. 11 May, 1845, Abel Davis of Ox.; CHESTER A., b. 19 Feb., 1830, at Barton, Vt., m. 24 Sept., 1863, Selina Sherburn, at Wheelock, Vt., removed West, d. 7 Sept., 1865; HANNAH T., b. 2 Nov., 1832, at Barton, m. 1 Jan., 1865, Horace Bradley, residence, Wheelock, Vt., had ch.; GEORGE, b. 27 March, 1836, at Barton, m. 1 April, 1857, Elsie, dau. of Luther Sparhawk, settled at Ox., he d. 29 June, 1864; they had *Lillian A.*, b. 5 Jan., 1858; *Georgianna M.*, b. 17 Jan., 1865; she m. (2) Joel, son of Simon Larned, cousin of George; C. LORANA, b. 28 March, 1838, at Barton, m. 16 Oct., 1858, Harrison Thompson, removed to Racine, Wis., and to Rockford, Ill., thence to Oswego, Kan.

14. SIMON, son of John (12), m. 22 Oct., 1832, Louisa Whittemore of Dudley, b. 26 July, 1805, settled in the southwest part of Ox., he d. 31 July, 1879, she d. 25 March, 1885, aged 79. . . . Children: ABIGAIL M., b. 9 Sept., 1833, m. 28 Aug., 1852, William Kilgore, removed to New York State, thence to Michigan, no ch.; JAMES N., b. 20 Aug., 1835, m. 7 Aug., 1855, Delia Mosely, removed to Binghamton, N. Y.; LOUISA J., b. 1837, d. 1840; JOEL W., b. 5 Aug., 1840, m. (1) 28 Oct., 1858, Sarah J. Bradford, she d. aged 36, 3 Dec., 1871, m. (2) Elsie, widow of George Larned, his cousin; ch. by first

m.: *William H.*, b. 8 Oct., 1863; *Leon A.*, b. 18 Oct., 1866, others d. young; SARAH E., b. 1 June, 1842, m. Almon E. Phipps; JANE M., b. 18 July, 1844, m. 13 May, 1860, George Hinchliffe; had *Charles H.*, b. 27 July, 1862, d. 25 Aug., 1884; *Lena J.*, b. 16 Dec., 1865; EMILY M., b. 23 Aug., 1847, m. 11 Sept., 1872, Isaac Babson of Dedham, residence, Whitinsville, no ch.

15. ZENAS, son of John (12), m. (1) 31 Dec., 1834, Lucinda W. Whitney of Millbury, she d. aged 41, 28 July, 1851, lived 18 years on the homestead, removed to Charlton, m. (2) 31 March, 1852, Mrs. Harriet Howe of Westminster. . . . Children by first m.: GEORGE H., b. 1835, d. 1840; DANIEL W., b. 12 March, 1837, removed to Indiana, m. Hattie Black at Evansville, Ind., residence, St. Louis, Mo., was an officer in the late war; JOHN F., b. 1842, d. 1843; JOHN H., b. 31 July, 1847, m. 2 Jan., 1871, Selina Smith of Woonsocket, R. I., where they settled, lumber dealer, removed 1882 to Pomfret, near Putnam, Conn., farmer; had *Henry D.*, b. 1873, *John W.*, b. 1878, *Charles E.*, b. 1880.

16. JACOB, son of John (8), Revolutionary soldier, was sergt. in Capt. Allen Hancock's Co. 1789, m. 8 Jan., 1784, Elizabeth Atwood of Dudley, she d. April, 1839, he d. Dec., 1830, both at Barnard, Vt., whither they had removed about 1808. He lived on the homestead, had the care of his parents in their old age, removed to Vt. after their death. . . . Children: ETHAN, b. 22 Aug., 1784, m. 11 July, 1803, Orinda Curtis of Thompson, Conn., and had *Peter*, b. 1803, *Henry*, b. 1806; LUCINDA, b. 25 Oct., 1786; BETSEY, b. 1790, d. 1798; MIRIAM, b. 20 Sept., 1794; LEWIS, b. 4 March, 1798, had a son killed at Gettysburg.

HULDAH, aged 69, d. 14 Dec., 1853.

DANIEL, and Hannah Palmer of Dudley, m. intentions 20 July, 1807.

LEARNED, EBENEZER, brother of Isaac, one of the 30 proprietors, settled at "upper falls," then the extreme north part, H. 130. In choosing this isolated locality he showed an independence characteristic of him. His discerning eye saw in the water-power a desirable acquisition, and building a house with a palisade about it for protection and a saw-mill at the falls he lived and died here. His dwelling, considerably enlarged since first built, is still standing and is among the oldest houses in the town. Of his military history we have no record, he was, however, an officer in the militia from 1718 to 1750, and was known in all the region in his later life as "Colonel Learned." He was active in public affairs, a constituent member of the Church, and on the completion of the second Meeting-house at the north common 17 Nov., 1752, perhaps as donor of the building spot, had the first choice of the pews. He and his son-in-law, Edward Davis, were owners of large tracts of land in the northerly part of Oxford and Charlton. He also owned land in the North Gore and on Prospect Hill. Between 1717 [then aged 27] and 1756 he was 32 years selectman, many years the chairman, and between 1726 and 1762, 15 years moderator at the annual meeting; in 1718 Ensign, in 1726 Captain, in 1744 Major, and in 1747 Colonel; in 1731 and 1751 he was representative; justice of the peace. In 1749 a controversy arose in Brookfield involving the location of a Meeting-house. The matter was referred to three "uninterested worthy gentlemen;" of this committee Col. Learned was chairman. In his will he bequeathed more than 1000 acres of land to his sons Ebenezer and Jeremiah, and the homestead, which was a very large tract, to Jeremiah, on condition that he maintain his mother and the black servant Mingo, he

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"finding everything necessary and convenient for his mother according to her rank and circumstance."

He m. 14 Oct., 1714, Deborah Haynes, dau. of John and Ruth, b. 30 Jan., 1690, at Sudbury, she d. 21 Aug., 1777, he d. 15 March, 1772. . . . Children: DOROTHY, b. 28 July, 1715, m. Elijah Moore; RUTH, b. 5 April, 1717, m. Samuel Davis; ABIGAIL, b. 7 April, 1719, m. Edward Davis; DEBORAH, b. 6 July, 1721, d. 21 Aug., 1736; MARTHA, b. 1724, d. 1729; MARY, b. 10 Feb., 1726, m. Richard Moore, Jr.; EBENEZER, b. 18 April, 1728; COMFORT, b. 11 July, 1730, m. 18 May, 1749, Capt. Samuel Mower of Worcester, she d. 11 May, 1765; JEREMIAH, b. 12 Jan., 1733.

*Ebenezer Learned*

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2. EBENEZER, son of Ebenezer (1), inherited military tastes and became in those matters by far the most noted man

of the town. He was early in the Oxford

Company under Capt. Edward Davis, and when the French and Indian war came on was very influential in enlisting men, and at 28 years of age took command of a company raised for the service. Of his early life little is known, but there is evidence that he gave very little attention to study. On 27 Nov., 1750, his father deeded to him 200 acres of land on Prospect Hill, where he soon built the house now standing, H. 126.

While preparations for the northern expedition were in progress Col. Chandler wrote to the authorities at Boston as follows:—

"WORCESTER, Apr. 22, 1756.

"The bearer, Capt. Ebenezer Learned, is to have command of a company of men in Col. Ruggles' Regiment, and as guns and stores will be wanted for his company he will engage to bring them up if you please. . . . "What Learned engages to do will be faithfully done." [Mass. Archives, LXXV., 536.]

During the summer of 1756 he enlisted, equipped and drilled his company, with the valuable aid, as tradition informs us, of Rev. John Campbell, who was skilled in military tactics, and on the ninth of September we find him at the head of 51 men, at Lake George, whither he had marched from Oxford. Of the details of his services here we have very little. Mr. Jennison in his papers, now in the archives of the American Antiquarian Society of Worcester, says he served from 1756 to 1763, and was at Fort Edward when Fort William Henry was beleaguered and marched without orders to its relief. There is reason, however, to believe that he returned home as early as 1758 as he was elected selectman in that year and each year following to 1764.

In Mass. Archives, B. LXXVIII., p. 242, appears a petition to the authorities setting forth that when he was in his Majesty's service in 1757, he "was taken bad with the small pox," and was put into the hospital at Fort Edward and continued there 28 days at a large expense to himself, asking remuneration, which was voted.

From the northern campaigns he returned to his farm where he for five years kept a public house, and as a town officer entered considerably into public business. The troubles with the mother country began soon, and in the excitement which followed he took a decided stand with the patriots and officially was active in influencing the doings of the town in that period of doubt and perplexity. In 1773 he was appointed agent of the town to sue for and collect the stock of ammunition yet outstanding, which service he did. When hostilities began he entered heartily into the contest, doing

efficient service, of which some account may be found under Revolutionary History.

His patriotism has never been questioned. He was unwavering in his devotion to his country, standing almost alone in his family and among the people of his neighborhood in his loyalty, and at the time of the Shays rebellion was almost the only man in his section of the town who adhered to the government. He was a marked man in this controversy and, as related, the Shays men decided on a certain night to pay him a visit. Having heard of their plan he took down a favorite gun, which he had carried in his Revolutionary campaigns, and procuring a musket for his son-in-law, Adjutant Pray, put them in order and loaded them with powder and ball, making no secret of what he had done. The visit was indefinitely postponed.

Gen. Learned was prominent in civil affairs, 25 years between 1758 and 1794 selectman, moderator several years, 1772 one of a committee of three to make answer to the petition of the inhabitants of the northeasterly part of the town, who, with parts of Worcester, Leicester and Sutton, asked to be set off as an independent corporation, later Ward: in 1778 he was chosen one of the first board of assessors, the selectmen having previously acted in that capacity, in 1779 delegate to the convention at Cambridge for forming a State government, and in 1783 representative. In Aug., 1776, the Court of Sessions at Worcester appointed him one of a committee to superintend the inoculating hospitals in Worcester County. He was a justice of the peace and officially present at the terms of court at Worcester for 1776, 1778, 1780 and 1783, and every year from 1787 to 1795.

He was one of the original proprietors of the town of Livermore, Me., which was granted to soldiers in the French war, and aided in dividing the lands to the settlers. A pension was granted to him for disability "commencing from 1793 and continuing until his death, 1801."

He received from his father the land on which the village known as "Texas" stands. Selling his farm on the hill he removed soon after his return from the war to a house, now taken away, which stood on a small rise of ground near the river a short distance north of the present Texas Village, and lived there until he had built the mansion known as the "Learned House," now standing, H. 117. In person he is said to have been above the average in size, erect, and in manner sedate and dignified. He was esteemed as a townsman and as a neighbor, was an efficient member of the Church, a constant attendant on public worship and for many years active in ecclesiastical affairs. The late George W. Hartwell, speaking of him said: "My father" (Samuel Hartwell, Esq., a man of ability and intelligence, and intimately acquainted with the General), "uniformly spoke of him with the greatest respect, and as I know held him in the highest esteem." He also remarked that Samuel Stone, Commissary under Learned, had a like regard for the old soldier. General Learned possessed the prerequisites of a great soldier, and so far as he had opportunity developed those qualities, and although hampered by a lack of early educational advantages, and in later years by ill health which cut short his service, he was able to establish for himself a worthy military reputation. Whatever his faults may have been no hint of them appears in the records. We may point with pride to the achievements of those two autumnal days in 1777 and say that in those terrible conflicts, when as it were the fate of our country was trembling in the balance, he did in his sphere invaluable service, and there earned for himself the gratitude and honorable remembrance of succeeding generations.

He m. (1) 5 Oct., 1749, Jerusha Baker, b. about 1732, she d. aged 67, 22 Feb., 1799; m. (2) 23 May, 1800, Eliphal Putnam of Worcester. He d. 1 April, 1801. . . . Children: EBENEZER, b. 3 July, 1750, lost at sea, aged about 21 years; DOROTHY, b. 24 Oct., 1751, m. James Hill of Douglas; DEBORAH, b. 28 March, 1755, m. (1) 7 Feb., 1775, George Robinson of Dudley; she m. (2) Ebenezer Pray; HAYNES, b. 20 Sept., 1757, m. intentions 6 Sept., 1777, his cousin Mary, dau. of Edward Davis of Ox., lived in Ward, removed 1788 to Livermore, Me., soldier in Revolutionary war, marched on Lexington alarm; he d. 1818, says Learned Genealogy, at St. Mary's, Ga., where he had been in Government employ; she d. April, 1815; they had *Abigail*, b. 1779; *Ebenezer*, b. 1780; *Mary*, b. 1782; *Haynes*, b. 1784; *Joel*, b. 1786; *Sally*, b. 1788; *Edward*, b. 1792, d. 1795; *Jacob*, b. 1795; *Edward D.*, b. 1800; SYLVANUS, b. 30 May, 1760; JOEL, b. 3 April, 1762, d. unm.; ABISHA, b. 4 Feb., 1765, d. unm.; DAVID, b. 14 Feb., 1767, Brig.-General of Militia, removed to Maine about 1790; he was efficient in building up the new settlements in the western part of the State, among which were Bethel, Jay and Livermore, at which place he was a large land owner, a leading citizen, town officer, and the first trader; in 1800 and 1801 representative. When the county was formed he was granted the privilege of naming it, and called it Oxford, in honor of his native place, and was chosen its first sheriff. He m. 16 March, 1788, Mary, dau. of Joseph Hurd. He d. 11 May, 1811, while on a voyage from New Orleans, she d. 14 Jan., 1863, at Livermore, aged 97. They had *David H.*, b. 1792, d. 1802; *Samuel*, b. 1796, d. at the South, unm.; *Charles D.*, b. 1798, lawyer in Mississippi; *Maria*, b. 1799, m. Publius R. R. Pray who, with his brothers Ephraim and Otis, removed from Ox. to Livermore about 1810; he studied law with Judge Nelson in New York, settled in practice at Pearlington, Miss., and was eminent, and became judge; he d. 1840; *Eliza*, b. 1801, d. 1803; *Eliza*, b. 1805, d. 1870, unm., at Livermore; JERUSA, b. 3 July, 1769, d. unm.; RUFUS, b. 10 June, 1772, m. 3 May, 1791, Mary, dau. of Ebenezer Humphrey, settled on his father's farm and d. 17 Jan., 1803; she m. (2) Sylvanus, brother of her first husband; he had by w. Mary, *Ruth*, b. 12 Oct., 1793, m. George Alverson; *Ebenezer*, b. 1802, d. 1806.

3. SYLVANUS, son of Ebenezer (2), m. (1) 9 April, 1784, Martha Davis, sister of w. of his brother Haynes, she d. 3 Oct., 1805; he m. (2) 26 June, 1806, Mrs. Mary, widow of his brother Rufus, resided in a house now removed, which stood east of the river near the saw-mill, later at his father's mansion; soldier in Revolutionary war, served till the close, colonel of militia, well versed in military tactics, of more than ordinary ability, and large information, the best draughtsman and surveyor in the town, of fine deportment and pleasant address. He d. 28 May, 1826, she d. 12 Sept., 1819. . . . Children: LUCINDA, b. 3 Feb., 1785, m. 16 Feb., 1805, William, son of Samuel Campbell; ABISHA, b. 5 Sept., 1786; SYLVANUS, b. 21 June, 1788, m. (1) 22 Sept., 1816, Mary Woodbury, residence, Sutton, removed to Peruville, N. Y., prominent citizen, teacher, school commissioner, she d. 12 Dec., 1829; m. (2) 2 June, 1830, at Charlton, Silence King, she d. 10 Sept., 1867, he d. 2 June, 1870, at Lansing, Mich.; ch.: *William L.*, b. 1817; *Edward D.*, b. 1821; *Martha R.*, b. 1825; MARTHA, b. 4 April, 1790, m. 22 Nov., 1810, Charles Hooper, residence, Middleborough, removed to N. Rochester, he d. 14 Feb., 1867, she d. 24 Jan., 1858, at N. Rochester; they had *Martha L.*, b. 1815; *Charles E.*, b. 1817; ABIGAIL D., b. 29 June, 1792, m. 25 Nov., 1813, Joshua, son of Samuel Lamb, settled at Leicester, where she d. 6 June, 1821, he d. 14 Oct., 1868,

no ch.: DIADAMA, b. 10 Jan., 1794, m. 23 Oct., 1811, Aaron Mowry of Charlton, she d. 9 Aug., 1816, at Ward; ch.: *Learned D.*, b. 1812; *Brigham W.*, b. 1813; *Diana*, b. 1815; *EDWARD D.*, b. 20 Sept., 1795, d. 1796; *JERUSAHA*, b. 6 May, 1798, d. 1 June, 1827, unm.; *LUCY*, b. 23 Aug., 1800, m. 1 Nov., 1819, *Asa McFarland*, resided at Shrewsbury, where he d. 19 May, 1830, she d. 30 Sept., 1835, at Newton; they had *Lucy M.*, b. 1820; *James H.*, b. 1821; *Sarah E.*, b. 1823; *Asa L.*, b. 1825; *Mary C.*, b. 1826; *Edmund S.*, b. 1828.

4. ABISHA, son of Sylvanus (3), m. 23 Feb., 1816, Betsey Rand of Shrewsbury, b. 21 Oct., 1789, resided at North Ox. A man of strong mind and sound sense, public spirited, school committee, assessor, and many years justice of the peace, active in Church matters, owned and operated a saw-mill, and dealt largely in lumber. He d. 19 March, 1854, she d. aged 91, 16 April, 1881. . . . Children: CORNELIA M., b. 4 Dec., 1816, m. 2 Sept., 1833, Edward Denny of Leicester, she d. 9 March, 1846; they had *Fred L.*, *Louisa*, *Sarah E.*, one of these daughters m. John C., the son of the historian Bancroft; ELIZABETH R., b. 2 Aug., 1820, d. 18 May, 1880, at Ox., unm. [See "Learned Relief Fund"]; ABISHA S., b. 1823, d. 1825; ELLEN L., b. 1831, d. 1833.

5. JEREMIAH, son of Ebenezer (1), was prominent in public affairs, went with his brother on the expedition to Fort Edward, as ensign of Ox. company, promoted 1761 to captain. He was a royalist in the Revolutionary war, saying to a committee chosen to confer with him that he held several commissions under the King and could not violate his oaths of office. He was representative both before and after the war. State assessor in 1771, justice of the peace, in 1763 and for several years deputy sheriff, in 1788 delegate to Constitutional Convention, a supporter of the Universalist Society. He m. (1) 21 Dec., 1756, Elizabeth Hunt of Littleton, b. 3 April, 1735, d. 10 May, 1784; m. (2) intentions 13 July, 1785, Mrs. Mary Green of Thompson, Conn., who d. 2 Sept., 1793, no ch.; m. (3) 7 Oct., 1793, Dolly Barton, she d. 14 July, 1799; m. (4) 3 Dec., 1799, Mrs. Esther Weaver, of Thompson, she d. Sept., 1811; he d. 14 June, 1812. . . . Children: JEREMIAH, b. 29 Oct., 1757, physician at Leicester, where he d. 1 April, 1783, unm.; BENJAMIN, b. 6 Oct., 1759; ELIZABETH, b. 14 June, 1762, m. intentions 1 Oct., 1781, Benjamin Drury of Franklin, N. H., physician, resided at Spencer, she d. 5 July, 1820, he d. 1843, both at Spencer; they had *Jeremiah*, b. 1783; *Benjamin*, b. 1786; *Elizabeth*, b. 1789; *Mary*, b. 1791; *Ruth*, b. 1793; *Varney*, b. 1797; *Luke*, b. 1800; MARTHA, b. 13 Aug., 1764, d. 24 Oct., 1785, unm.; JONATHAN H., b. 9 Nov., 1766; EBENEZER, b. and d. 1769; MARY, b. 24 Dec., 1770, m. Joseph Atwood; ch. by third w.: MARTHA, b. 28 April, 1793, m. 18 April, 1813, Joseph Stone; JEREMIAH, b. 10 April, 1795; EBENEZER, b. 17 Jan., 1797, m. 12 Nov., 1826, Naomi Shumway, he d. 7 Oct., 1828, no ch., she m. (2) Erastus Evans; STEPHEN, b. 28 June, 1799, d. 31 July, 1827, unm.

6. BENJAMIN, son of Jeremiah (5), m. intentions 7 Dec., 1781, Lydia Pitts of Ward, b. 24 Oct., 1759, d. 9 Aug., 1839. He d. 26 Oct., 1811. . . . Children: ELIZABETH, b. 1 July, 1783, m. 25 May, 1802, Maverick Jennison of Ward; JEREMIAH, b. 22 May, 1786, m. Sarah Aldrich of Uxbridge, she d. 13 Sept., 1822, at Millbury, m. (2) 18 June, 1823, Charlotte T. Andrews of Greenwich, R. I., he d. 8 May, 1860; they had *Pitts A.*, b. 1811; *Sarah B.*, b. 1814; *Jane M.*, b. 1819; *Louisa*, b. 1821; *Charlotte G.*, b. 1824; *Jeremiah D.*, b. 1825; *Harriet W.*, b. 1827; *Benjamin F.*, b. 1828; *Emma E.*, b. 1830; *Prudence C.*, b. 1832; *Frances A. T.*, b. 1834; *Marion L.*, b. 1836; *Rizpah L. A.*, b. 1841; *Ednah V.*, b. 1848; BENJAMIN, b. 16 Aug., 1788; MARY and EBENEZER, b. 25

Sept., 1790; Mary, m. 31 Aug., 1854, George Seagraves, she d. 2 July, 1878 [town rec.], no ch.; Ebenezer, m. 1 Oct., 1816, Mrs. Cynthia, widow of Rufus Sibley, m. n. Wood, he d. 14 June, 1845, in Pennsylvania, she d. 1876, at Auburn; they had *Rufus D.*, b. 1817; *Lucian W.*, b. 1819; *Benjamin F.*, b. 1821, d.; *Lewis M.*, b. 1823; *Cynthia E.*, b. 1826; *Benjamin F.*, b. 1828; *Mary L.*, b. 1830; *Ansel S.*, b. 1832; *Fred H.*, b. 1837; *ABIJAH*, b. 18 April, 1793; *LYDIA*, b. 16 Dec., 1794, d. 1796; *LYDIA*, b. 15 June, 1797, m. 2 May, 1827, Solomon Woodward of Millbury, where she d. 1877, five ch.; *LEWIS*, b. 27 July, 1799; *PRUDENCE*, b. 7 Dec., 1802, m. 19 Nov., 1823, Oliver Clapp of Millbury, where she d. 11 Jan., 1832, four ch.

7. BENJAMIN, son of Benjamin (6), m. 26 Sept., 1813, Abigail Edwards. He d. 29 May, 1828, she d. 26 June, 1864. . . . *Children*: EBENEZER, b. 4 April, 1814, m. 1851, Mary Smith; JAMES, b. 20 Nov., 1815, d. 23 Sept., 1845, unm.; ABIJAH, b. 27 Feb., 1817, d. at Auburn, N. Y., 11 July, 1853, unm.; JEREMIAH N., b. 3 April, 1819, d. 21 Aug., 1843; OTIS, b. 18 Feb., 1821, d. 1823; ABIGAIL, b. 17 June, 1823, m. Nathaniel Emerson, third w., two ch.; OTIS, b. 16 Aug., 1825, m. 13 May 1849, Roxanna Jordan of Thompson, Conn.; had *Emma*, b. 9 June, 1851, m. 1 July, 1867, Thomas J. Greenwood of East Templeton; *Edna E.*, b. 1 April, 1856, m. 19 Aug., 1877, Alonzo J. Gale of East Templeton; the father m. (2) 7 Dec., 1867, Augusta Rosebrook of Ox. He d. 1884.

8. JONATHAN H., son of Jeremiah (5), m. 26 April, 1787, Annis, dau. of Dr. Alexander Campbell, removed about 1788 to Winchester, N. H., where all his children except the first were born, returned to Ox. before Sept., 1792, settled in the house now standing, built by his father for him, at the junction of the Leicester and Worcester roads. He was a successful practitioner, a leading Freemason. He d. 5 June, 1810, she d. 16 June, 1830, at Albion, N. Y. . . . *Children*: MARTHA, b. 1787, d. 1788; CHARLES H., b. 1 Aug., 1789, m. (1) 7 April, 1811, Mary Stockwell of Ox., she d. 17 Jan., 1816; m. (2) 9 Dec., 1822, Sabrina Wheeler of Williamstown, N. Y., he d. 30 May, 1869, at Oak Creek, Wis.; they had *Jonathan H.*, b. 24 June, 1812, at Ox., m. intentions 2 March, 1834, Sabrina Lamb of Charlton; *Lucian S. C.*, b. 9 Dec., 1813, at Ox., m. 1839, Lucy S. Lang, paper dealer in New York; ch. by second m.: *Stephen H.*, b. 19 Nov., 1823, at Albion, N. Y.; *Samuel C.*, b. 12 Sept., 1825; *Harriet M.*, b. 24 June, 1827, d. 1830; *Charles H.*, b. 16 April, 1830; *Asahel C.*, b. 15 March, 1834, at Brooklyn, O.; *DeWitt C.*, b. 23 April, 1836, at Brooklyn; *HENRY GREEN*, b. 17 Jan., 1791; *JONATHAN J. DEC.*, b. 2 Sept., 1792, m. 12 March, 1817, Clarissa C. Clark of Ward, settled at Albion, N. Y., where she d. 20 March, 1821, he d. 10 Sept., 1822; they had *Jonathan*, b. 1817; *Lucian C.*, b. 1819; *STEPHEN H.*, b. 31 Aug., 1795; *SOPHIA*, b. 12 June, 1798, m. Alfred Kingsbury.

9. HENRY G., son of Jonathan H. (8), m. 26 March, 1816, Phebe Pratt, b. 23 April, 179—, he d. 7 May, 1866, she d. 23 March, 1871, both at Shrewsbury. . . . *Children*: HENRY, b. 4 Nov., 1822, m. 28 March, 1828, H. Maria Wheeler of Worcester, residence, Shrewsbury; PHEBE LUPRELA, b. 10 Sept., 1825, m. 19 Feb., 1846, Edward B. Knight of Worcester, she d. 17 Nov., 1846; SOPHIA L., b. 27 Aug., 1827, at Leicester, m. 11 Dec., 1862, John B. Harrington of Shrewsbury; JULIUS, b. 9 Dec., 1831, at Charlton, m. 2 April, 1859, Sarah A. Hayes of Cambridge, he d. 11 July, 1869, at Shrewsbury, 1 dau.; CORNELIA, b. 30 Aug., 1834, at Ox., m. 28 Nov., 1867, Charles T. Barker of Pittsfield, had ch.

10. JEREMIAH, son of Jeremiah (5), m. 15 April, 1818, Susannah Stockwell, Capt. of militia, resided at the Col. Ebenezer Learned homestead, last of the name who occupied it, d. 10 July, 1829, she d. 19 Oct., 1873. . . . *Children:* LORING, b. 9 Nov., 1819, d. 9 Jan., 1862, in California, unm.; JEREMIAH, b. 23 April, 1821, m. 27 Dec., 1839, Jennie E. Warren of Worcester, wholesale grocer at Worcester, wealthy and highly esteemed, d. 1889; CLARISSA S., b. 6 July, 1823, m. Rufus G. Alverson; SUSAN, b. 7 Sept., 1825, m. 14 March, 1857, Joseph Kelley of Grafton, 3 ch., he d. 1866.

LUCY, dau. of William and Elizabeth, d. 29 Sept., 1757.

EBENEZER, son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth, d. 16 Dec., 1769.

LUCY, and Benjamin Cox of Barnard, Vt., m. 27 Jan., 1792.

WIDOW SARAH, aged 81, d. 30 Oct., 1822.

SYLVESTER, of Ward, and Calista Sly of Webster, m. 24 April, 1834.

WILLARD, and Harriet E. Stockbridge of Troy, N. Y., m. int. 25 Dec., 1847.

LYDIA, m. n. Pierce, aged 71, d. 25 Jan., 1860.

MRS. SARAH J., d. 3 Dec., 1871.

LAROAM, THOMAS, son of Michael, d. 24 Aug., 1837.

LARONY, ELLEN (Canadian), aged 44, d. 9 Oct., 1877.

LAW, LYMAN, b. 2 May, 1822, at Killingly, Conn., son of William, came to Ox. 1843, shoe cutter, m. 14 Oct., 1845, Emily S., dau. of Caleb Pope. . . . *Child:* FRANCELIA, b. 5 April, 1847, m. Byron C., son of Daniel Rich.

LAWRENCE, JOSEPH, m. intentions 23 April, 1825, Betsey S. Putnam. . . . *Children:* LYDIA N., b. 3 May, 1826, at Ward; SARAH E., b. 2 Oct., 1827; LUCY C., b. 7 Sept., 1830, at Leicester.

WIFE OF CHENEY A., d. aged 31, 18 July, 1835.

ANGELINE P., and Addison Bailey, m. 5 March, 1846.

NANCY, dau. of Joseph, and Simeon D. Holman of Auburn, m. 27 May, 1846.

JOSEPH, son of William, drowned 20 April, 1847.

LAVINA M., aged 12, d. 23 Aug., 1848.

OLIVER A., son of Joseph, and Jane A. Parks, m. 3 July, 1849.

ALMOND, aged 59, d. 2 Feb., 1854.

ELMIRA, aged 37, d. 14 Aug., 1860.

JOSEPH, aged 74, son of Levi, of Auburn, d. 18 Sept., 1876.

LEACH, MARY ANN, and Daniel R. Streeter, m. 15 Dec., 1830.

LEAVENS, ABEL, and Esther Muncil, m. 28 Aug., 1760. He was "servant" to Elisha Davis and a soldier in the French war, b. about 1741.

ELIJAH, taxed 1771, was later of Charlton.

LeCLAIR, FRANCIS, and Olive Bates, m. 2 March, 1835.

LeDOUX, GABRIEL (Canadian), aged 71, d. 25 Jan., 1882.

LEE, MORRIS, blacksmith, came to Ox. 1823 from Douglas with James Farwell, who employed him, active in Church affairs, one of the early workers in the Oxford Sunday-school, removed to Sutton, where he resided, 10 April, 1825. He m. intentions 13 March, 1823, Sarah T. Huse.

THOMAS (English), aged 37, d. 5 Oct., 1861.

MARIA B., widow, dau. of Nathan Bond of Wayland, a. 84, d. 2 Dec., 1882.

**LEMONT, PETER** (Canadian), aged 37, d. 31 May, 1866.

**LEONARD, JESSE**, and Martha Nobery of Taunton, m. int. 7 April, 1823.

**LESURE, NEWELL G. M.**, and Almira Darling, Dudley, m. int. 7 Aug., 1824.

**WILLIAM**, and Clarissa Dudley, m. 9 Nov., 1828.

**LEVERETT, JAMES W.**, of Fitchburg, and Sarah W., dau. of Rev. Amos Walton, m. 8 April, 1847.

**LEWIS, JABEZ**, of Spencer, m. 29 Jan., 1763, Rachel Wallis; ch. : **SUBMIT**, b. 14 July, 1763.

**JOHN**, taxes sunk 1767.

**WILLIAM**, Revolutionary soldier.

**MRS. RACHEL**, and William Smith, m. 11 Oct., 1781.

**EMELINE**, of Grafton, and Abner Smith, m. intentions 22 March, 1837.

**BETSEY**, and Samuel Vicars, m. intentions 12 Nov., 1837.

**LILLEY, LILLIE, DAVID**, of Sutton, m. 25 May, 1736, Anna Chase; had with others **DAVID**, b. 24 April, 1739, m. 23 Sept., 1762, Elizabeth Gibbs; their fourth child was **DAVID**, b. 17 Oct., 1773, m. 10 June, 1795, Polly Stockwell, settled in the east part of Ox., H. 17, in 1801, his father, then of Athol, buying the estate and making it over to his son David in consideration of a support during life. Here they built a trip-hammer shop and began the business of making scythes, hoes and other utensils at what is known as the "Bug" privilege, and here father and son both d., the former soon after settling. Elizabeth, his widow, d. at a very advanced age at Wilkinsonville. **David, Jr.**, d. 10 Jan., 1815, aged 41. His widow d. 9 Sept., 1862, aged 84, at Boston. . . . *Children*: **JOHN**, b. 28 Oct., 1795; **LEWIS**, b. 4 April, 1797, m. (1) 19 April, 1819, Ruth, dau. of Joseph Healy, she d. 25 June, 1822, aged 27, m. (2) intentions 8 March, 1823, Hannah Albee of Dudley, had **Ruth**, b. 25 April, 1825, m. Hon. Clark Jillson of Worcester; the mother m. (2) Smith Taft, later of Charlton, she m. (3) Rev. Moses Harrington, Baptist, of Sutton, she d. a widow at the residence of Mr. Jillson in Worcester, 29 June, 1867, aged 64; **DAVID**, b. 9 May, 1800, m. Phebe M., dau. of Caleb Davis, residence, Eddington, Me., d. 20 May, 1849, no ch.; **GIBBS**, b. 7 May, 1804, m. 11 Nov., 1833, Susan E., dau. of John and Mary Griggs of Sutton, merchant at Sutton, removed to Michigan City, Mich., thence to San Francisco, Cal., where he d. 16 June, 1853; they had **Susan**, b. 3 Oct., 1834, m. 27 Aug., 1856, Edward Dewey of Montpelier, Vt.; his widow m. 9 March, 1855, Dr. Julius Y. Dewey of Montpelier; **MARY**, b. 17 April, 1808, m. 27 Sept., 1881, Benjamin F., son of Maj. Archibald Campbell; **GEORGE**, d. 9 Aug., 1813, aged 3 years.

2. **JOHN**, son of David (1), m. 21 May, 1818 [Ox. Records], Clementina, dau. of Leavens Shumway, resided at Sutton and in New York State, returned to Ox., where he d. 14 April, 1834, aged 39, she d. 15 Dec., 1855. . . . *Children*: **ANN**, b. 13 Nov., 1819, m. George Dixon of Webster; **DAVID**, b. 14 July, 1821, m. (1) Sarah M., dau. of Lewis Fitts, she d. 25 April, 1859, m. (2) 17 June, 1860, Sarah J., dau. of Joshua Davis, and had **Sarah M.**, b. May, 1861; **Sarah J.**, the mother, d. 27 April, 1864, aged 25, m. (3) Marion E., m. n. Whiting, widow of Sumner Morse of Douglas, no ch., d. 27 June, 1871; **JANE**, b. 12 Oct., 1824, at Sutton, m. 11 March, 1847, Joseph Ireson, Jr., shoe merchant of Boston, where he d. 12 April, 1875; had **Joseph B.**, b. 1848, d. 1854;

*Charles L.*, b. 15 April, 1850; *Jane E.*, b. 30 Jan., 1852, reside at Boston; *JOHN LEAVENS*, b. 16 Sept., 1828, at Aurelius, N. Y., m. 25 June, 1856, Caroline W., dau. of Henry Adams, bought the Peter Shumway farm, H. 64, removed 1870 to Worcester, marketman, d. 13 Feb., 1884; they had *Caroline*, b. 30 Oct., 1857; *George L.*, b. 3 Aug., 1859; *Mary C.*, b. 1862, d. 1867; *John A.*, b. 5 Feb., 1868.

**THEOPHILUS**, merchant of Boston, bought in 1770 the Moore estate, formerly Hagburn's, on the east side of the main street, H. 205, including the Elijah Moore tavern stand, where he was a trader, exceptionally entitled "Mr." on the tax list, sold in 1772, soon returned to Boston. In 1774 he bought a farm in Brookfield. In court at Worcester, Sept., 1781, a complaint was made against him as an "absentee," that he had fled to Halifax and adhered to the King of Great Britain, etc., and the fact stated that he had d. at Halifax on the previous first day of Jan., owning said farm at Brookfield and shop for merchandise. The charges were sustained and said property confiscated to the State. August term of court, 1790, at Worcester, John Lillie of Boston, administrator of estate of Theophilus, late of Boston, had a case. In Dec., 1790, his widow Anne, of Halifax, executrix of his will, had also a case in court.

**DR. EBENEZER**, son of John and Abigail, of Dudley, b. 25 Aug., 1734, studied with Dr. Alexander Campbell. [In Nov., 1767, Dr. Campbell brought a suit against him, he being then of Dudley, declaring that "for three years previous to 1 April, last, he boarded the defendant and taught him the profession, art and practice of medicine," etc.] He m. (1) 12 Nov., 1762, Abigail Morris of Dudley, resided at Woodstock in 1784 and 1790, came when past middle age to Ox., having bought in 1799 the house near the North Common, now Willard H. Eager's, H. 181. She d. 9 Dec., 1806, at Ox., he m. (2) intentions 17 April, 1807, Polly, dau. of Peter Bonsey. He had a small practice, but was a good physician, removed 1807 to reside with Philip Brown in the South Gore and d. there before 16 March, 1812, at which date the Ox. selectmen petitioned the Probate Court for a guardian for his widow, who, as represented, was squandering his estate, valued at \$1,657.

**BETTY**, and Abner Sibley, both of Sutton, m. 28 May, 1766.

**MRS. ELIZABETH**, and Aaron Parker, m. 15 Jan., 1804.

**POLLY**, and Lyman Rockwood, m. 4 Oct., 1805.

**FANNY**, and David Wait, m. 3 Aug., 1806.

**JONATHAN**, of Barre, and Mary Ann Lamb, m. intentions 15 March, 1811.

**MRS. POLLY**, and John Blanchard, m. intentions 25 Sept., 1813.

**MRS. MARY**, widow of Dr. Ebenezer(?), and Asahel Bolster, both of South Gore, m. intentions 17 June, 1815.

**LINCOLN**, APOLLOS, and Phebe M. Rathbone of Warwick, R. I., m. 14 Jan., 1851. He d. aged 28, 28 June, 1852.

**ISABEL**, aged 18, d. 21 March, 1860.

**LUTHER**, aged 73, d. 6 Sept., 1866.

**LINDLEY**, AUGUSTA, aged 23, d. 4 Feb., 1827.

**LITCHFIELD**, LIBERTY, son of Capt. Comins Litchfield of Charlton, m. 24 April, 1826, Catherine, dau. of Nathan Thurston, settled at Millbury, machinist, resided at Charlton and Ox., in his later years shuttle maker at Southbridge, where he d. 23 March, 1878. . . . Children: **PLINY T.**, b. 16 Nov.,

1827, at Millbury, m. Maria Sykes of Suffield, Conn., residence, Southbridge, had ch.; **GEORGE A.**, b. 24 Jan., 1829, at Charlton, d. 4 June, 1847, at Southbridge; **SARAH B.**, b. 18 Jan., 1831, at Charlton, m. Henry C. Curtis, residence, Marlboro', had ch.; **MARY T.**, b. 22 Feb., 1833, at Ox., m. Henry C. Amidown of Southbridge, where he d.; they had *Katie*, m. Dr. Henry Leonard of Boston; **MARTHA**, b. 17 Oct., 1835, recorded at Ox., m. John M. Cheney of Southbridge; had *George M.*; **JOHN C.**, d. young; **DAVID T.**, b. 29 Nov., 1842, recorded at Ox., soldier three years in 36th Mass. Regt., d. 4 Jan., 1869, at Southbridge.

**SALLY**, of Charlton, sister of Liberty, and Schuyler Whitney, m. intentions 7 Sept., 1828.

**MARY**, and Josiah Towne of Sutton, m. 11 Oct., 1831.

**LIVERMORE, ELISHA**, b. 1751, son of Jonas of Leicester, Revolutionary soldier; after his return built a house on the 50-acre lot bought of Micah, his brother, in 1773, east of the river at N. Ox., H. 110; m. Ruth Eddy, who d. 30 Jan., 1838. . . . *Children*: **RUTH**, b. 12 May, 1776, m. her cousin Salem, son of Jonas Livermore of Leicester, where he d. 20 April, 1858, she d. aged 90, 2 Nov., 1866, at Ox., no ch.; **BETSEY**, b. 25 Aug., 1778, m. 11 April, 1802, Leavens, son of Abel Sibley of Sutton; had *Leavens* and *Eliza*, b. 17 Nov., 1804, Leavens d., Eliza m. Olney Bolster; **SILAS**, b. 28 March, 1781, m. Martha, dau. of Amos Putnam of Sutton, b. 25 Oct., 1781, settled at Leicester, card maker, removed to Lisle, N. Y., d. about 1820, she d. 3 Oct., 1852, at Worcester; they had *Silas*, *Elsie*, *Sarah*, *Elisha*, *Julia*; **PAUL**, b. 28 June, 1783, m. Sally Snow of Leicester, settled on the homestead, where he built a new house 1812, removed to Lisle, N. Y., thence to Millbury, and to Providence, R. I., where he d., nine ch.; **LYDIA**, b. 2 Feb., 1786, m. Daniel Fitts, Jr.; **ELISHA**, b. 26 July, 1788, fell dead in the highway in 1814; **LEVINA**, m. Moses, son of Moses Putnam of Sutton, removed to Hermon, N. Y., had ch.; **PARIS**, b. 10 March, 1794, m. Elijah Putnam, brother of Moses, removed to Hermon, four ch.; **SYLVANUS**, b. 16 Sept., 1796, m. Maria Rice of Millbury, resided at homestead, and Worcester, removed to Norwich, where he d.; they had *Augusta*, *Eliza*; she removed West; **ELSIE**, d. young; **LUCY**, b. 15 Sept., 1802, m. Calvin Stockwell.

**ABNER**, taxed 1771.

**LOCKE, EBENEZER**, son of Ebenezer (b. 1676, lived on the homestead at Woburn, where his father William, b. 1628, in London, settled), b. 28 April, 1699, m. Mary, dau. of Thomas Merriam of Lexington, removed to Hopkinton, admitted to the Church 1725, dismissed to Ox., 3 Sept., 1738. The date of his purchase here is uncertain. It was however before 4 June, 1738, in which year he was recorded as of Westboro', and at that date deeded the farm with a mansion house in Ox. to Amos Merriam of Lexington, brother of Ebenezer and Joshua of Ox. In 1744 Merriam reconveyed the same to Locke. His brother Samuel was once president of Harvard College. He is represented as having been rigid and severe in his religious belief. When the Baptist Church at Greenville was organized he was urged to attend service there, as the distance to Ox. was so much greater, but flatly refused, saying, "when you once get on the devil's ground it is hard to get off." He contracted in 1753 to build a mill for the proprietors at Warwick, which work was completed after several years. He d. at the house of his son-in-law Nehemiah Stone of Charlton, 12 Jan., 1775. . . . *Children*: **LYDIA**, baptized

1 Nov., 1724, at Hopkinton, m. 23 June, 1743, Elijah Town; HANNAH, b. 10 Dec., 1725, m. 1 Dec., 1748, Nehemiah Stone of Charlton; SUSANNA, m. 17 Jan., 1745, Silas Town.

EBENEZER, b. 5 Aug., 1737, son of Joshua and Hannah of Woburn, three years in French war, m. 13 Oct., 1759, Phebe, dau. of Collins Moore of Ox., settled at Ox., removed before 1762 to Erving, thence about 1770 to Rindge, N. H., and later to Rockingham, Vt., and Peterboro', N. H., and finally to Schuyler, N. Y., where he d. 24 Sept., 1812; she d. 12 May, 1820, at Rockingham. . . . Children: CYRUS, b. 16 April, 1760, at Ox., d. young; MARY; EBENEZER; LUCY; SAMSON; ALLIS; COLLINS; PHEBE; RUFUS; NATHAN; EDWARD J.

MRS. SUSAN, aged 60, d. 3 Nov., 1876.

LONG, ALFRED W., b. 19 Feb., 1833, son of Rev. Frederick, of Manningtree, Essex Co., Eng., who emigrated in 1834, settled at Aurora, N. Y., and 1884 preached at East Ashford, N. Y. Alfred W., m. (1) 6 Jan., 1861, Alma O., dau. of Ebenezer D. Rich, she d. 14 Aug., 1874; m. (2) 5 Dec., 1875, Arvilla E., dau. of Chandler Stockwell of Sutton; came to Ox. in boyhood, entered a shoe factory as employé, later was partner with L. B. Corbin for several years, and after the death of Mr. Corbin began business at Worcester with James F. Davenport, residing at Ox.; removed 1888 to Spenger, where he was foreman in a shoe factory; several years town clerk and selectman at Ox. . . . Children, by first m.: HARRIET R., b. 8 April, 1862, m. May, 1881, Frank G. Wallis, had ch.; LUMAN B., b. 14 April, 1865; SARAH O., b. 18 Dec., 1866, m. 6 Sept., 1887, Charles R. Vinton; ANNIE W., b. 18 April, 1874.

LORD, DR. JOSEPH, w. Lucy, kept the centre tavern 1783. ✓

LOVE, THOMAS, and family, resided at Ox. May, 1763.

LOVELL, EZRA, JR., of Millbury, and Olive Jennison, m. int. 7 Oct., 1815. ELIZA D., w. of Ezra, aged 26, d. 26 May, 1834.

LOVETT, PHINEHAS, b. 18 Aug., 1776, at Mendon, son of James and Betsey (Davenport), m. 13 March, 1800, Polly Wheelock, b. 11 March, 1779, at Uxbridge, bought land in the east part of Oxford, H. 17, in 1827; thrifty farmer; d. 5 July, 1858, she d. 10 Nov., 1849, aged 70. . . . Children, first seven b. at Mendon: HARRIET D., b. 27 June, 1801, m. 5 May, 1825, Alonzo Taft of Mendon; they had *Philo C.*, b. 6 Jan., 1826.; *Elizabeth*, b. 28 Dec., 1829; *John H.*, b. 11 Aug., 1839; she d. 1 July, 1858; CHARLES W., b. 17 March, 1804, unm., resided at homestead, d. 8 Feb., 1888; ELIZABETH D., b. 7 April, 1807, d. 27 May, 1834, unm.; MOSES, b. 1809, d. young; GEORGE L., b. 24 May, 1810, m. 16 Nov., 1846, Eliza J. Conant, residence, Fitchburg, wagon maker and millwright; had *Charles*, *Caroline*; CHARLOTTE M., b. 21 Sept., 1813, m. 15 April, 1840, Harvey W. Wilson, resided at Leicester, where both d.; they had *Emily F.*, b. 27 Aug., 1844; *Isabel M.*, b. 31 July, 1846; *Charles A.*, b. 26 April, 1848; *Daniel S.*, b. 19 March, 1856; JAMES A., b. 10 July, 1816, m. 23 Jan., 1856, Susan S., dau. of Sumner Howard, resided on the farm with Charles W.; had *Herbert E.*, b. 1 July, 1856, m. 11 Oct., 1887, Minnie A. Richards, had ch.; *Amelia E.*, b. 1859, d. 1867; *Walter A.*, b. 16 Nov., 1869; SILAS W., b. 12 May, 1819, at Northbridge, m. 23 Sept., 1846, Lucy A. Wood of Orange, he d. 25 Aug., 1851; they had a son, b. 1850, d. 1853; CAROLINE A., b. 9 May, 1823, at Sutton, m. 23 Aug., 1847, William F. Collier of

Worcester, she d. 7 Dec., 1848; MARY ANN, b. 11 May, 1827, at Ox., m. 6 Oct., 1858, Lucas P. Bean, he d. 15 July, 1859, aged 34.

**LOVEWELL, NOAH P.**, and Lucy S. Freeman of Melton, m. 30 Nov., 1836; had HESTER A., b. 1839.

**LOW, LOWE, LYMAN P.**, b. about 1808, son of Stephen, who m. Mrs. Ruth Green, m. n. Holden, of Warwick, R. I., came to Ox., 1844, bought the mill at south end of the Plain and was successful in making satinets; an honorable, energetic man, m. (1) Margaret R. Brown; m. (2) Harriet Hunt. He d. 17 April, 1849, aged 41; . . . *Children*, by first m. MARGARET R., m. William W. Pendleton, d. in R. I., had ch.; by second m.: STEPHEN E., b. 4 Aug., 1840, m. 15 May, 1865, Mary E. Peaslee, residence, St. Louis, State Agent Continental Ins. Co., New York; ch.: *Gilbert P.*, b. 1867; *Stephen E.*, b. 1871; *Montrose H.*, b. 1874; MOSES H., b. 26 March, 1842, teller Mechanics National Bank, Worcester; HARRIET A., b. 27 Sept., 1848, at Ox., m. Fred A. Chase, residence, Providence, R. I., had ch.

MRS. RUTH, mother of Lyman P., aged 78, d. 4 July, 1848, at Ox.

**LUDDEN, SILAS**, of Braintree, came to Ox. about 1812, m. 9 Nov., 1806, Mehetable, dau. of Nathaniel and Dorcas Thayer of Braintree, sister of Rev. Josiah Moulton's w., and of Gen. Sylvanus Thayer, commander at West Point and later engineer of the fortifications in Boston harbor. He was a scythe-maker, chorister in the Congregational Church, she d. 11 Nov., 1833, at Ox. he d. April, 1852, at Detroit, Mich. . . . *Children*: NATHANIEL T., b. 1809, m. 1835, Cornelia Johns, residence, Detroit, cattle dealer and successful business man, highly respected, d. 1846; DORCAS M., b. 1811, at Easthampton, m. intentions 26 Jan., 1834, Christopher C. Hewett, residence, Sutton, where he d., she removed to Ann Arbor, Mich., d. 1862; SILAS S., b. 1817, d. 1818; SILAS S., b. 1819, d. 1822; L. ALVIRA, b. 2 July, 1821, m. 1845, John M. Chase, resided at Ann Arbor, removed to Denver, Col.; MINERVA R., b. 1827, m. William Walker, residence, Springport, Mich.

**LUMBARD, WILLIAM**, of Brimfield, m. Desire, dau. of Simeon Allen of Sturbridge, where they settled. . . . *Children*: ELMEDA, b. 1799, m. Albgence Newell; WASHBURN, b. May, 1801, m. intentions 10 Nov., 1830, Betsey W. Robinson of Brimfield, no ch., he came in young manhood to Ox., opened a tailor's shop, succeeding his brother Sumner, and for many years was the leading man in the trade in the town. He was of decided character, quiet and retiring, active in Church affairs, and deacon from 1835 for many years. He d. aged 71, 10 Nov., 1872, she d. 31 Aug., 1879, aged 78, no ch.; SUMNER, b. 1803, m. 11 Feb., 1827, Bathsheba, dau. of Jeremiah Metcalf, tailor, resided at Ox. several years, removed to Worcester, where both d., she d. 19 Dec., 1863, had a son, d. young, and *Mary Elizabeth*, m. Alexis C. Soley at Worcester, removed to Truro, N. S., had ch.; AUREA, b. 1805; NELSON, b. 1807; AUGUSTA, b. 30 Oct., 1809, m. Jasper Brown; MATILDA, b. 20 Sept., 1811, m. Daniel T. Fuller; FITZ HENRY, b. 1815, d. at Worcester; ANN MARIA, b. 20 March, 1820, m. James B. Walker of Ox.

**LUTHER, JEREMIAH B.**, and Relief M. Balcom of Douglas, m. intentions 30 May, 1830.

ESEK, and Emma A. Gould of Douglas, m. intentions 3 Oct., 1839.

MRS. JOSEPH A., aged 69, d. 12 Nov., 1839.

**LYNDE, GEORGE H.**, aged 23, d. 10 July, 1859.

**LYON, REV. A. SMITH**, m. intentions 7 April, 1838, Caroline Phillips of Sturbridge. . . . *Child: MARY A.*, b. 3 Dec., 1841.

**SAMUEL**, aged 69, d. 18 Feb., 1850.

**MACKILWAIN, JAMES**, and Eleanor, had FRANCIS, b. 20 March, 1727, 4 years later was of Kingsfield, Hampshire Co., once called "The Elbows," trader, and 11 Aug., 1731, bought land in Worcester, which he mortgaged to George Bethune of Boston, who in 1734 took possession, representing that Mackilwain, late of Kingsfield, had "gone out of the Province."

**MAGINN, MRS. MINNIE F.**, d. 31 July, 1879.

**MAGNAR, MARGARET**, aged 23, d. 16 Jan., 1879.

**THOMAS**, aged 89, d. 21 April, 1889.

**MAHA, JOHANNA**, aged 32, w. of Michael, d. 12 March, 1851.

**MAHONY, CORNELIUS**, aged 52, d. 6 Aug., 1863.

**MRS. MARGARET**, aged 45, d. 9 June, 1871.

**MAKEPEACE, WILLIAM**, of Franklin, aged 92, d. 23 March, 1855.

**MALONE, MARY**, widow, aged 57, d. 10 June, 1882.

**MALONY, PATRICK**, aged 82, d. 21 April, 1881.

**MANN, THOMAS**, of Rutland, and Elizabeth Parmenter, m. 31 March, 1774.

**MRS. EMILY M.**, aged 20, d. 3 Sept., 1878.

**SAMUEL**, aged 45, d. 8 Dec., 1863.

**MANNING, SAMUEL**, b. 19 June, 1698, at Salem, son of Jacob and Sarah (Stone), descended from Richard of Ipswich. Samuel was a gunsmith, came to Ox. 1748, having bought the estate next north of the hotel property, H. 240. Selectman in 1756, moderator 1759, 1761, 1762. He d. 1774, will approved 10 Oct. In it he names his sisters Katharine, Sarah and Mary of Salem, granddaug. widow Hannah Weld of Salem, granddaughters Sarah and Elizabeth Manning of Salem, great-grandchildren Samuel, Mathew and Robert Martin, and grandsons Samuel and Robert Manning, who lived with him here, and were his residuary legatees and executors and who were to provide for his support.

2. **SAMUEL**, grandson of Samuel (1), m. 22 April, 1759, Sarah, dau. of Joseph Pratt, removed to New Salem, soldier in the French war, and sergt. in John Town's Co. 1775, marched on Lexington alarm.

4. **ROBERT**, grandson of Samuel (1), m. 11 July, 1765, Abigail, dau. of Nathaniel Eustis of Charlton. In 1776 her father d. leaving her in his will an estate of 38 acres and buildings, to which they removed from Ox. He d. there before 6 March, 1781, at which date she was appointed guardian of her ch. Revolutionary soldier, marched on Lexington alarm in Town's Co. . . . *Children, first four b. at Ox.: JACOB*, b. 26 Aug., 1767, m. 29 June, 1790, Abigail Morey, resided at Charlton; *NATHANIEL*, b. 27 Sept., 1769, m. 12 Feb., 1792, Anna White of Charlton, he was then of Rensselaer, Albany Co., N. Y.; *JOHN*, b. 6 Aug., 1772; *SAMUEL*, b. 22 Dec., 1774; *ABIGAIL*, b. about 1777; *ELIZABETH*, b. about 1779.

**DAVID**, Revolutionary soldier.

MARGARET, of Woodstock, Conn., and David Town, m. inten. Oct., 1742. Mrs. ANNA, aged 42 (Irish), d. 25 May, 1878.

**MANSFIELD, DANIEL**, b. 8 Oct., 1740, at Waltham, son of Samuel and Elizabeth, m. 2 July, 1761, Eunice, dau. of Thomas and Mary Fiske, settled at Shrewsbury, cordwainer, removed about 1762 to Ox., remaining until 1766 at least. He owned no land here. In 1784, then of Killingly, Conn., he bought a farm in Dudley and removed thither. . . . Children: **ELIZABETH**, baptized 16 Jan., 1763, at Shrewsbury, d. young; b. at Ox.: **ELIZABETH**, b. 6 Jan., 1764; **MARY**, b. 12 Feb., 1766; **JACOB**, baptized at Waltham, 14 Nov., 1773; **DANIEL**.

**MARA, DANIEL** (Irish), aged 24, d. 25 Aug., 1863.

**MARY**, aged 22, d. 20 Feb., 1860.

**PHILIP**, aged 24, d. 29 April, 1872.

**MARBLE, LUTHER**, descended from Freegrace of Sutton, one of the first settlers, who was son of Samuel and Rebecca of Andover, he had **ENOCH**, b. 1726, m. 1750, Abigail Holland, and had **AARON**, who m. Rebekah Putnam, and removed from Sutton to Charlton, where they d.; **LUTHER**, their son, was b. 8 March, 1793, at Charlton, m. Sophia, dau. of Nehemiah Stone, b. 1 July, 1795, settled at Charlton, removed to Sutton, thence to Ox., and later to the John Pratt place in the border of Auburn, H. 147, where he d. 3 April, 1883, she d. aged 82, 5 March, 1878. . . . Children, first four b. at Charlton, second four at Sutton, third four at Ox.: **LUCY**, b. 3 Oct., 1814, m. Sept., 1840, Albert Sherman, mason, removed to Uxbridge, he d. 1 Nov., 1857, she d. 26 Sept., 1857, 7 ch.; **JACOB**, b. 25 Jan., 1816, m. (1) 1 Sept., 1840, Lucy W. Alverson, and had *Truman*, soldier in the late war in the 36th Regt. Mass. Vols., d. in the service; *Agnes*; the mother d. 24 March, 1857; m. (2) 30 June, 1859, Elizabeth Parker, no ch.; **PALMER**, b. 7 Aug., 1817, d. unm. 4 Oct., 1847; **LIBERTY B.**, b. 31 March, 1819, m. 1 Jan., 1846, Elizabeth W., dau. of Solomon Woodward of Millbury, removed to Woodstock, Vt., miller; they had *Anna*, *George*, *Louise*, *John*, artist in New York city, *Edward*, musician, *Mary*, *Walter*, farmer in Illinois, *Grace*, *Lillie*; **LYDIA**, b. 4 Nov., 1820, m. 21 May, 1846, Russell B., son of Ezra Lovell of Millbury; had *Luther*, clerk in Savings Bank at Worcester, *Fanny*, m. at Millbury, *William*, d. 1884, *Mary E.*, resides at Millbury, *Charles*, clerk in Providence & Worcester Railroad office, *Nelly*; **FANNY**, b. 5 Aug., 1822, m. intentions 14 Dec., 1843, Fenton Barnes of Millbury, 2 daughters, he d. 18 April, 1854, she d. 4 Nov., 1854; **LUTHER**, b. 27 July, 1824, m. Oct., 1853, Mary A., dau. of Dexter Bugbee, he d. 18 Jan., 1859, she d. 26 April, 1856, had *Myron*; **WILLIAM H.**, b. 28 May, 1826, m. 4 Nov., 1854, Elizabeth Beveridge, dau. of John of Glasgow, Scotland, mason at Ox.; they had *Alice E.*, b. 12 June, 1857, m. 29 Sept., 1876, Solon, son of George Gibson, had *Agnes*, b. 12 Dec., 1878, *Robert*; *Calista*, b. 14 Sept., 1858, m. July, 1883, William R. Blanchard; *Mary L.*, b. 14 Oct., 1863; m. Pliny E. Kidder; *Flora M.*, b. 31 Dec., 1868; **SOPHIA S.**, b. 8 May, 1828, at Ox., d. 1848; **CALISTA A.**, b. 14 Oct., 1830, d. 26 Dec., 1853; **HORACE A.**, b. 29 July, 1833, m. 27 Nov., 1855, Mary A. Appleby, he d. 24 May, 1876; they had *William H.*, b. 17 Aug., 1856, Methodist minister, m. April, 1881, Mrs. Sarah, widow of Albert Bolton of Templeton; *Frank L.*, b. 26 Jan., 1858; *Harry*, b. 1 May, 1865; *Walter*, b. 5 March, 1867; *Emma F.*, b. 19 Oct., 1868; *Mary E.*, b. 17 Dec., 1869; **FRANCIS**, b. 13 July, 1835, d. 27 April, 1862, unm. at New York.

**SALLY**, of Grafton, and Charles B. Elliot, m. int. 23 Nov., 1821.

WIFE OF RUFUS, d. 12 April, 1829.

SIMEON R., and Caroline Brown, m. 29 May, 1844.

**MARCO, SALEM** (Canadian), aged 24, d. 29 Sept., 1869.

LOUIS, aged 27, d. 17 Jan., 1870.

THOMAS, aged 23, d. 8 Nov., 1871.

ELIZA, aged 54, d. 11 Feb., 1875.

**MARCY, MOSES**, b. 18 April, 1702, at Woodstock, Conn., son of John and Sarah, m. Prudence Morris, settled at Woodstock, where his eldest five children were born, removed 1732 to the vicinity of the falls on Quinebaug River, now Southbridge, having bought 2 Aug. of Capt. Peter Papillon 200 acres in Ox. township, including the water-power. Here he built a saw-mill. He joined the compact formed for the settlement of Sturbridge and in Nov., 1733, was voted a gratuity of 50 acres of land on condition of building a grist-mill, which he did. He became a leading citizen, filled all the principal town offices and was very efficient in raising and fitting out soldiers in the French war. He d. 9 Oct., 1777, his widow d. 28 March, 1779, both at Sturbridge. . . . *Children*, b. at Woodstock: DOROTHY, b. 18 Nov., 1723; JEDEDIAH, b. 1 Sept., 1725; MARTHA, b. 1 July, 1727, d. 1736; MOSES, b. 1 July, 1730; ELLIAH, b. 1 July, 1732, and recorded at Ox.: PRUDENCE, b. 9 Sept., 1734; MARY, b. 23 Aug., 1736; recorded at Sturbridge: DANIEL, b. 14 June, 1739; MARTHA, b. 27 Aug., 1741; MIRIAM, b. 20 Nov., 1743; MEHETABLE, b. 17 Aug., 1745.

**MARSDEN, JOHN W.**, and Mary H. Schofield of Dudley, m. intentions 21 Sept., 1844.

**MARSH, LOT**, b. 7 Oct., 1747, at Sutton, son of Benjamin and Rebekah (Carroll), m. Abigail Blanchard, settled at Sutton, removed 1778 to Dudley near Ox. line, where he d. 25 Nov., 1798; she m. (2) Dea. Ebenezer Humphrey. . . . *Children*, first three b. at Sutton: ABIGAIL, b. 1772, m. John Larned of Ox.; MEHETABLE, b. 1774, m. Joel Wakefield of Ox., removed to "Holland Purchase," N. Y.; LOT, b. 11 Oct., 1776, m. 16 March, 1800, Eleanor Coburn, no ch., he d. 9 Feb., 1845, she d. aged 69, 3 Sept., 1849; ch. b. at Dudley: JOSEPH, b. 8 Feb., 1779; ENOCH, b. 25 March, 1781, m. 2 April, 1809, Martha, dau. of John Larned, settled on a part of the homestead, where he d.; they had *Lydia*, b. 2 Feb., 1810, m. Russell White; *Daniel L.*, b. 24 March, 1812, m. Sarah M., dau. of James Cudworth; *Emeline*, b. 17 July, 1814, m. Samuel, son of Daniel Nichols, she d. 27 March, 1850, no ch.; *John*, b. 15 Sept., 1816, m. (1) 25 Nov., 1840, Sophia, dau. of Edward H. Shumway, no ch., m. (2) Mary Haven of Dudley, had ch.; *Lovisa*, b. 29 Sept., 1819, m. Danforth Burgess of Thompson, Conn., she d. 1885; *Phebe*, b. 17 Feb., 1822, m. Alanson Bixby of Webster; *Truman H.*, b. 14 Jan., 1827, m. 16 June, 1852, Sarah M., dau. of Lewis Shumway, settled on the homestead in Dudley, where he d. 23 Feb., 1881, she d. 15 Aug., 1888; they had Owen A., b. 15 Nov., 1854, d. 9 Jan., 1870; Elmer T., b. 23 Jan., 1858; Clement L., b. 18 Sept., 1860; Mabel L., b. 9 Nov., 1868, d. 25 Nov., 1884; *Martha*, b. 22 Jan., 1829, m. (1) Marcus Waldron of Dudley, m. (2) Samuel D. Smith of Charlton; ANNE, b. 9 April, 1783, d. 30 May, 1848, m. Hosea Upham of Dudley. [See Larned—8. JOHN.] THOMAS, b. 23 Nov.,

1785, m. 4 Feb., 1816, Abigail, dau. of Jonathan Nichols, owned and d. upon the Lot Marsh homestead in Dudley 4 Oct., 1864, she d. 27 April, 1876; they had *Abigail*, b. 16 Aug., 1816, m. Samuel Aldrich; *Lydia M.*, b. 11 Sept., 1818, m. Thomas Miles, and d. 29 Sept., 1847, no ch.; *Nancy*, b. 12 Feb., 1821, unm., d. 18 Oct., 1841; *Eliza*, b. 15 Aug., 1824, m. Charles C. Woodbury of Charlton, where he d. Sept., 1881; she d. July, 1891; *Thomas*, b. 13 July, 1826, m. 4 Feb., 1861, Isabella McRoberts, settled on the homestead in Dudley; they had *Sarah L.*, b. 2 Jan., 1862, m. 21 Dec., 1880, Jerry N. Durkee of Worcester, carpenter; *Henry L.*, b. 1 July, 1863; *Alice L.*, b. 12 July, 1865, d. 20 March, 1877; *Ella L.*, b. 9 Nov., 1866; *Martha L.*, b. 2 Sept., 1868; *Abigail L.*, b. 2 June, 1871; *Emily*, b. 5 May, 1829, d. 22 Aug., 1844; *Mary M.*, b. 18 Jan., 1831, d. 24 Sept., 1847; *Anna A.*, b. 27 Jan., 1834, d. 11 Sept., 1847; *PHEBE*, b. 7 April, 1788, m. Isaac, son of Jonathan Harris; *MARY*, b. 13 Dec., 1794, d. young; *ELIZABETH*, b. 1 April, 1799, d. young.

2. JOSEPH, son of Lot (1), m. 28 March, 1802, Bathsheba, dau. of Richard Coburn and settled on the homestead in Dudley, where he d. 15 Aug., 1812, she d. 26 Oct., 1832. . . . Children: SAMUEL C., b. 3 March, 1803, at Dudley, m. 13 May, 1828, Eunice A. Knight, b. 1 June, 1806, at Worcester, he d. 22 Aug., 1847, she d. 15 Dec., 1883, both at Worcester; they had *Anna M.*, b. 15 Feb., 1830, at Millbury; *Jerusha*, b. 3 Nov., 1832, at Millbury, d. 29 Nov., 1873, at Worcester; *Emma J.*, b. 29 April, 1838, at Worcester, d. 13 Aug., 1864, at Worcester; *Samuel C.*, b. 1840, d. 1842; *Eunice A.*, b. 18 Aug., 1843, at Worcester; *Charlotte E.*, b. 16 Jan., 1847, at Worcester; BETSEY, b. 26 Oct., 1804, m. 9 Dec., 1832, Daniel B. Smith; ELLIOT, b. 13 April, 1806; DARIUS, b. 8 Feb., 1808, m. (1) 16 March, 1828, Prudence Lindley, who d. aged 38, 30 Aug., 1845; they had *Jane*, *Gilbert L.*, *Caroline F.*, all d. young; m. (2) 1 Jan., 1846, Clarissa Bartlett, b. at Holden, and had *Emma F.*, b. 7 Oct., 1846, at Palmer, teacher 1885 at Charleston, S. C., for American Missionary Association, later teacher in Va., where she d.; he d. 6 Jan., 1851, at Ox., she d. 1871, aged 58, at Worcester.

3. ELLIOT, son of Joseph (2), m. 30 March, 1834, Mary Stockwell; cabinet maker and sexton. He d. 23 March, 1847, she d. 26 Dec., 1851. . . . Children: ALEXANDER D. W., b. 19 Nov., 1835, m. E. Ann, dau. of Olney Bolster, he d. soon after marriage; SAMUEL C., b. and d. 1837; ALFRED A., b. 12 Sept., 1841, d. 1849.

BENJAMIN, and Mehitable King, both of Sutton, m. 3. Jan., 1729.

ELIZABETH, and Ezra McIntire, both of Charlton, m. 20 July, 1756.

JONATHAN, of South Gore (?), Revolutionary soldier 1775 near Boston.

HANNAH, and Samuel Brown, both of Sutton, m. 2 Jan., 1782.

TYLER, and Sally Sibley, m. 7 Feb., 1793.

JOSHUA, w. Abigail, ch., SALLY, BETSEY, JOSHUA, resided at Ox. Dec., 1793.

SAMUEL, of Newfane, Vt., m. 25 April, 1802, Abigail Gleason of South Gore, and had LAURA, b. 24 Sept., 1803; ROYAL, b. 15 Sept., 1805.

MOSES, and Lois Wakefield of South Gore, m. 15 Dec., 1821.

LAURA, of South Gore, and Peter Sherman of Burrillville, R. I. (no date), m. about 1824.

GEORGE, son of Willard, d. 30 May, 1831.

HANNAH M., and Tarrant S. Sherman, m. 6 Feb., 1837.

LYDIA, of Dudley, and Thomas M. Maynard of Southbridge, m. 11 Sept., 1838.

MARY, aged 46, d. 26 Dec., 1851.

MARSHALL, Mrs. ELLEN W. (English), aged 26, d. 4 Dec., 1884.

MARTIN, JOSEPH, son of Abel of Sutton, b. 13 April, 1788, at Rehoboth, came in 1815 to Ox., settled at Timothy Aldrich place, H. 58, removed to Woodstock, Conn., and Charlton near Ox. line, his home at his decease, which occurred at Cornish, N. H., 25 Nov., 1838. He m. Mary D. Prentiss of Northbridge, b. 7 Dec., 1790, d. aged 91, 19 Aug., 1882, at Ox. . . . Children: LUTHER P., b. 4 Oct., 1810, at Northbridge, m. Angeline Bates, he d. 17 Feb., 1884, at Worcester, had ch.; MARY A. A., b. 1812, d. 12 Sept., 1830; JOSEPH, b. 1 Aug., 1814, at Woodstock, m. Huldah Ware, who d. aged 58, 31 Aug., 1873; had Austin W., soldier in late war; Ellen; Huldah J., d. aged 19, 20 Feb., 1864; Joseph R.; Abby; SARAH D., b. 13 Feb., 1816, at Ox., m. John Schaff (German); they had two daughters, both d.; ELVIRA E., b. 21 Feb., 1821, d. young; LEVI P., b. 31 Aug., 1818, at Charlton, m. 25 Nov., 1839, Jane Taylor of Ashby, who d. 21 Jan., 1879, at Worcester, he d. Jan., 1888, at Worcester; had Savalla, b. 1845, d. 1884; Elsie A., b. 25 Oct., 1851; EMILY and EMERY, b. 27 Sept., 1826; Emily, m. Martin Hubbard of Worcester, three ch.; Emery, m. Sarah Atwood, residence, Worcester, two ch.; MARY A., b. 12 Sept., 1830, m. George W. Rockwood of Worcester, he d. about 1880; one daughter.

CHARLES, and Naomi Shumway, m. int. 27 April, 1823.

CELINDA, and Alden Bisco of Leicester, m. 10 Sept., 1833.

PETER, and Bridget Slattery, m. int. 3 Jan., 1839.

MERRICK, of Woodstock, aged 42, d. 7 June, 1852.

Miss SARAH M., d. 13 Feb., 1860.

Mrs. ELLEN A., aged 28, d. 2 March, 1874.

MARVIN, JOHN, probably from Connecticut, m. 23 Oct., 1755, Rebekah, dau. of Jonathan Ballard, bought 1765 of Ephraim Ballard, his brother-in-law, the farm half a mile north of Augustback, H. 84, probably built the house burned in 1879, resided there till 1777, left town after Feb., 1782. . . . Children: SAMPSON, b. 16 March, 1756, Revolutionary soldier, m. 16 March, 1779, Mrs. Ruth (Gleason) Merriam, widow of Ephraim, resided at New Salem; REBEKAH, b. 30 April, 1758, recorded at Charlton, m. 9 Oct., 1781, Phinehas Kimball of Killingly, Conn.; MARY, b. 16 May, 1760; HANNAH, b. 29 Oct., 1763, m. intentions 14 Oct., 1786, Edward Barton; RUTH, b. 17 Jan., 1766; JOHN, b. 7 Jan., 1769; TRYPHENA, b. 11 Aug., 1771.

MASON, ADDIE, widow (Canadian), aged 85, d. 7 May, 1885.

Mrs. ROSE E., aged 39, d. 4 Dec., 1885.

MASTERS, WILLIAM, of Providence, R. I., m. 21 March, 1848, Freelove H. Green. He d. 29 Oct., 1873, aged 83, she d. 14 May, 1866, aged 66.

MATHER, HIRAM B. of Leicester, and Louisa Turner, m. 9 May, 1824.

MAXWELL, JAMES, aged about 23, d. 22 Feb., 1820.

MAYNARD, WINSLOW, of Westboro', m. 24 Feb., 1785, Rachel Parham of Upton; their son JOAB, b. 17 Oct., 1789, came to Ox. in 1813; in 1817 partner in trade at centre tavern store with Stearns Witt; 1818 trader near Town's Pond, later scythe maker, and paper manufacturer; removed about 1830 to Hamden, Conn., where he was partner with Francis Sibley of Ox., resided

later two years at Cheshire, Conn., and removed thence to Dudley, where he d. 31 Aug., 1840; a competent business man, but suffered from physical infirmity, selectman 1826–7 and from 1828 to 1830 assessor; resided on the Plain at H. 240. He m. 20 June, 1821, Betsey, dau. of Amasa Kingsbury, she d. 17 Oct., 1868, at Dudley. . . . Children: MARTHA M., b. 19 Dec., 1821, m. 13 May, 1845, Samuel D., son of Dr. Samuel P. Knight of Dudley, shoe merchant in Boston; they had *Eva E.*, *Jennie E.*; GEORGE, b. 2 Nov., 1823, merchant at Freeport, Ill.; CLARENDRON, b. 1825, d. 1826; CLARENDRON, b. 7 April, 1827, m. Ellen Ames of Salem, dry goods merchant in Boston, d. 26 March, 1873, at Cambridge; EFFINGHAM, b. 1 July, 1829, m. 25 April, 1865, Helen M. Hollister of New York city, publisher, of the firm of Clark and Maynard, school books; they had *Mary H.*, b. 1868; *Walter E.*, b. 1872; *Helen L.*, b. 1875; *Effingham*, b. 1879; EMELINE; JEROME, m. Lizzie Taylor, she d., he resided at Freeport, Ill., partner in trade with his brother George, one ch.

THOMAS M. of Southbridge, and Lydia Marsh of Dudley, m. 11 Sept., 1838.

**MAYO, JOHN**, of Roxbury. Elliot in record of Roxbury Church says: "Robert Gamlin, Jr., he arrived at N. E. on the 20th of the 3d month [1632] he brought only one child w<sup>h</sup> was the sone of his wife by a former husband, his name is John Mayo, he was but a child." John m. Hannah ——, had with others THOMAS.

2. THOMAS, son of John (1), baptized 16 Nov., 1673, m. 4 May, 1699, at Roxbury, Elizabeth Davis (sister of Dea. Samuel), b. 18 April, 1678. He d. 26 May, 1750. He bought in partnership with Weld and Samuel Davis the Bernon land in Ox., but did not settle here. . . . Children: HANNAH, b. 4 April, 1700(?), m. —— Richards; MARY, b. 22 May, 1702, d. 1718; SARAH, b. 30 May, 1705, m. —— Scarborough; ELIZABETH, b. 22 Sept., 1707, m. —— Bridge; JOHN, b. 17 Sept., 1709; THOMAS, b. 23 Sept., 1713; ABIGAIL, b. Sept., 1715, m. —— Wilson; JOSEPH, b. and d. 1717; MARY, b. 20 Feb., 1719, m. —— Griggs; JOSEPH, b. 28 Feb., 1721; MEHETABLE, b. 12 April, 1724.<sup>1</sup>

3. JOHN, son of Thomas (2), m. (1) 15 Feb., 1733, Mary, dau. of Isaac Larned, she d. 26 Sept., 1742, m. (2) 9 Nov., 1743, Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel Davis, he d. 27 July, 1752 [she m. (2) 12 Dec., 1754, Maj. William Larned of Killingly, Conn.], she d. 26 Feb., 1810. He was the first of the name to settle in Ox., resided on Bernon land, near the fort, Lieut. . . . Children: MARY, b. 7 March, 1734, d. 1742; THOMAS, b. 1735, d. 1736; THOMAS, b. 1737, d. 1742; ELIZABETH, b. 1738, d. 1740; JOHN, b. and d. 1740; THOMAS, b. 15 April, 1742; by second m.: MARY, b. 10 Oct., 1744, m. Jonathan Day of Needham; JOHN, b. 16 Dec., 1746; ELIZABETH, b. 14 Sept., 1748, m. 11 July, 1771, Salem Towne of Charlton, no ch.; SARAH, b. 12 Nov., 1750, m. 19 May, 1777, Joseph Keith of Dudley, she d. 11 Oct., 1811, 5 ch.; HANNAH, b. 7 Dec., 1752, m. 18 Dec., 1777, William Carter of Dudley, she d. 26 July, 1820, 8 ch.

4. JOHN, son of John (3), m. (1) 25 April, 1771, Sarah Day of Needham, she d. 29 Oct., 1803, m. (2) 23 Aug., 1807, Bathsheba, dau. of John Hudson, she d. 18 Aug., 1855, aged 96, he d. aged 87, 26 Oct., 1834, resided at the homestead. . . . Children: ELIZABETH, b. 29 Feb., 1772, m. Elijah Pratt; SARAH, b. 7 Nov., 1773, m. Asa Harris; JOHN, b. 1 Sept., 1775; JONATHAN, b.

<sup>1</sup> It is very easy to believe from circumstances that this Mehitable became the wife of Dr. David

Holmes, and that the statement that he married the daughter of Ephraim Mayo is an error.

24 Feb., 1778; POLLY, b. 9 Oct., 1779, d. 2 Sept., 1863, unm.; HANNAH, b. 1 March, 1781, m. 17 Jan., 1804, Peter, son of Gideon Sibley; REBECCA, b. 14 July, 1785, m. David Day, no ch.; LUCY, b. 24 Dec., 1787, m. Nathaniel Davis; SAMUEL, b. 2 July, 1791.

5. JOHN, son of John (4), m. 2 June, 1799, Lucy, dau. of Joseph Davis, settled on Bondet Hill, H. 38. He d. 27 Oct., 1859, she d. 13 Dec., 1856, aged 80. . . . Children: SALLY, b. 23 Oct., 1800, m. Cyrus Truesell, second w., no ch., she d. 11 Feb., 1875; JEB, b. 31 Dec., 1804, m. (1) 26 April, 1836, Sophronia Barnett of Walpole, N. H., she d. 26 July, 1839, m. (2) 1842, Mrs. Rebecca Searl, m. n. Wright, of Westford, he resided at Fitchburg 1835, removed 1849 to Ashby and thence 1879 to Montague, where he resided 1883; ch.: *Mary Jane*, b. 6 May, 1844; *John*, b. 8 June, 1845, d. 29 Oct., 1863; *Emily L.*, b. 1846, d. 1847; *Leri W.*, b. 28 May, 1848; *Elliot*, b. 2 Sept., 1849, d. 24 April, 1875; CYNTHIA, b. 24 Nov., 1806, m. Oct., 1828, Ziba Davis, she d. 12 March, 1846, he d. 13 April, 1872, at Dudley; they had *John M.*, b. 1829, *Sarah M.*, b. 1831, *Charles T.*, b. 1833, *Mary Ann*, b. 1840, *Lucy Jane*, b. 1842.

6. JONATHAN, son of John (4), m. (1) 17 Oct., 1804, Lois, dau. of Jacob Kingsbury, settled in the south part of Ox., H. 57, removed Oct., 1816, to Concord, Erie Co., N. Y., where she d. 2 Jan., 1852, m. (2) 1854, Mrs. Mary W. Drake; he d. 14 June, 1859. . . . Children, excepting the last two, b. at Ox.: JONATHAN, b. 4 July, 1805, killed 1824 by a falling tree; HIRAM, b. 3 Feb., 1807, m. Oct., 1830, Sally Woodcock, he d. 25 Oct., 1871; ERASTUS, b. 7 Feb., 1808, m. 13 Oct., 1831, Nancy Curtis of Skaneateles, N. Y., residence, Springville, N. Y.; HARRIET, b. 4 Nov., 1809, m. 12 March, 1826, Calvin Smith; SANDFORD, b. 11 April, 1812, m. 7 Nov., 1839, Lucy Stanbro, he was killed by railroad cars 1 Oct., 1883; NANCY, b. 25 Jan., 1814, m. 1841, Gifford Pierce, she d. 21 April, 1846; LUCY, b. 17 April, 1815, m. Nov., 1839, Origen Curtis; ORREN, b. 25 Sept., 1818, at Concord, N. Y., d. 16 April, 1870, unm.; GEORGE, b. 15 Aug., 1822, m. 2 Dec., 1845, Minerva Miner, he d. 17 Sept., 1860, sheriff of Erie County, N. Y., in 1859, served three terms.

7. SAMUEL, son of John (4), m. (1) 2 Dec., 1819, Celia Stone, she d. aged 24, 19 June, 1820, m. (2) intentions 7 Feb., 1825, Chloe Fitts of Charlton, she d. 13 Oct., 1864, m. (3) 18 Feb., 1865, Mrs. Lorinda C. Morse, m. n. Corbin, of Douglas, she d. aged 67, 23 June, 1867, m. (4) 11 Oct., 1867, Mrs. Julia Hilton, she d. aged 83, 8 Oct., 1875 [Ox. Records], he d. 14 March, 1874, had no ch.

PETER [descent given in History of Hardwick], son of Nathan, of Harwich, m. Bethia, dau. of John Smith, resided at Harwich until after 1810, removed to Wrentham and thence in 1821 to Slater's Village, South Ox., had 12 ch., some employed in the factory, removed to Hardwick, and d. 1857. Their second child was PETER, b. 24 May, 1802, came young to Ox., and was in the employ of Elihu Harwood as shoe bottomer. He m. (1) Pamela Twiss, and had *William* and three daughters. He removed to Barre and m. a second w., enlisted in the late war and d. in the service at Fort Adams, R. I. William, his son, m. Elizabeth, widow of Joseph Hilton, and resided 1888 at Webster, no ch.

SARAH, dau. of John, d. 9 Sept., 1797.

McCABE, MRS. MARIA, aged 53, d. 14 Feb., 1879.

McCLENNAN, JOHN, aged 30, d. 9 Sept., 1885.

**McCOON, JOHN** (Irish), aged 57, d. 1 Oct., 1864.

**MFARLAND, JOSIAH M.**, of Charlton, m. (1) 10 April, 1794, Hephisibah, dau. of Isaac Moflitt, she d. 4 Sept., 1803, m. (2) intentions 5 July, 1804, Hannah Smith of Charlton, removed to Maine (was of Augusta in 1806), where he brought up a family, cordwainer. . . . *Children* by first m.: JONATHAN, b. 3 Aug., 1794, lived at David Nichols', m. 13 Oct., 1816, Rhoda Arnold of Thompson, Conn., where they settled; JOSIAH, b. 27 March, 1796, lived at David Nichols'; POLLY, m. Larabee Wetherell of Pomfret, Conn.; HEPHSIBAH, m. William A. Jordan and settled at New Boston, Conn.; JARED, d. young.

2. JOSIAH, son of Josiah M. (1), m. (1) 15 Feb., 1818, Betsey, dau. of Amos Shumway, she d. 21 Aug., 1846, at Webster, m. (2) 18 Oct., 1847, Mrs. Ruth W. Graves, blacksmith, lived at several places in Ox., last at the Ox. Woolen Co. village, whence he removed in 1842 to Webster, resided there till 1857, and removed to Winona, Minn., d. 12 Oct., 1859. He was many years chorister at the Ox. Congregational Church; a worthy man. . . . *Children*: LAURA E., b. 3 Oct., 1819, m. 6 Oct., 1840, William Wood of Dudley, resided at Dayville, where both d., he d. 1889, she d. 1890, two ch.; DAVID M., b. 2 June, 1821, m. 17 Sept., 1849, Ann Powers of Vt., resided at Jewett City, Conn., miller, removed to Putnam, Conn., d. 10 Aug., 1868; had Ann, m. Vernon Woodward, residence, Hudson; Henry, m., residence, Southbridge, two ch.; Charles, residence, 1888, Gale's Ferry, Conn.; Frank, residence, Ox.; JOHN, b. 19 April, 1823, m. 6 Oct., 1848, Nancy A. Black at Brattleboro', Vt., resided at Greenfield, where he d. about 1887, had ch.; MARY M., b. 1 Jan., 1827, m. 11 Sept., 1850, John E. Buckman of Woodstock, Conn., no surviving ch., she d. 24 Oct., 1889, from an accident while at Webster; EMILY, b. 8 July, 1829, m. 26 Nov., 1851, J. C. Davis of Woodstock, soldier in the late war in the 18th Regt. Conn. Vols., and a prisoner at Andersonville, Ga., where he d., had ch., she resided at Crete, Neb.; JULIA, b. 16 May, 1831, m. Sept., 1855, Daniel L. Palmer of Goshen, Conn., no ch.; LUCY A., b. 5 July, 1833; CELIA J., b. 23 May, 1836, m. 1 May, 1856, Henry C. Torrey of Charlton, carriage maker at Central Village, Conn., two daughters, both m.; HENRY, b. 29 April, 1838, m. 15 March, 1868, Harriet Lindley of Princeton, Ill., harness maker at Leland, Ill., d. about 1886, had ch.

**MCGILL, THEODORE**, aged 26, d. 6 Nov., 1864.

**MGRATH, MRS. MARY** (Irish), aged 39, d. 30 Dec., 1862.

PHILIP, aged 48, d. 5 April, 1886.

NELLIE, dau. of Philip, aged 20, d. 22 Dec., 1888.

**MCINTIRE.** A memorandum at the N. E. Historic-Genealogical Society Rooms, Boston, copied from the Bible of Dea. Jeremiah McIntire, Sept., 1848, says the family was Scotch, that prisoners of the name under Cromwell were banished to New England, and came and made a home at York, North Parish, Me., about 1649 or 1650. They there built a garrison house thirty feet square, two stories, the second projecting over the first. Six generations had then been born in the house, and it was still occupied, and had always been a place of free resort to the numerous descendants. The family became wealthy and large landholders.

MICUM, had sons JOHN, DANIEL, ALEXANDER.

JOHN, m. Grace, and had at Ox., ELIZABETH, b. 15 Oct., 1724; MARTHA, b. 6 Aug., 1726.

EBENEZER, was of Lynn 7 Oct., 1733, and then bought 100 acres in Ox. [No record of family.]

OBADIAH, was of Ox. 13 Oct., 1733, and then bought 100 acres in Ox. [No record of family.]

THOMAS, was of Ox. in 1734, and bought land here of Abel McIntire of Salem.

NATHAN, of Ox. 1735.

DANIEL, was of Ox. 12 June, 1734, and then bought 100 acres in "Oxford Farms." [This term was applied to the territory lying between the west Village line and Charlton.] He m. [second w. ?] 9 Feb., 1734, Elizabeth Gleason; had sons DANIEL and JOB, probably by former wife.

DANIEL, son of Daniel, m. Elizabeth, and had PHEBE, b. 10 March, 1746; ASA, b. 12 Sept., 1748; DANIEL, b. 18 Sept., 1750; ELIZABETH, b. 2 May, 1754; received before 1750 a farm from his father in "Oxford Farms."

JOB, son of Daniel, m. 29 May 1750, Abigail McIntire, and had JOB, b. 20 June, 1751; and recorded at Charlton, DANIEL, b. 5 June, 1768; received, 1750, 52 acres from his father at "Oxford Farms"; 6 Aug., 1777, Job McIntire was administrator of estate of Job McIntire. [The "McIntire road" led west from Rockdale Village, North Ox.]

JOSEPH, m. 7 Sept., 1752, Rebecca Harwood, and had JEMIMA, b. 15 Oct., 1753; and recorded at Charlton, JERUSA, b. 28 Jan., 1757; EUNICE, b. 29 July, 1763; DARIUS, b. 3 May, 1766; ELI, b. 18 Nov., 1777.

SYLVESTER, of Charlton, lived in his youth at Stephen Prince's; m. 13 April, 1820, Clarissa Stockwell, resided at Ox., no ch.; hotel keeper, land surveyor; he d. 11 Nov., 1843, aged 53, she d. 22 Nov., 1882, aged 89.

AARON, was in 1805 trader at the centre tavern store. In 1806 he was of Charlton.

MOSES W., son of Elkanah, b. 11 Sept., 1832, at Charlton; shoemaker; representative from Ox. 1870; d. aged 42, 7 July, 1875, at Springfield.

EZRA, and Elizabeth Marsh, both of Charlton, m. 20 July, 1756.

OBADIAH, JR., and Sarah Hilliard, both of Charlton, m. 9 Dec., 1756.

ZEBULON, and Hannah McIntire, both of Charlton, m. 19 May, 1757.

NOAH, sol. in Fr. war, and Elizabeth Hill, both of Charlton, m. 2 Feb., 1758.

ELEAZER, JR., and Elizabeth McIntire, both of Charlton, m. 3 May, 1759.

ELIJAH, and Hannah Wilson, both of Charlton, m. 6 June, 1782.

HANNAH, and Nathan Dennis, both of Charlton, m. 30 July, 1793.

AMOS, of Charlton, and Sarah Billings Hayward, m. 23 Feb., 1796.

ROBERT, of Charlton, and Mrs. Esther Todd, m. int. 27 April, 1799.

NATHAN, of Charlton, and Sally Carey, m. int. 3 March, 1803.

HULDAH, of Charlton, and Samuel Amidown, m. int. 11 Feb., 1804.

MIRIAM, of Charlton, and Jabez Corbin of S. Gore, m. int. 18 May, 1818.

SALLY C., and John W. Woodward of Ward, m. 31 July, 1825.

MCKAY, ALEXANDER, of Oxford, tailor; had a case in court Aug., 1734; was soon after of Brookfield.

MCKINLEY, ARCHIBALD (Scotch), aged 67, d. 6 June, 1875.

MCKNIGHT, THOMAS, was of Ox. 1732, m. Susanna ——, and had JAMES, b. 15 Nov., 1732; ELIZABETH, b. 10 March, 1734; SUSANNA, b. 10 May,

1736, m. 3 Oct., 1759, William Simpson; THOMAS, b. 24 May, 1738, Revolutionary soldier, m. 1 March, 1764, Abigail Gould of Sutton, and had *Sarah*, b. 22 May, 1764, m. 29 May, 1792, Jonathan Pray; *James*, b. 11 March, 1766, was of Douglas, m. 12 June, 1788, Sarah Farnum; *John*, b. 13 March, 1768.

The McKnights lived in what is now Douglas near Manchaug Pond, on the farm originally of Oliver Coller. On 1 March, 1739, Isaac, son of Oliver Coller, deeded to Thomas McKnight of Stow, the improvements he and his father had made on the lot of Province land they had occupied. On 14 Dec., 1744, a Committee of the Province for the purpose deeded to Joseph Gould then living on said land, 160 acres and improvements, bounded north by Manchaug farm; 17 May, 1745, Gould sold to Thomas McKnight, then living on the premises, a part of the same; 30 Jan., 1769, McKnight, sold to Stephen Bullen. On 29 Nov., 1757, Thomas, Jr., bought 30 acres in Douglas near Manchaug Pond, which he sold in 1797 to James, perhaps his son.

LEMUEL, of Sutton, and Ann Putnam, m. 15 Feb., 1795.

ELISHA, and Martha Carter, m. 4 July, 1801.

MCLANE, Mrs. KATE (Irish), aged 32, d. 21 Nov., 1869.

McMAHON, Mrs. ELIZA, aged 30, d. 5 Oct., 1877.

MCNISH, ROBERT, and Jane Simpson of Leicester, m. int. 17 Sept., 1837.

MELENDY, JAMES, of Charlton, and Mrs. Abigail, widow of Daniel(?) Kingsbury, m. 26 Sept., 1826.

MELLEN, SIMON, of Framingham, son of Simon, grandson of Simon, m. 1711, at Framingham, Esther, dau. of John Town, and had with others DAVID, b. 10 March, 1722, m. 20 June, 1744, Mary Maverick of Sudbury. He d. aged 80, 10 Oct., 1801, at Ox. Taxed 1771; chosen grave-digger in 1776, continued until 1782, at least: they had *Ann*, b. 8 Feb. 1745, at Framingham, family removed to Ox. where they had *John*, b. 10 Aug., 1750, Revolutionary soldier; *Mary*, b. 19 March, 1753; *Lucy*, b. 1756; *David*, b. 14 May, 1759. ESTHER and ISRAEL, b. 22 March, 1725, Esther, m. int. Sept., 1751, James Shafter. [Simon of Framingham m. there 11 Oct., 1744, Susanna Haven, bought 1751 H. 188, at the north end of the Plain, and probably occupied it, sold in 1756 to his brother David. In Oct., 1795, Susanna, widow of Simon, was living with Nathaniel Pike, Hopkinton. On 5 Jan., 1796, he gave a bond to Ox. selectmen to support her through life, indicating her former residence at Ox. Barry thought her a second w.]

2. DAVID, son of David (1), m. Grace Stoddard of Hingham, resided at Oakham, North Brookfield and Ox.; d. about 1830, at Charlestown. . . . Children: SAMUEL; ABEL; ADELINE; IRA, b. 1799; DAVID, b. 1804, d. 1835, at Charlestown; THOMAS S., b. 1807; GEORGE W.; and b. at Ox.: CATHERINE, b. 15 July, 1812, d. about 1829; b. at North Brookfield: MARY M., b. 6 Aug., 1814, m. John Chamberlain of Charlestown, and d. there about 1836; JAMES, b. 1 Nov., 1816, m. 1837, Sarah A., widow of his brother David. He d. 1876, at Cambridge. [See North Brookfield History.]

ABNER, son of James of Framingham (?), m. 15 May, 1771, Mary Merritt (or Marish) of Charlton, where they resided from 1773 to 1787 at least, removed to Ox. where they lived early in the present century nearly opposite the town hall, H. 192. He d. 7 April, 1821, she d. 25 Dec., 1819, aged 73; was sexton from 1793 to 1819. [Abner Mellen was ill at a time when dysentery

was very fatal among the children of Ox. and bewailed his misfortune in consequence, saying it was "just his luck—dish bottom side up when it rained porridge."] . . . Children, b. at Charlton: LUCY, b. 31 Dec., 1773, m. John Fessenden; DAVID, b. 4 Aug., 1775; ABNER, b. 29 Jan., 1781, sailor, m. intentions 4 Aug., 1800, Asenath Seaver of Shrewsbury; MARY, b. 5 Sept., 1783, m. (1) —— Weld, m. (2) Ichabod Holley; LEWIS, b. 9 Oct., 1787, m. 11 Jan., 1808, Rachel Cook, settled in Rhode Island; GEORGE.

JOSHUA, brother of Abner (?), m. 1771, Rebecca H. Mellen [Jones?], at Hopkinton, came late in life with three daughters to Ox.; was decrepit and aided by the town! He d. 30 Jan., 1828, aged 79, she d. 19 July, 1837, aged 88. . . . Children: POLLY, d. unm. 31 May, 1839; REBECCA H., m. James Collier, no ch.; SARAH P., d. unm. 30 Oct., 1847, aged 55.

JOSHUA, and Nancy Morgan, m. int. 13 July, 1800.

POLLY, and Moses Weld (or Wells), m. 31 Jan., 1811.

WILLIAM, and Persis Smith, m. int. 22 Aug., 1829.

HENRY, of Grafton, and Lydia Stafford, m. 24 Oct., 1841.

REBECCA, aged 63, d. 10 Aug., 1847.

**MELLISH, SAMUEL**, b. 1729, at Boston, resided at Dorchester, had JOHN, b. 1758, five years ifer in the Revolutionary army; had JOHN, b. 4 Feb., 1801, carriage maker 1820 at Walpole, came to Ox. 1821, began business with Seth Daniels, built 1825, the house, II. 204, later a teacher, efficient in educational affairs, removed 1831 to Millbury, and 1839 to Auburn, 35 years justice of peace, prominent democrat. He m. 16 Oct., 1823, Cyrene, dau. of Peter Smith of Walpole, d. 4 Sept., 1875, at Auburn, she d. 29 Dec., 1867, at Southbridge.

. . . Children: JOHN H., b. 30 Aug., 1824, was graduated 1851 at Amherst, and 1854 at Andover, settled 14 Feb., 1855, at Kingston, N. H., dismissed June, 1867, acting pastor at Dayville, Conn., from Jan., 1868, to April, 1871, at North Scituate, R. I., from June, 1871, to June, 1880, removed to West Tisbury; he m. 1 Jan., 1856, Sarah A., dau. of David W. Lane of North Brookfield, and had *Florence*, b. 5 Dec., 1856, at Kingston; *Bertha L.*, b. 1 Jan., 1877, at North Scituate, R. I.; HENRY C., b. 28 Jan., 1826, unm., d. 7 Feb., 1858, near Decatur, Neb.; *CYRENE A.*, b. and d. 1828; WILLIAM H., b. and d. 1829; DAVID B., b. 2 Jan., 1831. From childhood he had a great love of knowledge and read much. He in youth committed to memory a large amount of poetry and was the life and soul of a club of lads which he led in meetings for declamation, etc. He studied at Leicester and Warren Academies, was several years apprentice in the *Spy* printing office, Worcester, in 1849 in the *Cambridge Chronicle* office, in 1850 with the *National Intelligencer*, Washington, and thereafter in various printing offices in Boston, Philadelphia, New York and other places, teaching school in each winter until the winter of 1855-6 when he became shorthand amanuensis for C. Edwards Lester of New York. In Oct., 1856, he engaged with O. S. Fowler, went West on a lecture tour with him, and thereafter relinquished printing and continued in Fowler's publishing department, and as his business agent on his tours, writing for the eastern press as opportunity offered. In 1860 he joined the staff of the *New York Tribune* as shorthand and general news reporter, doing a large amount of service for several years. Not far from 1860 he was appointed Stenographer for the Police Department, New York, at the same time serving in the same capacity the Board of Health, and in the meantime keeping up his writing for the press, and receiving private pupils in Stenography.

During the first years of the Rebellion he furnished such accurate reports of events and speeches in the city and vicinity that some of them have become acknowledged authority in historical works. As he was known as an accomplished reporter the publishers of Appleton's Cyclopedie employed him to write an article on the subject for the edition which they began to publish about 1861. Later he was invited to write a similar article for a revised edition, but was obliged to decline on account of other engagements. In 1872 he furnished leading political articles for the *New York Times*.

His brother to whom we are indebted for the principal facts of this sketch, writes "I cannot fix the time when he lost his position as Stenographer to the Police Department. His singular capacity and faithfulness in long service were not questioned. His offence was a most emphatic, determined and effective opposition to Tammany Republicanism. It was essential that Tammany for their greatest success should own men and their influence, provided with the fattest offices receiving large additional pay on account of their official connection with certain city boards, men who were ostensibly Republicans but working in the interests of Tammany. The political trickery of certain Republicans thus playing into the hands of Tammany was the cause of his dismissal from his office."

Very shortly after the action of the Police Commissioners in removing him he was made appointment clerk in the U. S. Collector's Office at New York with a salary of \$1,800. In May following he resigned the office to take the appointment of Assistant Appraiser with a salary of \$3,000. This office he resigned 1 March, 1873.

His nomination to represent the 9th New York District in the 39th Congress was in the fall of 1872. At the time of his dismissal from the service in the Police Department he held the appointment of Chief Supervisor of Elections for the assembly district. In the discharge of the duties of this office he gained a reputation for honesty and efficiency among those outside his own party. One of the main rallying points of his supporters for Congress was "Honest elections." His efforts and those of his friends in the conduct of this canvass were amazing. Printed documents, personal appeals and large public gatherings were the means used, and an enthusiastic support was accorded him. Many Democrats voted for him because they liked the man. The result was his election. He ought now to have allowed himself rest. But believing that the question of finance would become prominent in national legislation he gave himself zealously to its study and consideration. He took his seat in March, 1873, and being accustomed to thoroughness in all his duties, applied himself to his labors on the several committees to which he belonged with his habitual ardor. Soon it became study and writing day and night, and the strain was beyond mortal endurance. The last of his speaking in Congress showed that the balance of his mind was lost. Acute mania set in and he was taken from his residence to the government hospital for the insane 12 May, 1874, and died 11 days later.

Thus passed away at 43 years of age one of the most remarkable young men Oxford has produced. Soon after his death his widow was appointed to a clerkship which she held until near her decease in 1880.

He m. 3 March, 1862, Lucy M., dau. of Newton Fitch, b. 4 April, 1837, at Amherst; they had (all b. in New York city). Alice M., b. 8 May, 1863, Edwin A., b. 12 May, 1866, William C., b. 11 Oct., 1870; she d. 2 May, 1880, at Washington, D. C.; ANN MARIA, b. and d. 1835, at Millbury; CAROLINE

E., b. 8 Sept., 1836, at Millbury, m. 21 Nov., 1861, Charles A. Cushman, resided at Dayton, O.; had *Augusta*, b. 1862; *Fred. M.*, b. 1865, *Roberta*, b. 1875; *GEORGE H.*, b. 5 Feb., 1840, at Auburn, m. 12 Dec., 1865, Emeline L., dau. of Abram Flagg, printer and stenographer, reporter for Police Department in New York city; *MARY L.*, b. 11 Jan., 1842, at Auburn, m. 10 July, 1865, Rev. Franklin C. Flint of Shrewsbury, who d. 23 March, 1876, at Shrewsbury, she d. 26 March, 1881, at Worcester; they had *Cyrene L.*, b. 1867, at Chatham; *Generieve S.*, b. 1870, at Southbridge; *Marion L.*, b. 1875, at Westboro'.

**MERRIAM, MERIAM, MIRIAM, WILLIAM**, of Hadlow, Kent Co., Eng., d. at that place 23 Sept., 1635. He had sons **JOSEPH**, **GEORGE** and **ROBERT**, who came to America, resided at Concord. The male line in the families of the two latter became extinct, and from **JOSEPH** descended all of the name in the country, so far as known, excepting those who have assumed it. **JOSEPH**, son of Joseph, b. in Eng., about 1630, came with his father, m. 12 July, 1653, Sarah, dau. of Gregory Stone of Cambridge, and had 11 ch., among them **THOMAS**, b. 1672 [who m. Mary Harwood and had with others Mary, who m. Ebenezer Locke of the North Gore], **ROBERT**, b. 1667 [who m. Abigail Hayward and had with others **JONATHAN** and **HEZEKIAH**, who came to the Gore in 1729], and **JOHN**, b. 30 May, 1662, m. 1688, Mary Wheeler, deacon and prominent at Cambridge Farms. John and Mary had with others **EBENEZER**, b. 4 March, 1706, at Lexington, and **JOSHUA**, baptized 22 Feb., 1708. These two with their cousins Jonathan and Hezekiah, above named, bought 400 acres in the Gore in 1729. Jonathan remained here until 1734, when he sold to Isaac Hartwell and returned to Lexington. The others settled here. [See Homesteads 103, 104.]

2. **HEZEKIAH**, son of Robert, b. 30 May, 1707, at Lexington, m. 1725, **Prudence** ——, resided in the Gore, H. 103, sold his farm in 1765 and in 1770 bought H. 114 and removed thither, physician, removed after 1792 to Ward, where he d. 24 Oct., 1803, aged 97. . . . *Children*: **PRUDENCE**, b. 14 Aug., 1731, m. Lemuel Edwards; **HEZEKIAH**, b. 15 June, 1734; **ROBERT**, b. 24 Aug., 1735, soldier in the French war, d. 7 Oct., 1758; **SARAH**, b. 30 Sept., 1737, d. 2 Sept., 1759; **JOANNA**, b. March, 1740, m. Joseph Edwards; **ABIGAIL**, b. 24 March, 1742, m. 18 June, 1761, Jacob Pierce; **HANNAH**, b. 19 April, 1744, m. intentions 11 June, 1763, Joseph Muzzy, Jr., of Shrewsbury; **LUCY**, b. 18 May, 1746, m. 15 April, 1767, Benjamin Keyes of Shrewsbury; **PERSIS**, b. 16 Aug., 1751, m. 29 June, 1791, Abner Clatlin of Sandisfield(?); **SARAH**, b. 1753, d. 1759; **JONATHAN**, b. 1756, d. 1759.

3. **HEZEKIAH**, son of Hezekiah (2), m. 3 April, 1755, Sarah Clatlin, physician, settled in the Gore, d. 2 Sept., 1759, she m. (2) 13 Jan., 1763, John Crowl of Leicester. . . . *Children* of Hezekiah and Sarah: **ELEANOR**, b. 14 Feb., 1756; **PERLEY**, b. 13 Dec., 1757; **HEZEKIAH**, b. 6 Feb., 1760.

4. **EBENEZER**, son of John and Abigail (Wheeler), m. (1) **Esther**, dau. of Thomas Gleason, she d. 8 Dec., 1740; m. (2) 17 Sept., 1747, Elizabeth, dau. of Ebenezer Locke; he d. 20 Aug., 1761, she d. 1 May, 1797, aged 77; resided at the late Jotham Meriam place, H. 103. . . . *Children* by first m.: **EBENEZER**, b. 28 March, 1734; **MARY**, b. 14 Sept., 1735, d. 30 Oct., 1749; **WILLIAM**, b. 1737, d. 1738; **ESTHER**, b. 11 April, 1739, m. 15 Oct., 1767, Dr. Isaac Burnet of Warwick, and Dummerston, Vt.; ch. by second m.: **ELIZABETH**, b. 1 June, 1748, m. 30 May, 1770, Benjamin Tewell of Warwick, resided at Weathersfield, Vt., he d. 8 July, 1819, she d. 21 June, 1790, at Warwick; **JOTHAM**, b. 15

Aug., 1749; PHEBE, b. 21 Jan., 1751, m. 26 Nov., 1772, Stephen Pratt; MARY, d. 30 Oct., 1749; JONATHAN, b. and d. 1753; EPHRAIM, b. 8 July, 1755, m. 10 April, 1775, Ruth Gleason; had *Zeruiah*, b. 25 May, 1776; resided in the Gore, where he d. 1776 or 1777, she m. (2) Sampson Marvin of New Salem; SARAH, b. 3 Feb., 1760, m. Walter Fitts.

5. EBENEZER, son of Ebenezer (4), m. intentions April, 1752, Phoebe Locke, sister of Elizabeth, his father's second w., resided on homestead brick maker. He d. 16 July, 1795, she d. 27 Oct., 1802, aged 71. . . . *Children*: MARY, b. 5 Oct., 1753, m. Reuben Eddy; JESSE, b. 4 June, 1755, Revolutionary soldier (?), m. 3 Nov. 1779, Deborah Pratt, resided at New Salem, where he d. 31 Oct., 1838, she d. 1836, 4 ch.; PHEBE, b. 11 Sept., 1759, m. Jonathan Pratt, 4 ch.; RACHEL, b. 7 March, 1762, m. Joel Clark, resided at Shelburne, where she d., 2 ch.; EBENEZER, b. 4 Dec., 1764; ESTHER, b. 10 May, 1767, d. 24 Nov., 1790; WILLIAM, b. 7 April, 1769, m. (1) 27 Aug., 1795, Ruth Eddy of Ward, 5 ch.; m. (2) Lucy Hatstat, dau. of a Hessian soldier, resided at New Salem; RHODA, b. 19 May, 1771, d. 5 Oct., 1795, at Dummerston, Vt.; JOEL, b. 9 April, 1775; ABIGAIL, b. 1 April, 1777, m. Wilkins, son of Dr. Isaac Burnet, settled and d. at Dummerston, no ch.

6. EBENEZER, son of Ebenezer (5), m. 29 Nov., 1789, Phebe Stockwell of Sutton, resided on a part of the homestead; an enterprising man, Captain of militia, brick maker; he d. 29 March, 1820, she m. (2) 20 Feb., 1823, Andrew Parsons of Vernon, Vt. . . . *Children*: AMOS, b. 1 May, 1790, m. 13 March, 1818, Lucina King of Sutton; had *Rufus K.*, *Lucy E.*; ARTEMAS, b. 7 Nov., 1791; AMASA, b. 14 March, 1793, m. his cousin Philena Case of Millbury, where they settled, 6 ch., all d. young except one; PARLEY, b. 14 Feb., 1795; EBENEZER, b. 1796, drowned 1797, at his father's brick-yard; CYRIL, b. 7 Feb., 1798, m. intentions 19 Dec., 1822, Eunice Gleason of Ward, d. 13 April, 1838, 5 ch.; LUTHER, b. 30 Oct., 1799; EBENEZER, b. 5 May, 1801, m. 24 Feb., 1831, Clarissa Cummings of Montpelier, Vt., resided there three years, returned to Massachusetts and resided at Auburn, he d. 1891, at Auburn, 2 ch.; PHEBE, b. 7 Oct., 1805, m. Rufus Eddy; IRA, b. 15 Oct., 1808; DIANTHA, b. 15 Dec., 1810, m. Ithamar Stow of Millbury; WRIGHT S., b. 16 Dec., 1814.

7. JOEL, son of Ebenezer (5), m. (1) 7 Dec., 1800, Sarah, dau. of Jotham Meriam, resided in the Gore, removed after July, 1818, to New Salem, she d. 24 Dec., 1822; m. (2) 1833, Phebe, dau. of Stephen Pratt. He d. 4 Jan., 1846. . . . *Children*, all b. at Oxford: ELIZA, b. 18 Nov., 1802, d. 1820; ALMIRA, b. 28 Sept., 1804, m. Obed Taylor, residence, Dexter, Mich.; ERASTUS, b. 17 July, 1806, residence, Boston; SARAH B., b. 13 June, 1809, m. (1) Peleg Adams, she m. (2) ——; JOEL W., b. 25 Jan., 1811, m. Freedom Holton; JOTHAM A., b. 25 Feb., 1813, m. Charlotte Harwood; LYSANDER, b. 18 March, 1816, resided at Greenfield; LUCY ANNA, b. 27 July, 1818, m. David S. Hastings, residence, Shelburne Falls.

8. ARTEMAS, son of Ebenezer (6), m. intentions 3 June, 1821, Jerusha, dau. of John Stevens of Charlton, resided on the homestead, d. 7 May, 1864, she d. aged 59, 12 Aug., 1856. . . . *Children*: JOHN S., b. 1822, d. 1825; JERUSHA N., b. 3 Aug., 1824, m. 5 May, 1848, Charles Woodbury of Sutton; CLARISSA, b. 4 Nov., 1827 (?), m. Jonathan Hapgood, residence, Worcester; DAVID, b. 12 Dec., 1830; JOHN E., b. 1832, d. 1886; REBECCA, b. 13 Sept., 1834.

9. DAVID, son of Artemas (8), m. Mary, dau., of Jesse Lamb, resided on the homestead, several years selectman. . . . *Children*: ALICE, b. 2 Sept., 1860; JANE A., b. 20 April, 1864, d. 10 May, 1885.

10. PARLEY, son of Ebenezer (6), m. intentions 27 Dec., 1821, Lucy Brown of Thompson, Conn., removed about 1832 to Butternuts, N. Y., and thence, 1849, to Wisconsin. He d. 24 Aug., 1883, at Waupun, she d. 24 Sept., 1878. . . . *Children*: LUCY, b. 24 Jan., 1822 (?), d. 1823; SARAH, b. 8 June, 1824, at Ox., m. Darius L. Bancroft, removed to Chester, Wis.; IRA, b. 22 Aug., 1826, at Ox.; NELSON, b. 20 May, 1832, settled at Butternuts.

11. LUTHER, son of Ebenezer (6), m. 20 Nov., 1823, Susan G., dau. of John Marsh of Sutton, resided at Ox., removed 1838 to Auburn. He d. July, 1886, she d. 29 March, 1878, both at Auburn. . . . *Children*: SUSAN L., b. 26 June, 1825, at Millbury, m. 20 Dec., 1843, Warren Sibley of Auburn, she d. 7 Aug., 1882; WILLIAM N., b. 1828, d. 1832; DIANTHA, b. 2 July, 1833, m. 9 Dec., 1852, Alvin Howe, residence, Auburn; JANE A., b. 13 Sept., 1837, m. 23 Nov., 1859, Joseph S. Clark, residence, Worcester; JOHN F., b. 23 July, 1840, d. unm. 11 Jan., 1881, at Auburn.

12. IRA, son of Ebenezer (6), m. (1) 26 March, 1834, Nancy, dau. of Willard Converse of Spencer, she d. aged 46, 20 July, 1856; m. (2) 24 May, 1859, Mrs. Persis M. Bellows, m. n. Myrick, she d. aged 71, 7 Feb., 1882; representative and selectman. . . . *Children*, by first m.: IRA N., b. 2 Oct., 1836, d. 21 Oct., 1861; ALBERT E., b. 20 Sept., 1843, m. (1) 20 Sept., 1869, Abbie A., dau. of Loriston Shumway, she d. 7 Aug., 1870; they had *Robert C.*, b. 30 June, 1870; m. (2) Minnie, dau. of Daniel Warner.

13. WRIGHT S., son of Ebenezer (6), m. 4 Dec., 1850, Eliza, dau. of Jesse Eddy of Auburn, resided on a part of the homestead, d. 10 Sept., 1887, she d. aged 70, 11 Feb., 1886. . . . *Children*: JESSE IRVING, b. 29 Sept., 1852, m. 30 Sept., 1873, Ednah E. Clark, resided on the homestead; they had *Harry W.*, b. 27 Feb., 1875; *Arthur L.*, b. 5 Feb., 1877; *Walter E.*, b. 30 Sept., 1878; *Flossie L.*, b. and d. 1880; FRANK E., b. 11 Feb., 1858, resides on H. 105.

14. JOTHAM, son of Ebenezer (4), m. 8 July, 1777, Sarah, dau. of Ebenezer Burnap, resided on the homestead, he d. 22 Aug., 1798; she m. (2) Col. Samuel Denny of Leicester. . . . *Children* of Jotham and Sarah: SARAH, b. 16 June, 1778, m. 7 Dec., 1800, her cousin, Joel, son of Ebenezer Meriam; EPHRAIM, b. 12 March, 1780, d. 3 July, 1818, unm., at Mercer, Me.; ANNA, b. 23 Jan., 1782, m. 27 May, 1801, James Meriam, Jr., of Ward; JOTHAM, b. 9 April, 1784; REUBEN, b. 31 Dec., 1785, m. 1 Nov., 1821, Elizabeth, dau. of David Taintor of Sutton, resided at Leicester, card-maker, d. 27 April, 1874, she d. 26 Dec., 1872, one son d. unm.; LUCY, b. 15 Jan., 1788, m. Bradford Hudson; ABIAH, b. 25 March, 1790, d. 3 Feb., 1816, unm., at Spencer; SILAS, b. 5 Feb., 1792, m. (1) Mary J. Forbes of Westboro', m. (2) Elizabeth T. Bacheller, m. (3) Harriet P., dau. of Col. Samuel Watson of Leicester; he d. Jan., 1855; resided in Sutton, and later in Uxbridge and Leicester; had *George D.*, resided at Worcester, d. 1862; *Silas A.*, painter at Brooklyn, N. Y.

15. JOTHAM, son of Jotham (14), m. 8 Oct., 1820, Sophia, widow of John P. Nichols, m. n. Shumway, resided on the homestead, No. 103, a very estimable man, justice of the peace. She d. 3 Oct., 1844, at Monson, he d. 27 April, 1874, at Rochdale. . . . *Children*: ELIZA ANN, b. 28 Oct., 1822, d. 7 May, 1841; JOTHAM A., b. 8 June, 1824, d. 9 Sept., 1850; SARAH S., b. 7 Jan., 1827, m. Stephen Moulton, of Cuba, N. Y., no ch.; EMELINE S., b. 28 Oct., 1828, d.

16. JOSHUA, son of John and Mary [Wheeler], m. 12 Nov., 1733, Susanna, dau. of Thomas Gleason, Jr., niece of his brother Ebenezer's first w. He was Captain of the North Gore Militia Co., marched with his command Aug., 1757, on the alarm to relieve Fort William Henry, went to Sheffield and returned. He

d. 7 June, 1784, she d. 1 Oct., 1788. . . . *Children*: JOSHUA, b. 18 Aug., 1734; SUSANNA, b. 23 Oct., 1736, m. Samuel Eddy, Jr., of Ward, d. 1803; RUTH, b. 4 Feb., 1739, m. 26 March, 1765, Henry Burnet, residence, Warwick; JOHN, b. 31 March, 1741, d. 28 Nov., 1761; MERCY, b. 5 July, 1743, d. 1799, at Warwick; LYDIA, b. 26 July, 1745, m. David Gleason; JAMES, b. 30 Nov., 1747; MARY, b. 2 March, 1750, d. 24 Nov., 1768; MARTHA, b. 30 June, 1752, m. 25 Nov., 1769, Asa Conant. resided at Warwick, she d. 12 March, 1812; ASA, b. 21 Oct., 1754, Revolutionary soldier 1775, m. intentions 18 April, 1778, Mary, dau. of Luke Lincoln of Leicester, physician at New Salem, where he d. 7 May, 1795, had several daughters and one son, *Joshua*, b. 6 April, 1783, who m. Lucy (Hatstat), widow of William Merriam.

17. JOSHUA, son of Joshua (16), m. (1) 2 Jan., 1759, Abigail, dau. of Samuel Eddy, she d. 28 Nov., 1768, aged 27; m. (2) 14 Nov., 1769, Mrs. Hannah Lovell, she d. 10 Oct., 1799, aged 71; m. (3) 1802, Nancy, dau. of Nathaniel Stockwell of Sutton. He d. about 1809. . . . *Children*, by first m.: JONATHAN, b. 4 March, 1760, Revolutionary soldier(?), said to have resided in New York State; ABIGAIL, b. 18 July, 1762, m. (1) William Forbes, m. (2) John Plummer of Thompson, Conn.; JOHN, b. 6 Nov., 1768; LYDIA, b. 15 Feb., 1765, m. Jonathan Nichols.

18. JOHN, son of Joshua (17), brought up at his uncle James' in North Gore, m. 30 March, 1791, Hannah, dau. of John Nichols [See Homestead 79], resided at H. 79 until about 1819, removed to Charlton, where he d. 22 Oct., 1840, she d. 11 May, 1856. . . . *Children*: CELIA N., b. 27 Dec., 1791, m. 10 April, 1816, Parley Eddy, Jr.; SOPHIA, b. 16 Feb., 1793, m. 6 Jan., 1813, Timothy Morse, Jr., of Charlton; a dau., *N. Augusta*, m. Rufus B. Dodge, Esq.; WILLIAM, b. 1795, d. 1802; RUFUS, b. 1800, d. 1803; SYRENA, b. 1807, d. 1813.

19. JAMES, son of Joshua (16), sent a substitute in Revolutionary war, m. 25 May, 1774, Eunice, dau. of Thomas Lovell of Sutton, now Millbury, settled on the homestead. He seems to have been prominent; clerk of the second militia company in Oxford in 1779. He d. 7 Feb., 1804, she d. 14 July, 1830, aged 78. . . . *Children*: JAMES, b. 15 Feb., 1775, m. (1) intentions 14 March, 1801, Anna, dau. of Jotham Merriam, she d. aged 22, 28 Nov., 1802, at Milford, N. Y.; m. (2) 1805, Zeruiah Rich of Milford, removed to Fort Wayne, Ind., where he d.; MARY, b. 20 July, 1776, d. 12 Oct., 1793; EUNICE, b. 23 Dec., 1780, m. 12 March, 1801, her cousin Ezra Gleason of Ward, where she d. 1805; MERCY, b. 11 March, 1783, m. 29 May, 1806, Ezra Gleason, she d. 1808, at Ward; THOMAS, b. 21 March, 1785, Major of militia, representative; m. Lucy, dau. of Isaac Stone of Ward, she d. 1861, at Holden; they had *Isaac S.*, b. 15 Nov., 1814, at Ox., m. 1840, Josephine B. Beard of Hillsboro', Ga., resided at Macon, removed before 1845 to Auburn, 9 ch.; town clerk, representative, 20 years justice of the peace at Auburn [See His. N. Brookfield]; SUSANNA, b. 2 Jan., 1787, d. 1811, unm.; SAMUEL, b. 5 Aug., 1789; NANCY, b. 30 Dec., 1791, d. 5 Nov., 1822, unm.; of lovely character and unusual mental endowments.

20. SAMUEL, son of James (19), m. 2 April, 1817, Nancy T., dau. of John Nichols, resided on the homestead (103), where he d. 8 April, 1871, she d. 21 Jan., 1881, at Worcester. . . . *Children*: RUFUS N., b. 14 Jan., 1818, was graduated 1844 at Dartmouth College, machinist at Worcester, m. (1) intentions 24 March, 1849, Emily Tatman of Worcester, she d. 1863, m. (2) 1865, Mrs. Sarah T. Sullivan, no surviving ch.; LUCRETIA P., b. 8 Sept., 1820, d. 3 Aug., 1878, unm.; JAMES L., b. 11 Aug., 1822, m. intentions 10 Nov., 1845; Angeline

Rockwood of Leicester, resided at Princeton, Ill., removed to Chicago; they had at Princeton: *James C.*, *Arthur L.*, *Alice L.*, d. 1 Dec., 1884; *SAMUEL T.*, b. 29 Aug., 1824, m. 1848, *Ann J. Brown* of Troy, N. Y., resided at Warren, Northbridge and Princeton, Ill., 3 ch.; *THOMAS S.*, b. 23 Dec., 1826, m. 1852, *Lydia A. Lamb* of Charlton, he d. 4 May, 1880, at Ox., she d. aged 35, 21 April, 1865; they had *Angeline N.*, b. 1854, d. 1870; *NANCY A.*, b. 20 Feb., 1829, m. 13 Nov., 1849, *John E. Putnam* of Sutton, removed to Big Lake, Minn., 9 ch.; *CHARLES H.*, b. 23 March, 1831, m. 1856, *Clarissa Huntington* of Leicester, and had *Albert*.

**PHEBE**, m. 20 Feb., 1785, *Andrew Parsons* of Vernon, Vt.

**LYDIA A.**, m. n. Stevens, aged 35, d. 21 April, 1865.

**MERRIFIELD, ABRAHAM**, taxed 1771, Revolutionary soldier, marched in Capt. Town's Co. on Lexington alarm.

**METCALF, JEREMIAH**, of Franklin, b. 16 Dec., 1770, m. 25 Sept., 1794, *Bathsheba*, dau. of Lemuel Crane, settled at Franklin, spent his last days at Ox., where he d. 20 Dec., 1834, she d. 25 Feb., 1848. . . . *Children*: *ABIGAIL H.*, b. 9 Dec., 1795, d. unm. 19 April, 1863; *ARTEMAS G.*, b. 8 Aug., 1798; *BATHSHEBA C.*, b. 11 Nov., 1799, m. *Sumner Lumbard*; *MARY R.*, b. 25 Dec., 1802, m. *Alfred Harris* of Worcester, he d., she removed to Truro, N. S., d. there 4 Dec., 1884, no ch.; *JOSEPH H.*, b. 25 Nov., 1804, m. *Eliza Harrington* of Paxton, he and 2 sons d. at Memphis, Tenn., of yellow fever, she d. of the same in Ill.; *ALFRED E.*, b. 25 Jan., 1808, m. *Dorinda Phelps* of West Boylston, resided at Worcester, where both d., he d. 12 Sept., 1863; 3 daughters.

2. *ARTEMAS G.*, son of *Jeremiah* (1), m. 3 Dec., 1826, *Ruth*, dau. of *Charles Town*, she d. 8 March, 1847, he d. 8 Dec., 1855, at Worcester. . . . *Children*: *SARAH T.*, b. 31 July, 1830, m. *Henry Bancroft*, settled at Worcester, she d. 5 May, 1855; *ARTEMAS H.*, b. 8 Nov., 1832, unm., d. 1 April, 1855, at Cleveland, O.; *SERENA N.*, b. 26 Jan., 1835, m. (1) *Joseph Fiske* of Upton, removed to Leominster, where he d. 15 June, 1869, 2 sons; m. (2) *Isaac Cowdry*, resided at North Leominster.

**REV. DAVID**, b. 27 Nov., 1795, at Lebanon, Conn., son of David and Anna (Champion), was graduated at Middlebury College, studied at Andover and New Haven, Conn., settled 1829 at North Madison, Conn., and later at other places and in 1841 on account of health left the ministry, settling on a farm adjoining the common at Ox. He had then been m. but had no ch. He was a man of discerning mind, a strong reasoner and given to metaphysical study, wrote and published a work on Moral Obligation, a good man at heart with an indomitable will; m. (2) intentions 8 March, 1843, *L. Ann Jones* of Spencer. He d. 25 Sept., 1884, at Auburn, where he had resided about ten years. She d. 23 Feb., 1885, at Auburn. . . . *Children*: *DAVID C.*, b. 21 Oct., 1845, d. 1846; *MARGARET*, d. unm. 31 May, 1869; *MARIA*, b. 12 Nov., 1849, d. unm. at Worcester; *CHARLOTTE A.*, b. 16 Dec., 1851, resided at Auburn, removed to Worcester, where she was killed by railroad cars 10 Feb., 1887.

**JUNIA**, of Franklin (Appleton, Me.), and *Melinda Phillips* of Ward, m. 5 Sept., 1821.

**EMMA F.**, dau. of *John M.*, aged 3, d. Dec., 1859.

**MILLARD, EMELINE**, m. n. *Smith*, aged 48, d. 28 Dec., 1864.

**MILLER, GEORGE**, b. 28 Feb., 1806, at Chester, son of Ephraim, formerly of Worcester, came to Ox. Woolen Co.'s mill 1828, removed 1836 to Middle-

field, thence 1838 to Aurora, N. Y., returned 1848 to Ox. He m. (1) 7 Nov., 1833, Lucretia, dau. of Leavens Shumway, she d. 6 Dec., 1859, m. (2) 14 Nov., 1866, Mary (Pratt), widow of Harvey Upham of Dudley, she d. 1890. . . . Children by first m.: **GEORGE HENRY**, b. 4 April, 1835, m. (1) 18 Nov., 1858, Maria E. Anthony, b. 3 Nov., 1835, d. 28 Oct., 1877, at Worcester, m. (2) March, 1879, Mrs. Mary Penniman of Sutton, dau. of Dea. E. H. Hutchinson; coal dealer at Worcester; ch. by first m.: *Henry L.*, b. 22 June, 1860, at Sutton, m. 1 Oct., 1883, Nettie M., dau. of Dexter F. Parker; *Charles A.*, b. 30 March, 1862, d. 13 July, 1883; *George E.*, b. 10 April, 1869, at Worcester; *Walter E.*, b. and d. 1871; *Emily M.*, b. 1873, d. 1877; **MARTHA E.**, b. 24 April, 1838, m. 31 Oct., 1866, Seth Wetherbee of Warren; had *May E.*, b. 1 May, 1879; **EMILY L.**, b. 16 March, 1841, m. (1) 7 Oct., 1858, H. Eugene Bacon, settled at Pawtucket, R. I., she m. (2) 4 June, 1882, Joshua Lothrop, jeweler; ch. by first m.: *Lillian M.*, b. 14 June, 1860; *Walter E.*, b. 1862, d. 1864; *Mary E.*, b. 1 June, 1866; **DANFORTH L.**, b. 4 Nov., 1843, m. 22 Sept., 1869, Irene Elizabeth, dau. of William Stone, settled at Philadelphia, Pa., removed about 1882 to Worcester, where he d. 21 March, 1886, insurance agent; ch.: *William S.*, b. 5 June, 1873; *Albert E.*, b. 7 June, 1876.

**EDMUND**, brother of George (1), b. at Chester, m. 3 April, 1839, Betsey S., dau. of Rufus Larned. He d. 27 April, 1888, at Greenfield, aged 74. . . . Child: **EDGAR**, b. 9 March, 1847, m. Oct., 1869, Julia Snell.

**JAMES F.**, relative of George (1), b. 28 July, 1798, at Chester, learned cloth dressing at Middlefield, came early in 1828 from Bellingham to Ox. Woolen Co.'s mill as finisher, continuing until 1836, when he removed to Vermont and in 1840 to Hinsdale, where he resided until the death of his w., removed to Chicago, Ill., where he d. 31 March, 1880. He m. 18 May, 1824, Lucy Starr of Lanesboro', she d. 11 March, 1875, at Hinsdale. . . . Children: **JAMES F.**, b. 30 July, 1825, at Middlefield; **LUCY A.**, b. 5 July, 1827, at Bellingham, d. 1828, at Ox.; and at Ox.: **ELIZA ANN**, b. 28 Jan., 1829, m. Sumner U. Church of Middlefield; **EMILY A.**, b. 29 May, 1832; **ELLEN M.**, b. 8 Aug., 1833.

**MRS. SARAH**, and Jedediah Barton, m. intentions 9 July, 1778.

**OBED E.** res. 1840–42 at Augutteback Village, carpenter; his son **JOSEPH H.** aged 8, d. 8 Sept., 1840, his w. Sarah, aged 35, d. 9 Sept., 1840, his son **WARREN C.**, aged 2, d. 26 Sept., 1840. He m. (2) 13 Sept., 1842, Hannah Twiss, removed to Templeton or vicinity.

**PATIENCE**, widow, aged 90, d. 10 Feb., 1885.

**MITCHELL, THOMAS K.**, and Sibyl Davis, m. intentions 25 Feb., 1814.

**MOFFITT, WILLIAM**, of Salem, an original proprietor at Killingly, Conn. **ENOCH**, supposed to have been his son, bought land there in 1729, m. (1) Elizabeth ——, and had at Killingly: **MEHETABLE**, b. 3 May, 1733; **LEMUUEL**, b. 25 June, 1735; **ISAAC**, b. 4 Sept., 1739; **ALATHEA**, b. 19 Feb., 1742; **BEZALEEL** and **ABIGAIL**, b. 17 July, 1745; and by second w. Hannah ——: **ENOCH**, b. 7 May, 1755. Enoch, the father, probably removed to Gloucester, R. I.

2. **ISAAC**, son of Enoch (1), m. 23 Sept. (?), 1761, Sarah, dau. of Capt. John Larned, was in 1766 of South Gore, and later settled on a part of her father's farm in the west part of Ox., living for a number of years in the cleft of a rock roofed in, later built a house near the rock, afterward owned by Jesse Bigelow, H. 70. He d. aged 72, 26 Aug., 1812, she d. aged 84, 23

Sept., 1822. . . . *Children*: LEMUEL; ELIHU; JEREMIAH; RUFUS, m. and settled in Sutton, was in 1806 of Ox., cabinet maker, removed about 1807 to New York city, had ch.: HANNAH, m. 29 Nov., 1798. David Daggett, resided at Calais, Vt., had ch.: SALLY, m. 1802, William Brown of Dudley, settled in Vt., had ch., he in 1806 sued the town of Ox. for the support of Polly, dau. of Josiah M. McFarland, niece of his w., gained his suit, the town appealed, and in the S. J. Court gained the case; HEPHSIBAH, m. Josiah M. McFarland: ELIZABETH, m. Asahel Hayward.

3. LEMUEL, son of Isaac (2), m. Lucy, dau. of Jeremiah Amidown, resided in the west part of Ox. He d. aged 72, 14 June, 1830, she d. 19 Nov., 1841. . . . *Children*: BETSEY, b. 12 May, 1793, m. intentions 25 Sept., 1814, Edward, son of Joshua Wetherell of Dudley, and had *Amasa S.*, *Edward N.*, *Betsey Miranda*, family removed to Mich.; ISAAC, b. 1794, d. 1795; HIRAM, b. 22 Aug., 1798; LUCY, b. 1800, d. 1803; HANNAH, b. and d. 1803; HORACE, b. 19 July, 1804, m. 3 March, 1826, Phebe Merriam, removed to Rochester, N. Y., had a son, resided in Mich., and 2 daughters, went to Cal. and is supposed to have been killed in the Mountain Meadow massacre; OTIS, b. 21 July, 1806, m. 30 Sept., 1833, Louisa, dau. of Alexander Campbell, he d. 24 July, 1848; they had *Aaron H.*, b. 1 Aug., 1836, d. 1849; *Albion O.*, b. 22 Dec., 1838, m. Nellie L. V. Daniels of Worcester, no ch., removed to Marlboro', was a capable business man and had charge of a shoe factory, d. May, 1878; *Alexander C.*, b. 30 Aug., 1841, shoe cutter at Marlboro'; ORRIN, b. 28 Feb., 1809, went to Orleans Co., N. Y., m. (1) 1829, Abigail Keyes, and had *Orrin*, b. 1833, soldier in the late war in the 28th Wis. Regt., d. 30 Aug., 1864, at Pine Bluff; *Rerilla*, b. 3 June, 1836; family removed in 1838, Abigail, the mother, d. 15 Dec., 1838, at Cincinnati, O., m. (2) 20 May, 1840, Mercy S. Reed, and had 5 ch., 4 have d., he resided 1885 at Blue Earth, Minn., d. 20 Oct., 1889.

4. ELIHU, son of Isaac (2), m. Lydia Conant of Dudley. He d. by his own hand 3 June, 1819, she d. 17 April, 1842, aged 76, at Dudley. . . . *Children*: REUEL, b. 28 April, 1796, m. 14 June, 1825, Mrs. Lucinda Wakefield, m. n. Brown, dau. of William C., and had *Louisa*, b. 5 April, 1826, m. (1) Robert Dixon, m. (2) —— Dwight of Dudley; CYRENE, PLINY, PATTY, last 3 d. 1803 of dysentery; JOSIAH, b. 11 Feb., 1803, m. in New York State, had ch., returned to Dudley, where he d., *Christopher*, his son, resided at Webster; SAMUEL, b. 28 Jan., 1805, d. young.

5. JEREMIAH, son of Isaac (2), m. Salome, dau. of John Burdon of Sutton b. 9 May, 1777; carpenter, owned and operated the saw-mill at the south end of the Plain many years; of strong physique, walked to Boston in a day with a pack of carpenter's tools on his back. He d. 28 Dec., 1824, she d. aged 78, 4 Aug., 1855. . . . *Children*: NANCY, b. 9 Nov., 1796, drowned near her father's mill 28 Dec., 1807; SALOME, b. 1798, d. 1799; SUKEY, b. 19 Jan., 1800, d. 24 May, 1821; JEREMIAH, b. 9 April, 1802, m. (1) Jan., 1835, Abigail Googins, no ch., she d. 22 Dec., 1838; m. (2) 17 Oct., 1839, Mrs. Lucretia Waldo of Southbridge; millwright, d. 27 Aug., 1848; SUMNER, b. 14 May, 1804; RUFUS, b. 18 June, 1806, m. 1 April, 1829, Hannah, dau. of Joshua Wetherell of Dudley, millwright, d. 5 Oct., 1860; they had *Susan E.*, b. 3 Oct., 1843, m. Oct., 1863, Leonard E. Thayer, no ch.; *Decatur*, b. 10 Feb., 1850, m. March, 1876, Matilda A., dau. of David B. Collier; they had *Ada E.*, b. 5. Feb., 1877; *Florence L.*, b. 28 April, 1879; *Edna J.*, b. 16 Oct., 1884; PLINY M., b. 15 Jan., 1812; *Cynthia W.*, b. 25 Aug., 1815, m. 6 April, 1837, Samuel A. Hough of Grafton,

who d. 18 April, 1838, aged 31; she m. (2) Elijah Taft of South Milford, she d. 25 Dec., 1881, at Worcester.

6. HIRAM, son of Lemuel (3), m. (1) 26 Jan., 1826, Rhoda Perkins, sister of Paul, resided at Ox., removed 1873 to Webster, and thence late in life to the West, she d. aged 35, 16 July, 1842; m. (2) 24 Nov., 1842, Mary, widow of Willard Underwood, sister of his first w., no ch.; m. (3) Mrs. Lucinda Studley, resided at or near Beloit, Wis., where he d. 19 Oct., 1881. He was a good man, of strong emotional nature, and a leading Methodist. . . . *Children*, all by first m., b. at Ox.: HARRIET A., b. 10 June, 1827, m. 3 April, 1845, Jedediah Ellis of Woodstock, Conn., resided 1882 at Richland, N. Y., she d. April, 1864, seven ch.; MARY LUCY, b. 13 April, 1829, m. 9 Sept., 1847, Reuben Williams from Vermont, he d., she with two children reside at Dubuque, Ia.; LOUISA C., b. 2 Feb., 1831, m. 9 May, 1848, Thomas Lamb, resided at Richland, she d. Feb., 1851, one ch.; and b. at Webster: HIRAM, b. April, 1833, residence, Beloit; HORACE, b. 1834, d. 1851; OTIS, b. 1838, resides in Wisconsin; CHARLES O., b. Feb., 1841, residence, Beloit.

7. SUMNER, son of Jeremiah (5), m. 3 April, 1833, Delia, dau. of Jonathan Bridges of Warren; millwright, d. 18 May, 1871. . . . *Children*: DELIA A., b. 6 May, 1834, m. 1 Oct., 1857, Hiram S., son of Sibley Converse of Leicester, and had *Myra E.*, b. 25 Jan., 1860, m. 23 Feb., 1882, Joseph H. Willard, residence, Worcester; *Lena A.*, b. 16 Aug., 1868, m. 9 Sept., 1886, Edward H. Parker of Worcester; *Lester S.*, b. 9 Aug., 1874; *Hannah E.*, b. 26 Feb., 1839, m. 1 Oct., 1857, Thomas M., son of James Bullock of Taunton, settled in Ox., she d. 30 May, 1883; they had *Stella*, b. 26 Aug., 1858, d. 20 Jan., 1885; *Addie M.*, b. 7 Dec., 1863, d. unm.; *Albert S.*, b. 25 Dec., 1840, soldier in late war, d. 11 April, 1864, at Ox.; *Mary A.*, b. 10 Oct., 1842, m. 20 Feb., 1861, William Y. Woodbury, residence, Charlton; had *Eva*, b. 18 March, 1868; *Ernest*, b. 18 April, 1872; *Henry A.*, b. 3 July, 1844, postmaster 1885 to 1889, m. 1 Jan., 1867, Ellen, dau. of George Morris, and had *Nellie*, b. 19 Oct., 1867; *Alfred*, b. 21 Sept., 1871; *Nancy S.*, b. 2 Jan., 1848, m. 6 June, 1866, Joseph L., brother of William Y. Woodbury, and had *Grace*, b. 1 March, 1869; *Jessie*, b. 16 July, 1870; *Katie*, b. 23 Nov., 1873; *A. Isabel*, b. 22 July, 1851, m. Cornelius, son of Joseph Putnam, she d. 14 March, 1884: had ch.

8. PLINY M., son of Jeremiah (5), m. 4 April, 1833, Adeline D. A., dau. of Stephen Humphrey, millwright and carpenter. . . . *Children*: HORATIO, b. 17 Sept., 1834, m. 23 Feb., 1858, at Waterbury, Vt., Jane Bulin of Norway, Me., resided at Waterbury, Vt., Springfield, Ill., Brooklyn, N. Y., and Minneapolis, Minn., where he d. 4 Oct., 1886, no ch.; P. MERRICK, b. 22 March, 1840, m. 18 May, 1869, Sophronia, dau. of Dyer Freeman of Webster, where they settled, soldier in the late war, no ch.; EDWIN S., b. 1845, d. young; MARY E., b. 8 March, 1848, m. (1) 13 July, 1871, Henry T. Albee of Webster, he d. March, 1880; they had *Edwin*, b. Feb., 1879; she m. (2) James G., son of William S. Forrest; JEREMIAH, b. 8 Sept., 1851, m. 9 Jan., 1875, Emma, dau. of Edmund Chamberlain of Ox., residence, Southbridge; OLIVE JANE, b. 13 July, 1854, m. 1870, F. F. Barnard of Ox., stable keeper, and had *Frank P.*, b. 8 Aug., 1871.

Miss LAURA A., aged 16, d. 3 Dec., 1865.

MOIES, HERBERT C., son of Thomas, aged 1, d. 18 Nov., 1851.

MONKS, JULIA (English), aged 33, d. 22 April, 1866.

MONNING, MICHAEL, aged 70, d. 14 June, 1878.

MONTAINE, Miss MARY (Canadian), aged 19, d. 8 July, 1878.

MOOKTEE, b. in Bombay, domestic in family of Rev. Horatio Bardwell, D.D., d. aged 53, 15 Sept., 1864.

MOORE, RICHARD, was among the leading men of Oxford in its early history. He had ample means, and was long the largest landholder in the south part of the town; the first justice of the peace in the vicinity and transacted a large part of the conveyancing, probate and other official business during the early years; was the second licensed innholder in the town, beginning in 1715 and continuing many years; fifteen years selectman between 1715 and 1741, most of the time chairman; fifteen years, between 1715 and 1734, town clerk; the first representative from the English settlement in 1721; treasurer in 1721 and 1729; several years moderator in town meeting. He had force of character and great tenacity of purpose, and early had a controversy with the Oxford Church, the exact nature of which is not apparent, but yielded at last. He sold, 6 June, 1714, his farm of 260 acres in the south part of Needham, bounding on Natick, and bought Aug., 1714, of Samuel Hagburn his house and lands in Oxford, II. 205, occupying soon thereafter. He descended from JOHN and ELIZABETH, who were in 1643 of Sudbury. Their son JACOB, b. 28 Nov., 1645, m. 29 May, 1667, Elizabeth Locker, and had with others RICHARD, b. 12 Sept., 1671, m. Mary, dau. of Samuel and Mary Collins of Middletown, Conn. (granddaughter of Dea. Edward of Cambridge), b. 16 June, 1672. He d. aged 96, 19 Nov., 1767, she d. 12 July, 1760. . . . *Children*: SYBILLA, b. 2 Sept., 1694, m. Ebenezer Chamberlain; ABIGAIL, b. 23 May, 1696; COLLINS, b. 7 Oct., 1698; ISAAC, b. 11 June, 1700, settled at Worcester; ELLIAH, b. 14 March, 1702; SUSANNA, b. 26 Dec., 1704; ABLIAH, b. 22 Dec., 1705; RICHARD, b. 10 Jan., 1708; MARY, b. 15 May, 1710.

2. COLLINS, son of Richard (1), weaver, m. 2 May, 1722, Bathsheba, dau. of Nathaniel Wood of Groton, resided at Worcester on a farm of 100 acres on Tatnuck Hill, which he sold in 1730 and soon removed to Ox., bought of Simon Chamberlain 40 acres, and a larger tract of Benjamin Chamberlain near the site of the present almshouse, where he settled. In 1737 his father, "for love," etc., deeded him 100 acres adjoining this. He d. before 22 Feb., 1743; she m. (2) Samuel Town, m. (3) Joseph Phillips. Nathan, his son, was administrator of his estate upon whom the Court settled the property, the widow having her thirds set off. . . . *Children*: ABIGAIL, b. 17 Feb., 1723, m. Abial Lamb; LEVI, b. 17 Dec., 1724(?), d. 2 Aug., 1745, in his will he gave two-thirds of his estate to his brother Nathan, and one-third to Richard; NATHAN, b. 15 April, 1726; ELLIAH, b. 10 Aug., 1727; SUSANNA, b. 25 Jan., 1729, m. Silas Robinson of Dudley; MARY, b. 25 Sept., 1730, m. Daniel Fairfield; and b. at Oxford: BATHSHEBA, b. 10 Feb., 1732, m. Benjamin Wilson, resided 1754 at Townsend; ALICE, b. 26 Dec., 1733, m. Jonathan Ballard; JERUSHA, b. 5 April, 1735, m. John Nichols; RICHARD, b. 14 Oct., 1736, soldier in French war, m. 19 Aug., 1761, Mary Eddy, resided at Ervingshire; they had John, b. 8 Dec., 1761, at Ox.; PHEBE, b. 3 Sept., 1738, m. Ebenezer Locke.

3. ELLIAH, son of Richard (1), m. 19 July, 1733, Dorothy, dau. of Ebenezer Learned; prominent in Ox., for more than 25 years innkeeper at the old stand rear of the Israel Sibley house, II. 205, Captain of militia, constable in 1730, selectman seven years between 1742 and 1756, appointed 21 Aug., 1747, guardian of his nephew Daniel, son of Ephraim Roper of Worcester. He d.

17 Nov., 1781, inventory £28, she d. 4 Dec., 1787. . . . *Children*: MARTHA, b. 9 Feb., 1735, m. Ephraim Ballard; LUCY, b. 25 July, 1737; JONATHAN, b. 7 July, 1739; ABIGAIL, b. 7 May, 1741, m. Jeremiah Shumway; COLLINS, b. 17 April, 1743; ELIJAH, b. 5 May, 1745; DOROTHY, b. 12 April, 1747, m. Dr. Stephen Barton; SARAH, b. 26 April, 1749, m. her cousin, Reuben Davis of Charlton; EBENEZER, b. 7 Sept., 1751; DEBORAH, b. 27 July, 1753, m. her cousin, Levi Davis, brother of Reuben. The descendants of Elijah and Dorothy [Learned] Moore were numerous, and many were of more than ordinary ability.

4. ABIJAH, son of Richard (1), was graduated 1726 at Yale, "so far as known the only resident of Central Massachusetts to receive a degree here under the first charter," physician at Middletown, Conn. He m. 9 Oct., 1729, his cousin, Anna, dau. of William Ward of Middletown. He d. at Middletown, 18 Dec., 1759, of small-pox, she d. 29 Nov., 1755, 12 ch. He m. (2) 9 March, 1756, Mrs. Abigail Goodwin, she d. 18 July, 1774, aged 63. [Richard and Mary Moore of Ox., heirs of Samuel Collins of Middletown, 20 Aug., 1731, deeded land in Middletown to their son Elijah. Mid. Rec.] . . . *Children*, b. at Middletown: MARCY, b. 29 March, 1731; REYNOLD MARVIN, b. 7 July, 1732; WILLIAM, b. 10 Dec., 1733; ABIJAH, b. 11 March, 1735; ABIGAIL, b. 5 Aug., 1736; MARTHA, b. 18 July, 1738, d. 1740; ANNA and MARTHA, b. 27 April, 1740; RUTH, b. 1 Jan., 1742; SAMUEL, b. 2 Sept., 1743; SIBYL, b. 5 Sept., 1747; SARAH, b. 9 Sept., 1749.

5. RICHARD, son of Richard (1), m. 18 June, 1741, Mary, dau. of Ebenezer Learned, owned the Hagburn estate in partnership with his brother Elijah 19 years, sold to him in 1750, removed to his father's house on the west side of the street at the old oak, H. 216; had the care of his parents when aged, owned the homestead after their decease, d. there 3 Dec., 1782; she d. 7 Sept., 1792. He was deputy sheriff several years in 1753 and afterward. . . . *Children*: SAMUEL C., b. and d. 1742; SAMUEL, b. 18 May, 1744, m. 16 Dec., 1762, Zeviah Leavens, and had Joseph, b. 16 Feb., 1763; Abijah, b. 17 Sept., 1764; MARVIN, b. 12 April, 1746; RUTH, b. 12 March, 1750, m. 11 April, 1774, Salem Towne of Charlton; WILLIAM, b. 16 June, 1752; NEHEMIAH, b. 30 March, 1754; MARY, b. 17 Feb., 1756; JOHN, b. 28 June, 1758; EDWARD, b. 18 May, 1760; RICHARD, b. 29 June, 1762; RUFUS, b. 30 May, 1764; EBENEZER, b. 25 March, 1767.

6. ISAAC, son of Richard (1), m. Hannah ——. . . . *Children*, b. at Worcester: HANNAH, b. 1725; THOMAS, b. 1727; DAVID, b. 1729; JONATHAN, b. 1732; SAMUEL and PHEBE, b. 1736; JOHN, b. 1738; ISAAC, b. 1741; MARY, b. 1743; SARAH, b. 1745; SUSANNA, b. 1749.

SAMUEL, probably son of Isaac (6), m. Grace ——, and had 7 ch. b. at Worcester; came to Ox. and in 1768 bought the old tavern estate, H. 203, sold in about two years; was living here Oct. and Dec., 1768; two children, Lucy, aged 1 year, and Samuel, aged 7 years, d. here. In Jan., 1769, being then of Ox. he had a case in Court. [Ct. Rec.] In 1773 he was innholder at Worcester.

7. NATHAN, son of Collins (2), m. 18 Feb., 1747, Sarah Town, lived at the homestead until 1749, sold to his brother-in-law Abial Lamb, and about 1764 removed to Vassalboro', Me., soldier in the French war. . . . *Children* b. at Ox.: HANNAH, b. 12 Dec., 1747; COLLINS, b. 31 May, 1749; REUBEN, b. 12 May, 1751, m. 17 Oct., 1776, his cousin Elsie, dau. of John Nichols: pioneer at Gardiner or Hallowell, Me., and a merchant, 13 ch., he d. after 1800; LEVI,

b. 27 Oct., 1753; NATHAN, b. 6 Feb., 1755; SARAH, b. 6 Dec., 1756, m. Ebenezer, son of Elijah Moore; JAMES, b. 6 Sept., 1758; BATHSHEBA, b. 15 April, 1761; ZERVIAH, b. 17 Aug., 1763, all went to Me.; and b. at Vassalboro': WILLIAM, b. 5 Sept., 1765; REBECCA, b. 27 June, 1767; RICHARD, b. 28 May, 1769; RUTH, b. 31 Oct., 1771.

8. JONATHAN, son of Elijah (3), clergyman, was graduated 1761 at Harvard, after which he was for two years librarian there and a teacher of Greek and Hebrew, united with Ox. Church 20 May, 1764, ordained 7 Sept., 1768, settled as pastor at Rochester, now Marion, continuing until 1792, when on account of his liberal theological views he was dismissed, but continued to reside there until his decease, 20 April, 1814, aged 75. A number of his parishioners adhered to him and held religious services for several years at his house. He was of a social temperament and jocose in manner.<sup>1</sup> He m. (1) 13 Oct., 1768, Susanna Parkman; they had SUSANNA, JONATHAN, ANNA; m. (2) Anna Hammond of Newport, R. I., and had WILLIAM, SARAH.

9. COLLINS, son of Elijah (3), m. 26 March, 1770, Hannah Town, settled in the south part of Ox., west of the river. She d. aged 37, 7 April, 1782, m. (2) 1 July, 1787, Elizabeth Chamberlain of Dudley. He d. aged 82, 24 Nov., 1825. She removed with the younger ch. to Cuba, N. Y. . . . Children: SYLVIA, b. 6 June, 1770, m. intentions 24 Nov., 1788, Joseph Rawson of Dudley(?); SOPHIA, b. 18 March, 1772, m. Samuel Kingsbury; SALLY, b. 3 Jan., 1774, m. 8 May, 1797, Simpson Larned of Dudley, no ch.; SUSANNA, b. 29 Oct., 1775, m. 15 Dec., 1802, John Larned, 3d [A letter of Oct., 1822, from Otselic, N. Y., says "tell Mrs. John Larned her uncle and aunt Nye died, he 3 June, 1817, she, Sept., 1818. Elijah Moore."]; COLLINS, b. 11 Oct., 1776, m. intentions 18 Sept., 1802, Sibyl Wood of Dudley, and had Sally, b. 27 Aug., 1804; Rufus, b. 13 Feb., 1806, father of Salem of Ox.; Collins, b. 12 Feb., 1808; Merrick, b. 2 Aug., 1810, d. 12 Nov., 1826; Marvin, b. 4 April, 1814; Susan, b. 26 Oct., 1817, d. 1822; Jeremiah, b. 5 Jan., 1820; SAMUEL, b. 11 Oct., 1778; JONATHAN, b. 26 March, 1788, d. 1795; SIMON C., b. 7 Aug., 1791; HANNAH T., b. 28 Feb., 1793; BETSEY, b. 7 Nov., 1794; LUCY, b. 16 Jan., 1797; JONATHAN, b. 6 Jan., 1799; LUA, b. 20 Dec., 1800, d. 1803; ALFRED, b. 6 April, 1802, d. 1803; LUA, b. 27 Dec., 1804.

10. ELIJAH, son of Elijah (3), m. 29 Oct., 1767, Jemima, dau. of Josiah Kingsbury, removed about 1770 to Douglas, where he was active in Revolutionary affairs, chairman of the first school committee, and thence late in life to Oneida Co., N. Y., where several of his ch. had settled. Wrote home 1822 from Otselic of his ch., grandch. and great-grandch. . . . Children: LUCY, b. 5 April, 1768, at Ox.; JACOB, b. 2 April, 1770, resided in Oneida Co., N. Y., m. and had ch.; and b. after leaving Ox.: SOPHIA, m. —— Lee, resided at Whitestown, N. Y., and had ch.; JOSIAH, m. 21 Sept., 1806, Lydia, dau. of Jacob Kingsbury, resided at Brookfield, N. Y., had ch.; RUFUS, m. and had 4 ch., d. before 1817; SEBASTIAN; DOLLY, d. 6 Oct., 1821, in New York State; ELIJAH, m. and had ch., all lived in Oneida Co., N. Y.

11. EBENEZER, son of Elijah (3), m. Sarah, dau. of Nathan Moore, settled about 1774 at Brown's Corners, Vassalboro', Me., was a large land owner, and bailiff or steward for Gov. Bowdoin, many years prominent in town affairs. He d. 10 April, 1817, she d. 24 Nov., 1834. . . . Children: SYLVESTER, b. 6 June, 1776, lost at sea; EBENEZER, b. 7 Oct., 1777, m. 17

<sup>1</sup> A family memorandum says James Moore "visited his uncle, Rev. Jonathan, a Baptist minister on Buzzard's Bay."

Jan., 1808, Lucy Smith of Wiscasset, Me., 8 ch.; MARTHA, b. 22 Jan., 1780, m. Rufus Ballard; ELIJAH, b. 9 Nov., 1782, m. 26 Dec., 1802, Sally Cobb; SALLY, b. 28 Sept., 1783, m. Benjamin Johnson; ELIZA, b. 19 Dec., 1787, m. 2 July, 1815, Samuel Webb; SHEREBIAH, b. 6 Oct., 1785; ARDIVEN, b. 20 April, 1790; JAMES, b. 1 July, 1791, m. Sarah Plummer; JOHN, b. 19 Aug., 1794, m. 15 March, 1825, Charity Plaisted; HERBERT (or HENRY), b. 17 Jan., 1797, m. Mary T. Pierce; A SON, b. 3 June, 1799.

12. MARVIN, son of Richard (5), m. 22 March, 1772, Lucy, dau. of Thomas Davis, lived on the homestead, d. 15 Nov., 1813, in consequence of falling on the ice and a cart wheel passing over him. She d. 10 Dec., 1832. . . . Children: JOHN, b. 30 Aug., 1773, m. May, 1796, Esther Stimers of Milan, N. Y., he was teacher by profession in New York State, 10 ch., he d. May, 1836, she d. 2 April, 1866; MARY, b. 7 Dec., 1774, m. Abijah Davis; RUFUS, b. 17 July, 1776; SARAH, b. 26 July, 1778, d. young; WILLIAM, b. 6 June, 1780; LUCY, b. 28 June, 1782, d. young; REBECCA, b. 4 Sept., 1784, d. young; RICHARD, b. 31 May, 1786; LUCY, b. 19 May, 1788, d. young; RUTH, b. 19 Jan., 1791, d. unm.; BETSEY, b. 7 May, 1793, d. young.

13. WILLIAM, son of Richard (5), marched in Capt. Crafts' Cavalry Co. on Lexington alarm, was later Capt. in the U. S. army, much absent from his family, which removed from Ox. to New Braintree; m. intentions 10 June, 1784, Patty, dau. of Duncan Campbell. He d. 6 Aug., 1819, at Ox. . . . Children: SOPHIA, b. 29 March, 1796, m. Rufus, son of Ephraim Russell; ELIZABETH STEARNS, b. 8 May, 1787; CLARISSA H., b. 11 Nov., 1791; TYLER, b. 3 May, 1795.

14. RUFUS, son of Marvin (12), m. 2 Oct., 1803, Betsey, dau. of Elijah Davis, an active man of business, nail-maker in the east part of the town, Capt. of cavalry, auctioneer. He d. 25 Jan., 1846, she d. 1 Dec., 1848, both at Ox. . . . Children b. at Ox.: EMORY, b. 1804, d. 1805; RUFUS, b. 1806, d. 1807; ABIGAIL, b. 1808, d. 1816; BETSEY, b. and d. 1809; RUFUS D., b. 18 Aug., 1818, unm., d. 30 March, 1862. . . .

15. WILLIAM, son of Marvin (12), m. 11 May, 1807, Alice, dau. of Jeremiah Davis, farmer, Major of militia, settled east, near the Samuel Davis homestead, H. 30, d. 6 March, 1857, she d. aged 73, 6 Sept., 1856. . . . Children: ELIZA, b. 20 Nov., 1808, unm., d. 22 Jan., 1874; WILLIAM, b. 21 Sept., 1810, m. (1) 25 May, 1836, Almira Ryder, resided at Chicopee, where she d. 30 July, 1843, m. (2) 18 May, 1851, at Chicopee, Marion Smith, she d. 13 Aug., 1875, millwright; ch. by first m.: Henry W., b. 1837, d. 1842; Charles E., b. 18 March, 1840, at East Windsor, m. 20 Jan., 1869, Leonora Wilson, who d. 21 Aug., 1873; LELON, b. and d. 1812; MARY, b. 1814, d. 1815; JEREMIAH D., b. 10 April, 1816, unm., d. 24 June, 1889, at Boston; MARVIN, b. 23 July, 1818, m. 23 Nov., 1844, Olive Austin of Agawam, settled at Springfield, where he d. 17 Nov., 1881, long an employé in the U. S. armory; had Martha O., b. Oct., 1846, m. 23 May, 1866, Frank Root, resided at West Suffield, Conn.; Henry A., b. 2 Sept., 1848, m. 4 May, 1876, Julia M. Fuller of Springfield; Eliza A., b. 10 March, 1851; Lavinia A., b. 11 May, 1852; SALEM T., b. 20 Feb., 1820, unm., d. 4 Sept., 1884; AMON, b. 11 Jan., 1822, m. 4 May, 1851, Rosina R. Houghton of Putney, Vt., settled at Springfield, millwright, no ch.

16. RICHARD, son of Marvin (12), m. 31 May, 1812, Senath, dau. of Samuel Hartwell, trader, Capt. of militia, d. 8 Nov., 1819, she m. (2) Samuel Smith. . . . Children: SAMUEL H., b. 18 April, 1813; JOHN, b. 2 Sept., 1815; EVELINA, b. 13 Oct., 1817, m. John O. Burleigh.

17. SAMUEL H., son of Richard (16) lived in boyhood with his grandfather Hartwell, was employed in the mill at Rochdale, where he became superintendent, later removed to Worcester and travelled buying wool for the Rochdale mills. He m. 11 Nov., 1833, Lucretia D. Parish, b. 30 May, 1815, at Griswold, Conn., he d. 16 Feb., 1862, she d. 16 Oct., 1883, both at Worcester.  
. . . Children: JOHN R., b. 1 March, 1841, at Leicester, m. 1 March, 1863, Deborah C. Davie, he d. 26 Dec., 1872, at Worcester; ELIZABETH A., b. 12 May, 1846, at Leicester, m. 12 Oct., 1865, Luther Goddard of Worcester; MARY F., b. 1849, d. 1850; GEORGE H., b. 11 July, 1852, at Leicester, accountant at Boston.

17. JOHN, son of Richard (16), m. (1), 1 March, 1841, Mary L. Crutchfield of Chattanooga, Tenn. At about 18 years of age went South and spent about a year in Tennessee, removed to Alabama, studied medicine and practiced at Talladega, erected iron works at Rob Roy in which he was a heavy loser, engaged later in trade, afterward removed to Texas, his health failed and he gave up business several years before his death, d. 30 Oct., 1879, at Austin.

. . . Children: THOMAS O., b. 15 April, 1842, at Alexandria, Ala., m. 1867, resided at Dublin, Tex.; MARY E., b. 12 April, 1844, at Cherokee, Ala., m. Theodore E. Davis, resided at New Orleans, La., he is connected with the press, she has had a wide reputation South as a poetess, under the name of "Molly Moore," and some of her productions were popular in the southern army as war songs; JOHN H., b. 9 Nov., 1846, at Talladega, m., resided at Dublin, Tex.; GEORGE A., b. 17 April, 1849, at Talladega, d. young; SAMUEL H., b. 16 May, 1851, at Talladega, resided at Proctor, Tex.; CHARLES R., b. 7 July, 1854, d. 14 Feb., 1878, at Galveston, Tex.; WILLIAM H., b. 22 Jan., 1860, at Texas, resided at Galveston; PERCY D., b. 8 Jan., 1864, resided at New Orleans.

RICHARD, m. Margaret ——, who d. 6 July, 1821, lived at H. 125, North Ox. She was an eccentric character, widely known as Peggy Dick, had had her feet frozen and was lame, a fortune-teller and feared by the young people as a witch. In Jan., 1794, he was placed under the guardianship of Abijah Davis, Esq., as *non compos*; among his effects was a U. S. pension of £18 a year. He d. 25 April, 1799. Sylvanus Learned was then his guardian and in his account charges for a journey to Western to bring his dau. Betsey. On 6 Feb., 1800, his home, 16 acres and house, 2½ miles north of the north common, was advertised to be sold at auction. Richard Moore, probably the same, was 44 months in the Revolutionary army under Capt. William Moore.

. . . Children: LYDIA READ, b. 4 April, 1778, m. 29 June, 1791, Asa Conant, Jr.; BETSEY, b. 31 Aug., 1775.

ISRAEL, a descendant of JOHN of Sudbury, the line being JACOB, DANIEL, ISRAEL, b. 1725, soldier in Revolutionary war, with his six sons was in the battle of Bunker Hill; JONAS, b. 6 July, 1765, d. 1847, at Greenfield, with eight others first settled Wilmington, Vt. ISRAEL, his son, b. 1 Aug., 1793, at Sudbury, went about 1812 to Douglas, m. 3 Dec., 1816, Submit Balcom, and came about 1822 to Ox. with William Farwell for whom he wrought at scythe-making at the present Buifum Village, removed April, 1824, to H. 184, where he d. 1829. He was an excellent man and much respected. . . . Children: EDWIN, b. 19 Oct., 1820, at Douglas, m. 30 Sept., 1841, Eliza P. Palmer at Belfast, Me., among the leading citizens of East Douglas and many years agent of the Axe Company, had ch.; JULIA, b. 2 Jan., 1823, at Ox., m. 15 June, 1842, Brigham Balcom of Douglas, she d. 17 May, 1855, at Worcester.

**JOSIAH**, brother of Israel (1), b. 20 Feb., 1804, at Wilmington, Vt., m. 25 Feb., 1827, Lovisa, dau. of David Nichols, she d. 26 Feb., 1850. He resided here from 1825 to 1830, was partner with Justin Root in baking, removed West, and d. April, 1882, at Waukesha, Wis. . . . *Children*: **JERUSHA**, b. 11 Jan., 1828, m. 11 Dec., 1856, Edward Dennis of Grafton, where both d.; they had **David N.**, b. 24 Dec., 1858, physician and successful oculist at Erie, Pa.

**ANSON**, m. (1) Sally ——, was a contractor on the N. & W. Railroad and came here about 1838, removed from town soon, she d. 8 Oct., 1830, aged 26; m. (2) Olive H. ——, who d. 22 Oct., 1840, aged 32, at Ox.; m. (3) 28 Feb., 1843, Esther Carpenter. . . . *Children*, recorded at Ox.: **SARAH J.**, b. 12 Dec., 1828, at Worcester; by second m.: **JOSEPHINE**, b. 10 July, 1832, at Roxbury; **SAMUEL**, b. 1 Feb., 1836, at Westbury (?), d. 21 June, 1841, at Ox. from eating a poisonous plant; **JONATHAN**, b. 18 May, 1838, at Ox.; **WILLIAM H.**, b. 7 Aug., 1840; by third m.: **OLIVE J.**, b. 12 Nov., 1844.

**SAMUEL**, of Worcester, and Comfort Learned, m. 18 May, 1749.

**BATHSHEBA**, and Ephraim Wood of Woodstock, Conn., m. int. Feb., 1751. **JOSIAH**, of Brookfield, N. Y., and Lydia Kingsbury, m. 21 Sept., 1806.

**SUSAN**, sister of Israel and Josiah, m. int. 10 Jan., 1829, Justin Root.

**BETSEY M.**, dau. of Alfred, aged 13, d. 27 Aug., 1843.

**STEPHEN**, aged 58, d. 28 June, 1844.

**JOHN D. W.**, and Martha R. Hart, m. 26 Aug., 1849.

**ALMIRA**, dau. of Salem, aged 18, d. 12 Sept., 1873.

**MORAN**, **TIMOTHY** (Irish), aged 28, d. 8 Dec., 1859, "homicide."

**MOREY**, see **MOWRY**.

**MORGAN**, **HENRY B.**, b. 1774 (?), came from Whitestown, N. Y., to Ox., was in 1800 partner in trade with Samuel Campbell; is said to have later been proprietor and driver of a stage coach between Ox. and Worcester; m. 8 June, 1801, Isabel, dau. of Israel and Isabella (Town) Holten of Charlton, b. 22 March, 1781. He d. 18 Jan., 1827, she d. aged 78, 2 Feb., 1860. . . . *Children*: **SUSANNA**, b. 16 Jan., 1802, m. Martin Sigourney; **MARY ELIZA**, b. 19 June, 1803, m. William Sigourney.

**WILLIAM F.**, b. 6 Oct., 1800, at Northampton, son of Festus and Submit (French), m. 1799, descended from Miles Morgan of Springfield, the line being **NATHANIEL**, b. 1671; **JOSEPH**, b. 1702; **JUDAH**, b. 1749; **FESTUS**, b. 1776. Miles Morgan, b. 1615, at Llandaff, Wales, was a pioneer in 1636 at Springfield with William Pynchon. A statue of him in bronze now stands in Court Square in that city. William F. learned the trade of a cloth finisher with Thaddeus Clapp, East Hampton, began business as a woolen manufacturer near South Milford, in Bellingham, where he resided at the formation of the Ox. Woolen Company, and came here in the autumn of 1826, assisted in setting up and starting the machinery of the mill, being the only man in the concern capable of directing in each department. In April, 1827, he became an owner. The remarkable success of the company was due largely to his practical management. He retained his interest at Bellingham, and in 1832 while the Oxford company was in the full tide of prosperity returned thither, conducting the business successfully until the failure of his health a year or two previous to his decease. He m. 17 April, 1832, Eliza M., dau. of Rufus Russell of New Braintree. [See Ephraim Russell.] They had  **JULIUS**, b. and d. 1834; **WILLIAM II.**, b. 1836, d. 1839; **WILLIAM F.**, b. 2 Jan., 1839, was in

young manhood in a shoe store at Providence, R. I., removed 1861 to Lynn, where he was for many years among the large and prosperous shoe manufacturers; esteemed as a citizen; he m. 2 June, 1863, Emeline B. Nichols of Providence; they had *William F.*, was graduated 1888 at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.; *Alice L.*

NATHAN, b. 20 May, 1792, at Spencer, son of Andrew, m. Eliza Cogswell, resided at Rutland, came to Ox. 1830, bought 1834 the house near the north common, H. 179, which he owned until his decease; boot-maker; d. 30 Sept., 1850, she d. 25 June, 1879, aged 80. . . . Children: LORENZO, b. 14 May, 1819, m. 17 April, 1849, Sarah C., dau. of Lawson Snow of Ox., removed 1865 to Worcester, where he d. 1890; they had *S. Jennie*, b. 28 May, 1853, at Union, Conn., d. 9 June, 1878, at Worcester; *Ellen E.*, b. 1857, at Ox., d. 1859; *Ellen E.*, b. 8 Jan., 1861, at Ox.; SUSAN, b. May, 1827, d. 11 April, 1849. PATRICK, aged 34, d. 11 Feb., 1878.

MORRIS, GODFREY, m. 4 April, 1830, Lucy, dau. of Daniel Rawson. . . . Children: LYDIA, m. John, son of Reuben Davis; AUGUSTUS, went to California, drowned in Sacramento river.

PARACLETE, and Polly Brown of South Gore, m. int. 30 March, 1811.

JAMES, and Nancy Tourtellotte of Thompson, m. int. 27 Sept., 1818.

MRS. BETSEY, aged 62, d. 15 March, 1858.

HENRY F., son of George H., aged 23, d. 12 Dec., 1860.

GEORGE H., aged 55, d. 14 June, 1862.

ELIZA P., his widow, aged 63, d. 24 Feb., 1872.

OSCAR F., son of Edward, aged 38, d. 4 July, 1865.

MORSE, JEREMIAH, b. 31 Oct., 1679, son of Jeremiah of Medfield and grandson of Joseph of Dedham (son of Samuel, b. 1585 in Eng.), came to Ox. 1717, having been in Jan. of that year voted an inhabitant on the rights of Daniel Pearson who had removed; d. 10 Oct. of the same year, his death being the first recorded on the town books. He m. 19 Nov., 1700, Mehitable Cheney, who d. 4 Oct., 1727, settled at Medfield, removed to Medway and thence to Ox. JOSIAH, his eldest son, was administrator of his estate, which was not settled for several years after his decease. In 1727, Josiah deeded the home lot to Richard Kidder. In 1730, Jeremiah of Walpole and Uriah of Medfield sold a 60-acre lot on Prospect Hill. . . . Children: JOSIAH, b. 1 July, 1701, wheelwright at Walpole; URIAH, b. 1702, d. 1704, at Medfield; MEHETABLE, b. 1704, m. Samuel Shears of Walpole; JEREMIAH, b. and d. 1706; JEREMIAH, b. 19 Aug., 1707, m. Elizabeth ——, and settled at Walpole, was in the Louisburg expedition and was killed by the bursting of a cannon; URIAH, m. Elizabeth Metcalf, settled at Medway; THOMAS, b. 17 Oct., 1711, at Medfield; MARY, b. 18 Sept., 1713, at Medway; NATHANIEL, b. 30 Oct., 1715, at Medway; ABIGAIL, b. 30 Dec., 1717, at Ox. two months after her father's decease.

BENAIAH of Douglas, came with family to Ox. about 1846, resided at H. 230, where his w. d. 2 Dec., 1847, he d. a. 64, 25 Aug., 1854; his dau. SARAH M. a. 18, d. 10 June, 1856; JANE F. a. 53, d. 7 Nov., 1869.

DAVID, of Charlton, and Naomi Prince, m. 16 Jan., 1803.

TIMOTHY, JR., and Sophia Merriam, m. 6 Jan., 1818.

SIMEON, and Sally Cutler of Ward, m. int. 20 April, 1816.

ADOLPHUS, and Lavina Robbins, m. int. 28 April, 1832.

CHARLES E., of Charlton, and Esther B. Holman, m. 28 July, 1840.

BRIDGET (Irish), aged 26, d. 11 April, 1876.

**MOULTON, JAMES**, son of Nathaniel and Anna (Kimball) of Hopkinton, b. 5 May, 1771, m. Phebe Bowman of Hopkinton, b. 18 March, 1775, came to Ox., 1805, settled at H. 181, adjoining north common, where he d. aged 45, 5 May, 1816, she d. 2 April, 1840. . . . *Children*: **LOWELL**, b. 1 Jan., 1801, d. 11 April, 1815; **MARY**, b. 30 June, 1804, m. Alpheus Prince; **BENJAMIN K.**, b. 22 March, 1806, m. Almira Walker of Framingham, resided in Dudley, tanner and currier, removed to Grafton, d. 31 Jan.; 1882; they had *Frank*, *Emily*; **DANIEL**, b. 1 July, 1808, butcher, m. (1) 30 June, 1831, Mary, dau. of Daniel Nichols, and had *Lowell N.*, b. 10 Jan., 1832, d. unm. June, 1884; she d. 16 Jan., 1832; m. (2) intentions 24 Nov., 1833, Elizabeth Currier of Canterbury, N. H.; they had *Josiah*, *Mary*, *James*, *Daniel*, *Fred*; removed to Worcester, where he d. 13 Jan., 1857; **OLIVE**, b. 6 Jan., 1812, d. young; **NANCY**, b. 28 Oct., 1813, m. 30 April, 1846, John M. Twitchell of Fitchburg; had *Edgar B.*, b. 2 March, 1847, m. and resided at Fitchburg; she d. 6 June, 1881 at Fitchburg; **PHEBE B.**, b. 21 June, 1815, m. 8 April, 1841, Andrew J. Twitchell of Fitchburg, she d. 2 May, 1848; had *Emily P.*, m. William F. Buttrick of Fitchburg; had *Frank*; *Theodore*, d. young; *Mary P.*, d. young.

**REV. JOSIAH**, brother of James (1), fourth pastor at Ox., b. 27 Dec., 1773, at Hopkinton, apprenticed to learn the trade of a cooper, continued only a short time, early began the study of the languages, keeping his books on his work-bench, and thus fitting himself for college, where he paid his expenses by manual labor and teaching, was graduated at Dartmouth in 1802, studied theology, resided at Upton, whence he came to Ox., 26 March, 1805. Although circumstances were somewhat discouraging there was a revival during his ministry and a considerable accession to the Church. He was dismissed 6 April, 1813, removing to Hamilton, N. Y., preaching until 1819, when on account of ill health he went to Union, Broome Co., and later to Wilkesbarre, Pa., hoping to continue in his profession, but failed. He then removed to Whitesboro', near Utica, N. Y., remaining there until 1825, when he bought of the Holland Purchase Co. a large tract of land at Ashford, which he occupied, clearing about 50 acres which he cultivated until near his death. He was a devoted Christian man, of fair ability, somewhat moderate in manner. In his feebleness he often called together his neighbors in his log cabin on Sunday to speak on gospel themes, and at times was induced to hold meetings in school-houses distant from his home, and was much beloved by the people among whom he lived. At Ox. he began the building of the large house by the north common, now J. B. Campbell's, H. 180, finishing only a part which he occupied. He m. 26 Sept., 1805, Dorcas, dau. of Nathaniel and Dorcas Thayer of Braintree, b. 2 April, 1778. He d. Aug., 1827, at Ashford, N. Y., she d. April, 1844, at Homer, N. Y. . . . *Children*, first three b. at Ox.: **MELONA D.**, b. 14 Oct., 1806, m. 1837, at Homer, N. Y., Moses B. Butterfield, a lawyer; she was scholarly and an efficient teacher in the Homer Academy from 1823 to 1837, he d. 1872, in Mich., she d. 1854, at Racine, Wis.: they had *Emily*, b. 1838, music teacher at Omaha, Neb.; *Frances*, b. 1844; *Melona M.*, b. 1853, both teachers in Neb.; **JONATHAN B.**, b. 26 July, 1810, m. 1843, Jane E. Smith of Evansville, Ind., civil engineer from 1833 to 1883, several years city engineer at St. Louis, Mo., was extensively engaged in the construction of canals, railroads, reservoirs, etc., at the West, retired in 1883 and resided at St. Louis; they had at St. Louis: *Julius*, b. 1844, m. 1871, Marion P. Nelson, in 1883 assistant sewer commissioner at St. Louis; *Sylvanus T.*, b. 11 Feb., 1854, m. 1874, A. L.

Harding, had ch., employed in the Internal Revenue Office at St. Louis; *Melona T.*, b. 1860, m. 1878, Dr. W. C. Greene of St. Louis, had ch.; ABIGAIL F., b. 1812, d. 1815, at Hamilton, N. Y., from scalds; LUE MARIA, b. 1814, d. 1815; ABIGAIL F., b. April, 1816, at Hamilton, m. 1837, Sylvester Nash, who d. 1883, she d. 1859, at Cazenovia, N. Y.; they had *Henry*, b. 1838, dentist in New York city; *George*, b. 1840, m. and resided in Texas, had ch.; *Charles*, b. 1842, dentist in New York city; *Mary*, b. 1843, m. —— Card, resided at Syracuse, N. Y.; *Spencer*, b. 1845, dentist in New York city; *Melona*, b. 1848; *Ebenezer*, b. 1852; *Kate*, b. 1854; *Frances*, b. 1856, last four resided at Cazenovia; *Frank*, b. 1859, resided in Texas; NATHANIEL T., b. 1820, at Union, Broome Co., N. Y., m. 1846, Charity McKee of Candor, N. Y., and had *Frank*, b. 1848, m. and resided at Winona, Ill., had ch.; *Harry*, b. 1852, m. and resided at Sandwich, Ill., had ch.; *George*, m. and resided in Texas; Charity, the mother, d., he m. (2) her younger sister, and had *Jennie*, *Laura*, *Benjamin*, *Paul*, all living 1883 at Winona, Ill.

MARK D., of Dudley, and Eliza P. Pond, m. intentions 8 Nov., 1833.

JOHN B., and Mary V. Reynolds, m. intentions 16 Sept., 1838.

ELIZABETH, w. of Rev. Horace, aged 35, d. 1 June, 1843.

SUSAN H., dau. of Josiah, and Henry D. West, m. 2 May, 1850.

JOSIAH, aged 83, d. at Stafford, 29 July, 1861.

DAVID D., son of Josiah of Stafford, aged 37, d. 8 June, 1863.

SUSANNA, widow, m. n. Dodge, aged 74, d. 19 June, 1865.

MOWRY, AARON, and Hannah Sibley, m. 25 Nov., 1818. . . . *Children:* OREY, NANCY, RUTH, all d. young.

JOHN, aged 72, d. 20 June, 1832.

RICHARD D., and Lucy M. Albee, m. 13 Sept., 1838.

RUTH, w. of Daniel, aged 53, d. 1844.

FRANCIS L., son of Brigham W., aged 8, drowned 11 Aug., 1859.

MOZER, SAMUEL, and Abigail Goodell, m. 3 June, 1800.

MULLIKEN, AMOS, of Bradford, bought land in Sutton near Ox. 1777, sold in 1779, when he was of Ox., and was on a committee to enforce the resolutions of the Concord convention.

MUNROE, RHODA, aged 66, d. 25 March, 1849.

MUNSELL, ESTHER, and Abel Leavens, m. 28 Aug., 1760.

MARY, widow, resided in Ox. 1771, d. 20 July, 1789.

MUNYAN, DANIEL, of Dudley, and Eliza Carroll, m. 10 June, 1826.

GEORGE, m. 8 March, 1827, Sally Wheat of Woodstock, Conn., and had SARAH, b. 25 Dec., 1827, many years miller at North Village, Webster.

MURPHY, ANASTASIA, and Stephen Collins, m. int. 29 March, 1835.

MARY, widow (Irish), aged 79, d. 4 Aug., 1885.

MUZZEY, NATHANIEL, removed 1761 from Sudbury to Rutland, in 1768 to Ox., having bought the Edson farm, H. 163, where he lived until 1774, sold and removed to Winchendon, where he resided 1784. He m. Jane, dau. of Thomas Bogle, and had at Ox. MARY, b. 9 June, 1769.

ELISHA, of Oxford, Me., m. 30 March, 1828, Relief, dau. of Ebenezer Clark, he d. aged 58, at Worcester, 10 Aug., 1858, she d. at Ox., 10 Feb., 1835,

aged 32, they had **MELETIAH M.** (dau.), b. 9 Nov., 1829; **HAMMOND C.**, b. 9 March, 1834.

**JOSEPH, JR.**, of Shrewsbury, and Hannah Merriam of North Gore, m. intentions 11 June, 1763. In 1738 Joseph Muzzy was of Lexington. [See H. 105.]

**NASH, FRANCIS**, of Holden, son of Samuel, formerly of Scituate, m. 13 April, 1826, Martha, dau. of Ezekiel Davis, settled at Holden, removed to Ox. to her father's homestead, H. 53, where he d. aged 79, 28 Feb., 1879, she d. 12 Nov., 1878. . . . *Children*: **ELIZABETH K.**, b. 15 June, 1833, m. 15 Feb., 1860, Daniel P., son of Josiah Upham of Dudley; he was U. S. marshal of west district of Arkansas from 1876 to 1880, later merchant at Little Rock, d. 18 Nov., 1882, at Dudley; **MARY L.**, b. 20 Nov., 1835, m. 10 Nov., 1856, Benjamin C., son of George Bartlett of Webster, had *Fred E.*, b. 16 Nov., 1857; **MARTHA L.**, b. 15 June, 1841, m. (1) 27 Sept., 1858, Alfred Tourtelotte, soldier in the late war, d. 18 Oct., 1862, at Antietam, m. (2) 22 Nov., 1870, Rufus G. L. Tilton, son of Oliver, of Raymond, N. H., settled at Tilton, N. H., had *Gertie E.*, b. 18 May, 1874.

**NEWCOMB, DAVID**, son of Capt. Ebenezer, of Wellfleet, descended from Andrew, of Isle of Shoals, N. H., who came perhaps as early as 1630, sea captain, had 13 ch., of whom **THOMAS**, the fourth, b. 1668, m. Elizabeth Cook at Eastham, had 9 ch., the eighth, **EBENEZER**, b. 1712, at Eastham, m. **Thankful Freeman**, mariner, removed from the part of Eastham now Wellfleet to Ox., with his son **DAVID** in 1773, settled near the common, later Jason Coller's, H. 188, removed 1782 to Greenwich, where the father d. 11 Oct., 1782. **DAVID** was b. 1739, m. 10 July, 1759, Elizabeth Gross, was on a committee to care for soldiers' families at Ox. in the Revolutionary war, carpenter, built the Congregational Church building at Greenwich, had a case in court at Worcester in 1786, he d. about 1825, aged 86, she d. 1813. . . . *Children* b. at Wellfleet: **RUTH**, b. 6 Aug., 1760, m. intentions 8 Nov., 1781, Dr. Thomas Baker, both d. at Newfane, Vt., he d. Dec., 1805, she d. 1825, 8 ch.; **NEHEMIAH**, b. 17 Nov., 1762, m. Hannah Foster, he d. 1852, 7 ch.; **ELISHA**, b. 15 Jan., 1765, m. Rachel Collins, he d. 19 Dec., 1840, at Greenwich; **HEZEKIAH**, b. 24 Jan., 1767, settled at Henrietta, N. Y., 9 ch.; **DAVID**, b. 7 Sept., 1769, settled in New York State, 7 ch.; **SALOME**, b. 12 Feb., 1772, m. and settled in Genesee, N. Y., 2 ch.; ch. b. at Ox.: **ISAIAH**, b. 19 May, 1774, settled at Cooperstown, N. Y., where he d. 1835, 5 ch.; **EBENEZER**, b. 26 July, 1779, d. young; **BARZILLAI**, b. 23 April, 1781, removed 1824 to Middlefield, N. Y., he d. 1855, at Delta, N. Y., 2 ch.

**NEWELL, EPHRAIM**, and Miriam Campbell, m. intentions 11 May, 1793. **AMOS H.**, aged 76, d. 5 May, 1886.

**NEWHALL, REV. EBENEZER**, b. 1789, at New Ipswich, N. H., son of Onesimus and Sarah, and grandson of Ebenezer, of Lynnfield, was graduated 1818 at Harvard, studied at Andover, preached for a time at Phillips Academy and at other places before coming to Ox. He was ordained and installed 17 Dec., 1823, this being his first settlement. He was a thoroughly good man, of average ability and much moral courage, displayed in the firm stand he took on the temperance question, first agitated here during his ministry. He was a good pastor, but undemonstrative as a preacher, precise and finished in manner. He was dismissed 19 June, 1832, and 16 Jan., 1833,

installed at Lincoln, removed thence 12 April, 1847, to Willsboro', N. Y., continuing until 1854, and 27 Sept., was installed at Litchfield, N. H., where he preached eight years, closing his life work 29 Oct., 1862; soon removed to Cambridgeport, thence 1876 to Cambridge, where he d. 10 Aug., 1879, his w. d. 1877. He m. intentions 31 July, 1824, Sarah B. Clark at Danbury, Conn. . . . Children: SARAH, b. March, 1827; CHARLES H., b. 24 Oct., 1828, educated at Merrimack, N. H., Institute and Lakin School of Andover, studied medicine in Boston, surgeon in the late war.

NEWTON, AMOS P., grandson of Tyrus of Upton and son of Ebenezer (who m. Elizabeth, dau. of Amos Putnam of Worcester, son of Elisha of Sutton), removed soon after m. to Hawley, thence to Leicester and Ox. where he resided about ten years and removed to Ward where he d. about 1827. AMOS P. was b. 30 Oct., 1805, at Hawley, m. 20 April, 1831, Mary, dau. of Reuben Adams of Ward, where they settled, removed about 1842 to Ox. where she d. aged 42, 27 July, 1859; m. (2) Rhoda, widow of Willard Severy. He d. aged 81, 14 Feb., 1888. . . . Children, b. at Auburn: MARY JANE, b. 29 Dec., 1833, m. Abel M. Chaffee; ALFRED B., b. 25 Aug., 1835, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Silas Fitts, 3 ch.; SERENO, b. 12 May, 1837, m. Emma J. Wiswell of Ox., 1 ch.; ELLEN S., b. 10 Aug., 1838, d. 3 March, 1850; JOHN P., b. 14 Aug., 1841, m. Emily E., dau. of Nathaniel Nolen of Ox., 2 ch. b. at Ox.; AMOS P., b. 18 June, 1843, soldier in the late war, killed 27 May, 1864; ELMIRA, b. 22 Jan., 1845, d. 9 Oct., 1866; TYRUS, b. 1847, d. 1849; MILTON H., b. and d. 1850; ELLEN E., b. 27 July, 1859, m. Fred., son of Christopher Stafford.

WILLIAM, son of Windsor, grandson of Silas, all of Paxton, b. 2 May, 1820, at Paxton, dentist, in which profession he took a high rank at Worcester, a prominent Baptist, preached occasionally, m. 30 July, 1845, Eliza L., dau., of Horace and Nancy (DeWitt) Smith, settled at Worcester, removed 1853 to Ox., resided 1888 at H. 226. He d. 24 Sept., 1889. . . . Children: MARY E., b. 1 July, 1857; WILLIAM H., b. 22 March, 1862.

CHARLES P., son of Ebenezer, aged 3, d. 30 June, 1823.

ELEANOR, and Elbridge Howe of Auburn, m. int. 18 March, 1839.

NICHOLAS, ANSON, son of David, Cranston, R. I., a. 80, d. 16 June, 1888. EMORY A., his son, aged 20, d. 15 Oct., 1860.

NICHOLS, JOHN, WILLIAM, ALEXANDER, brothers, tradition says from Ireland. JOHN was 17 years of age when he left, and worked his passage; lived in Roxbury, came 1734 to Ox. as tenant of heirs of Gov. Dudley on entailed lands in south part of Ox., built as supposed the house, H. 58, which was removed 1887, late Timothy Aldrich, on Webster road; chosen 1742 to prosecute deer hunters; Lieut. in the French and Indian war; resided after in west part of Ox., H. 77. He m. Hannah Tucker of Roxbury: he d. aged 91, 10 Jan., 1801. They had JOHN, b. 1734; HANNAH, m. 23 Aug., 1766, Peter Phillips of Charlton, settled about a mile southwest of Buffum's, on land from her father, old house now standing, untenantable, once owned by Joseph Martin and Zebedee Phetteplace; they had *Hannah*, b. 18 Sept., 1767, m. —— Jones, and had Joseph, m. Nelly Wheelock; Polly, m. Simeon Smith; *Edward*, b. 10 Jan., 1772, m. —— Atwood, resided at homestead, had William.

2. JOHN, son of John (1), m. 15 May, 1755, Jerusha, dau. of Collins Moore, settled in west part of Ox., was a large land owner and innkeeper. His sons had farms from his estate as follows: Alexander and Jonathan in common his homestead, being the Barnabas Rich farm and Capt. Thomas

Nichols farm in Charlton and Ox.; John, the Enoch Gale farm in Charlton; David, the mill and the land about it, now Howarth's; and Jeremiah, the Reuben Morton farm in the border of Charlton. He was Captain in the Revolutionary war; joined the army near New York in 1777, but his term of service was short. When he left home his son Jonathan, then thirteen years of age, in company with David Lamb, a soldier, drove the transportation wagon with four horses to New Haven, and with the team returned alone. In 1779 he bought Augutteback Mill property and removed thither, leaving his twin sons upon the farm. They continued to cultivate it, married and managed affairs after the manner of Dickens' "Cheerable Brothers." In 1805, several years after his marriage, Jonathan built the house now standing in Ox. near Charlton line, and soon after Alexander removed the old house and built, modelled after Jonathan's, the present house at the homestead, late Jonathan A. Rich's. They continued to cultivate the farm in common until 1822, and they were 58 years of age when they agreed to separate. Gen. Salem Towne of Charlton, Nathan Hall and James Farwell of Ox., were chosen as referees and the property, excepting the mills and water-power, was divided. Alexander remained upon the western portion and Jonathan took the east. After the death of Alexander in 1823, the mill property was sold to Stearns Witt. The farm of Alexander remained in possession of his heirs, the children of Barnabas Rich, till 1888. Capt. Thomas Nichols owned and lived for many years upon that of Jonathan. Capt. John Nichols d. 31 May, 1812; Jerusha, his widow, d. 11 May, 1830, aged 95. . . . Children: RUTH, b. 7 June, 1756, m. Samuel Campbell; BATHSHEBA, b. 2 Feb., 1758, m. (1) 29 Nov., 1775, Abijah Conant; he went as servant to her father in the Revolutionary war and d. in the service; she m. (2) Ebenezer Brown; JERUSAH, b. 28 Dec., 1759, m. 23 Nov., 1775, John Stevens of Charlton, large family, she d. aged 92, 31 Aug., 1852, at Ox.; ELSEY, b. 26 Nov., 1761, m. 17 Oct., 1776, Reuben Moore; ALEXANDER and JONATHAN, b. 25 Nov., 1763; JOHN, b. 16 July, 1765; DAVID, b. 2 Jan., 1767; DOLLY, b. 8 March, 1769, m. intentions 16 Feb., 1787, Peter, son of Jacob Shumway, removed to New York State; ZILPAH, b. 6 May, 1770, m. Edward Edwards; JEREMIAH, b. 31 July, 1772; HANNAH, b. 26 Feb., 1776, m. John Merriam.

3. ALEXANDER, son of John (2), m. 3 May, 1787, Lucy, dau. of William Nichols, lived on the homestead. He d. 12 April, 1823, she d. 19 Sept., 1820. Children: ALEXANDER, b. 23 Feb., 1788, m. Nancy Willard of Charlton, no ch., he d. 28 May, 1824; m. (2) 12 Sept., 1824, Benjamin Eddy, m. (3) 10 April, 1831, John Balcom; LOIS, b. 21 May, 1790, m. John Stevens of Charlton, where they settled, 6 ch.; RUTH, b. Nov., 1793, m. Paul Rich of Charlton, she d. soon, no ch.; LUCY, b. 17 May, 1796, m. 31 March, 1816, Barnabas Rich, brother of Paul, settled on the homestead, he d. 21 April, 1856, she d. 20 Feb., 1868; they had Lois N., b. 25 Oct., 1816, m. 20 May, 1841, Fred Davis of Dudley (who d. 12 Feb., 1847, father of Van A.); Celia, b. 11 April, 1819, d. 4 Sept., 1868, unm.; Jonathan A., b. 9 Feb., 1822, resided at homestead, d. unm. 1887: Lucy M., b. 14 Oct., 1826, m. (1) 27 Dec., 1847, Warren R. Buxton of Charlton, he d. 16 Feb., 1876, 3 ch.; m. (2) 2 May, 1878, Washington W. White; Clarinda, b. 19 April, 1830, m. 10 Oct., 1854, Lucian D. Putnam of Charlton, 3 ch.; RUFUS, b. 28 Feb., 1805, m. (1) 10 Oct., 1830, Lorinda, dau. of Amasa McIntire, resided east part of Charlton, she d. aged 25, 1 July 1838; they had Franklin A., b. 9 May, 1833, m. 31 March, 1858, Julia A. Allen, residence, Auburn; they had Arthur R., b. 10 May, 1859; Alice L., b. 20 Feb., 1863;

Lillie A., b. 1 July, 1869; Rufus, the father, m. (2) 19 Jan., 1842, Esther, dau. of Isaac Lamson, no ch.; she d. 2 Dec., 1863, aged 59, he d. 11 April, 1861.

4. JONATHAN, son of John (2), m. 15 May, 1791, Lydia, dau. of John Merriam. He d. aged 77, 22 June, 1841, she d. 15 Aug., 1836. . . . Children: ABIGAIL, b. 9 March, 1792, m. 4 Feb., 1816, Thomas Marsh of Dudley; LYDIA, aged 2, d. Sept., 1803; THOMAS, b. 31 July, 1803; two others d. young.

5. THOMAS, son of Jonathan (4), m. 6 June, 1825, Tirzah, dau. of Ebenezer Lamson, inherited and occupied his father's farm, removed late in life to the Plain, where he d. aged 82, 2 June, 1886. . . . Children: JONATHAN, b. 27 May, 1826, studied medicine at Albany, N. Y., with Prof. Thomas Hun; diploma Feb., 1846, from Albany Medical College, attended lectures at Harvard Medical School, practiced one year at Troy, N. Y.; came 1848 to Ox., continued until 1 July, 1856; removed to Beetown, Wis., thence, in 1870, to Atlantic, Ia. He m. 8 May, 1851, Mary M., dau. of George Makepeace of Franklin; they had b. at Ox.: William M., b. 21 Sept., 1852; Edith, b. 15 Feb., 1855; Frank, b. 15 Dec., 1865, at Beetown. LYDIA, b. 28 July, 1828, m. 6 June, 1849, Amos L. Scoville; had DeWitt C., b. 16 June, 1850, m. (1) Myra Rallion of Ox., she d. Feb., 1876, m. (2) Harriet Emery of Centreville, Dak., where he with his mother 1888 resided; George Herbert, b. 7 Feb., 1852; GEORGE, b. 24 July, 1830, m. 25 Nov., 1856, Martha A. Swain of Worcester, removed to Philadelphia, had ch., he d. 13 March, 1881, at Germantown, Pa.; MARY A., b. 30 March, 1833, m. 24 Dec., 1868, Lafayette M. Hervey, residence, Auburn, no ch.; THOMAS V., b. 13 July, 1835, m. 23 April, 1861, Amelia S. Trask of Grafton, removed to Worcester, thence to Auburn; they had Jessie M., b. 6 Feb., 1862; Alice M., b. 2 Feb., 1864; Anna P., b. 26 June, 1866; TIRZAH S., b. 16 Sept., 1837, many years an efficient teacher in Worcester Public Schools; CAROLINE E., b. 3 July, 1840, unm.; J. EDWARD, b. 23 Feb., 1843, m. 23 Oct., 1867, Emily M., dau. of Jasper Brown, settled at Ox.; they had Fannie A., b. 3 Aug., 1871; Ruth, b. 1 June, 1877, d. 4 Nov., 1885; AURIN B., b. 10 Nov., 1845, m. 5 June, 1869, Mary Thompson of Pennsylvania, settled at Philadelphia, and had ch.

6. JOHN, son of John (2), m. 20 May, 1785, Lucretia, dau. of Amos Putnam, settled at the Enoch Gale place, Charlton, near Ox. line. He d. aged 83, 13 Oct., 1848, she d. aged 87, 28 Jan., 1852. . . . Children: SUSANNA, b. 2 Nov., 1785, m. Enoch Gale; JOHN P., b. 1 June, 1789, m. 17 May, 1808, Sophia, dau. of Jacob Shumway, settled at Ox., he d. 7 Feb., 1817; m. (2) Jotham Merriam and d. 3 Oct., 1844; ch. of John P. and Sophia: Caroline, b. 6 May, 1809, brought up at Jonathan Davis, Jr.'s, m. (1) Aaron Stone of Woodstock, Conn. (?), m. (2) Stephen Moulton of West Clarksville, N. Y., where she d. 12 Oct., 1880; Rufus, b. 1 March, 1811, m. (1) Mariett DeWitt of Conway, m. (2) Arzelia Wells of same place, he d. 12 March, 1887, at W. Clarksville; Chloe, b. 8 Feb., 1813, m. David Fitts; Mary, b. 5 Sept., 1815, m. Emerson Rutter of Vermont, resided 1889 at Hopkinton, Ia.; CHARLES P., b. 5 April, 1792; NANCY T., b. 30 Aug., 1795, m. Samuel Merriam; ELIPHAL, m. intentions 6 Feb., 1839, Jeremiah Upham of Dudley; SOPHIA, d. 1803; SOPHIA, m. Amasa Coburn; CLARISSA, m. 14 March, 1830, Rufus Conant of Charlton, and had children.

7. CHARLES P., son of John (6), m. 6 April, 1814, Irena, dau. of Samuel Hartwell of North Gore, settled at Ox., cabinet maker, built for himself at least four houses in the town, was later a wagon maker and house painter, removed 1836 to Worcester where he was a house painter, and where both d.

He d. 24 May, 1869, she d. 20 May, 1876. . . . Children: MARY ANN, b. 14 June, 1815, m. 26 Feb., 1831, Lorenzo D. Gorton, removed to Philadelphia, Pa., railroad car builder, had ch.; CYRUS H., b. 10 Dec., 1817, m. 1844, at Springfield, Eliza Hannum, one of the first locomotive engineers on the Western Railroad, removed to Buffalo, N. Y., a superior mechanic, the inventor of the locomotive cab for the protection of the engineer from the weather, and several other useful appliances now in extensive use in railroading, he d. 19 Jan., 1888, at Buffalo, had ch.; SUSAN C., b. 27 May, 1820, m. 8 Jan., 1850, Samuel S. Sweetser of Worcester, where they settled, had ch.; CHARLES PORTER, b. 20 July, 1822, m. 1853, at Springfield, Mary Ann Sullivan, long in the employ of the B. & A. R. R., at Springfield; JOHN D., b. 23 Aug., 1824, d. 1826; JOHN B., b. 15 Nov., 1827, left home about 1841, was for a number of months employed at the Astor House, New York, in 1842 went to New Orleans, La., where he entered the employ of the largest dry goods house in the city. In 1847 he went to Jackson, Miss., into a branch house of the same firm; in 1849 started overland for California with a party, the most of whom died on the way or were killed by the Indians; was left on the route to die, but managed to reach Fort Laramie, then only an Indian trading post guarded by U. S. troops. He soon began trade with the Indians, was a favorite with them and became wealthy. In 1854 he came east, but soon returned as far as Missouri. In 1858 he was connected with the Overland Mail Company and went through with the first mail *via* Santa Fé. He later removed to Texas, enlisted in the Confederate army, in which he was a captain, and was killed at Gettysburg, 3 July, 1863; SUMNER B., b. 21 June, 1830, m. Nov., 1853, at Copenhagen, N. Y., Caroline Adams, settled at Worcester, tobacconist, had ch., she d. 1 March, 1884, he d. 2 Feb., 1888, both at Worcester; SAMUEL H., b. 19 Jan., 1833, locomotive engineer, killed on the N. Y. Central Railroad at Oneida, N. Y., 19 March, 1853.

8. DAVID, son of John (2), succeeded his father as owner of the Auguste-back Mill, and operated a grist-mill, wool-carding and saw-mill many years, sold in 1826 to the Oxford Woolen Company, m. 12 March, 1789, Anna, dau. of Dea. Samuel Harris, he d. 1 Jan., 1842, she d. 13 April, 1845, at Grafton. . . . Children: ANNA, b. 13 May, 1792, m. Dr. Delano Pierce; A DAU., b. 1794; A SON, b. 1796; A DAU., b. 1798; A DAU., b. 1800; A DAU., b. 1802, all d. young of dysentery; LOVISA, b. 29 April, 1804, m. 25 Feb., 1827, Josiah Moore; BETSEY, b. 1805, d. 1811; JOHN, b. 1808, d. 1810.

9. JEREMIAH, son of John (2), m. 22 March, 1796, Dorothy Coburn of Charlton, settled in the east part of Charlton on land given him by his father. He d. 25 July, 1813, she d. aged 72, 8 Oct., 1849. . . . Children: ABIJAH, b. 27 June, 1797; ELSIE, b. 10 Nov., 1804, m. 15 Nov., 1824, Lawson Gould, lived at Jonathan Sibley's, removed 1840 to Charlton near Ox.; they had *Sylvanus*, b. 12 Jan., 1827, m. Cordelia V. ——, who d. 26 April, 1869; Harvey, b. 6 March, 1830, d. unm.; Franklin, b. 5 Oct., 1832, m. Julia, dau. of Hiram Corbin of Webster, where they settled, had ch.; Hollis, b. 19 Sept., 1837, m., removed to Douglas, where he d.; Julia Ann, b. 15 Jan., 1839, d. unm.; Manson, b. 23 Nov., 1842, soldier in the late war, d. 18 June, 1863, at New Berne, N. C.; Tirzah, b. 1 Oct., 1844, m. Alonzo Vinton, resided at Minnesota; Nancy, b. 13 Dec., 1849, m. Andrew E. Bennett; Lavina, b. 12 July, 1806, m. 10 June, 1827, Fitz Alvan Barnes of Dudley; had Lucian, m. Almira Prince; Francis, m. —— Mansfield, has been an officer in State Prison, Sing Sing, N. Y.; HARVEY, b. 3 July, 1808, m. Clarentine, dau. of Thomas Towne of

Charlton, where they settled, he d. 1881, had ch.; PETER E., b. 10 Sept., 1810, m. (1) 31 March, 1834, Millia Stockwell of Ox., she d. 15 Nov., 1878, at Providence, R. I., m. (2) 28 June, 1879, Mary F. Brackett of Webster, resided at Providence and Harvard, where he d. 15 March, 1885; had *Lizzie*, b. 19 Feb., 1835, at Pomfret, Conn., d. 1 Aug., 1853; DELANO P., b. 7 Feb., 1813, m. 1832, at Millbury, Nancy H. Hastings, and had *Sarah A.*, b. 23 Sept., 1835, m. Feb., 1853, Leonard C. Clark, resided at Hyde Park; Delano P., d. 1 May, 1873, his widow d. 26 April, 1883, both at Hyde Park: 3 others d. 1808.

10. ABIJAH, son of Jeremiah (9), m. 15 Sept., 1819, Susan Underwood of Pomfret, Conn., settled at H. 218, cabinet maker, later lived at Webster, Stoneville and Lancaster, removed 1845 to Worcester, where he d. 18 April, 1877, she d. aged 67, 4 July, 1864, at Worcester. . . . Children b. at Ox.: MARY ELIZA, b. 2 Nov., 1820, m. 9 Sept., 1846, Jarvis Howe, resided in several towns, indicated by birth of ch., he d. 13 Aug., 1879, at North Brookfield; they had *Mary E.*, b. 21 June, 1847, at Worcester; Oliver L., b. 25 Aug., 1849, at Tolland, Conn.; Edwin J., b. 20 June, 1851, at Spencer; Roselle L., b. 16 Dec., 1854, at Stafford, Conn.; another b. and d. 1857, at North Brookfield; JEREMIAH, b. 9 Jan., 1823, m. Jenny E. Stratton, resided at Worcester, accountant, he d. 20 July, 1880; LAVINIA E., b. 25 April, 1825, m. 1 Jan., 1850, George Earle of Paxton, settled at Worcester, where he d. 11 Jan., 1863; they had *Susan E.*, d. aged 26, 29 Feb., 1880; *George S.*, resided with his mother at Worcester; SUSAN M., b. 16 Nov., 1833; WILLARD, d. young.

11. WILLIAM, brother of John (1). The first we learn of him is in his land purchase in 1743 of Ebenezer Humphrey at the south end of the Plain, H. 209. He doubtless built the house long occupied by Elihu Harwood, Jr.; hatter. He m. 3 Oct., 1745, Mary, dau. of Dea. John Willson. He d. aged 72, 18 Aug., 1794, suddenly while plowing in his field. She d. about 1810. . . . Children: MARY, b. 24 April, 1746, m. 19 Nov., 1783, Ebenezer Twiss of Charlton, had ch.; WILLIAM, b. 27 Jan., 1748, Revolutionary soldier, (?) m. 5 May, 1774, Lydia, dau. of John Town, settled at Charlton and had ch.; PHEBE, b. 11 Sept., 1750, m. Edmund, son of John Eddy; RACHEL, b. 13 March, 1753, m. Elijah Ward, settled at Charlton and had ch.; DANIEL, b. 8 April, 1755, d. 1761; SAMUEL, b. 11 Nov., 1757, d. 1768; SARAH, b. 19 Aug., 1760, m. 18 Jan., 1781, Moses Twiss of Charlton, where they settled, had ch.; LOIS, b. 11 June, 1764, m. intentions 24 July, 1786, Abijah Wheelock of Charlton; LUCY, b. 29 April, 1767, m. her cousin, Alexander Nichols; DANIEL, b. 26 May, 1770.

12. DANIEL, son of William (11), m. 30 Nov., 1797, Susan, dau. of Jonathan Kidder, resided at the homestead, where he d. 9 March, 1825, she d. 10 March, 1816. . . . Children: JOSHUA, d. 1802; SOPHIA, b. 1799, d. 1802; SUSANNA, d. 1802; WILLIAM, b. 3 Aug., 1803, m. intentions 8 March, 1836, Azubah H. Gibbs, resided at Dudley, where he d. 1878, carpenter, had ch.; SAMUEL, b. 13 Aug., 1806, m. (1) Emeline, dau. of Enoch Marsh, she d. aged 33, 27 May, 1850, no ch., m. (2) Mary B., dau. of David Wait, he d. 7 Oct., 1870, she d. 22 April, 1871; ch. by second m. *Georgiana*, m. Amos Allen.

13. ALEXANDER, brother of John (1), came from Roxbury as early as 1738, lived for a time at Dudley, m. 26 Feb., 1739, Margaret, dau. of Joseph Wiley, settled in the extreme north part of Ox., adjoining Worcester on the "Ridge road." In 1744 Joseph Rockett sold him 60 acres, third lot from Worcester corner, westward. . . . Children: RACHEL, b. 2 July, 1743, m. Daniel Phillips; REBECCA, b. 6 Nov., 1744; THOMAS, father of *Hannah*, w. of

Parley Eddy, removed to Marietta, O.; and others not recorded. Ward was made a poll parish in 1773. At the first choice of officers Alexander Nichols was chosen one of the precinct committee and assessors, and also one of the parish committee. He was dismissed from Ox. Church to that in Ward 1776. He d. aged 83, 18 Aug., 1799, at Ward.

HENRY, son of Isaac of Sutton, m. Elizabeth Town, sold land near Manchaug Pond in Sutton 1762, was of Ox. 1765 to 1771 at least, taxed in 1771 here, but as a tenant perhaps, removed to Royalston as early as 1776, was constable and collector there 1779.

ALEXANDER, and Jean Hart of Leicester, m. 30 Oct., 1751.

ALEXANDER, and Mrs. Deborah Clark of Brookline, m. int. 5 Oct., 1765.

JACOB, Revolutionary soldier.

JONATHAN, and Josephine M. Clark, m. 26 Feb., 1838.

CHAUNCEY, and Caroline M. Goddard, m. 28 Dec., 1848.

**NILES, EPHRAIM**, and Fanny Colton of Medway, m. int. 23 April, 1825.

**NOLEN.** There is a tradition that the first of this family in America was a master shipbuilder sent by the King of England to Montreal. His son THOMAS, who came to the vicinity of Boston, was b. 1734, and d. 10 Jan., 1785, at Roxbury. He m. in Boston 21 Feb., 1762, Elizabeth Blaney, dau. of Ambrose, b. 7 April, 1707, at Lynn; in 1776 removed to Roxbury. GEORGE, their son, was b. 9 March, 1767, m. 1793, Esther Langley, b. 19 Jan., 1772, dau. of Samuel of Roxbury, where they settled, removed 1803 to Thompson, Conn., and two or three years later to Ox., residing here till 1810; removed to Whitinsville, learned somewhat of cotton spinning; in about two years removed to Hopkinton and thence soon to Ashland where he engaged in cotton spinning, continuing until 1824, returned to Ox., where he resided till his death. He was by trade a carpenter. In his later years was, from 1824 to 1838, carrier of the Worcester newspapers on a route through Ox., Webster and Dudley. He d. 25 July, 1840, at Ox., she d. 13 Dec., 1846, at Woonsocket, R. I. . . . Children, first four b. at Roxbury: LAVINA, b. 30 May, 1794, m. Rev. Elias McGregor, Baptist, for a time preacher at Ward, removed to Oldtown, Me., she d. at Colchester, Vt.; BETSEY L., b. 29 Oct., 1796, m. Amos Aldrich, resided in Adrian, Mich.; GEORGE B., b. 16 March, 1799, m. (1) 29 Nov., 1826, Olive C. Crossman of Sutton, she d. 25 June, 1850; m. (2) 9 June, 1852, Clarissa Kingsbury of Sutton, where they settled, removed to Brookfield and 1882 to Ox., where he d. 9 Sept., 1885; ch., all excepting the last, b. at Sutton: Horace W., b. 26 Sept., 1827, m. 2 Oct., 1856, Caroline Siler of Franklin, N. C., where they settled, had ch., he d. there 18 Oct., 1863; George A., b. 9 Jan., 1831, m. 5 Oct., 1869, Melvina M. Patton of El Paso, Ill., was graduated at Yale 1857, among the highest of the class, tutor in 1860, and in 1865 accepted a position in the Patent Office at Washington, D. C., and was 17 Aug., 1875, the date of his death, Examiner-in-chief; a man of ability, courtesy and integrity; Sabra A., b. 18 Feb., 1833, m. 15 Nov., 1854, Joseph E. Waite of West Brookfield, where they settled; Olivia R., b. 6 Oct., 1837, m. 4 Jan., 1865, George W. Sargent of North Brookfield; Alfred E., b. 25 Dec., 1845, at Leicester, graduated at Yale 1867, teacher at Norwich, Vt., Wethersfield, Conn., Winchendon, North Brookfield and Fitchburg, where he 1890 continues; NATHANIEL, b. 27 Oct., 1801; NANCY, b. 3 March, 1806, at Thompson, Conn., m. James Verry, resided at Woonsocket, R. I., where she d.

13 June, 1882; WILLIAM B., b. 6 April, 1816, at Whitinsville, m. Sally Verry, physician at Woonsocket, R. I., and Franklin, his present residence.

2. NATHANIEL, son of George (1), m. 3 Sept., 1842, Harriet Severy. He d. 7 June, 1875. . . . Children: EMILY, b. 19 May, 1844, d. young; GEORGE, b. 22 Jan., 1846; JAMES, b. 27 May, 1849; EMILY, b. 30 April, 1851.

NYE, JONATHAN, of South Gore, and Betty Alton of Thompson, Conn., m. int. 22 Dec., 1794.

O'BRIEN, JAMES (Irish), aged 32, d. 14 July, 1859.

ALICE, aged 50, d. 5 Oct., 1865. (?)

HANNAH, aged 32, d. 22 Aug., 1877.

O'CONNELL, SUSAN, widow, aged 57, d. 6 Nov., 1870.

OLNEY, RICHARD, b. in 1770, at Smithfield, R. I., descended from Thomas, who came from St. Albans, Hertfordshire, Eng., in 1635, settled at Salem, and was in June, 1637, of Providence, contemporary with Roger Williams, having been excommunicated from the Salem Church for espousing his cause, and was in 1638 one of 13 corporate members of the town, and aided in founding the first Baptist Church in America. Richard was in young manhood a thriving merchant at Providence, in the West India trade, and an owner in a packet vessel, the *Huntress*, which plied between Providence, New York and Savannah, carrying passengers and freight, mainly cotton, and which was lost at sea. He was among the pioneers in the cotton manufacture of this region, which interest in 1810 centered in and near Providence. Samuel Slater was successfully prosecuting the business at Pawtucket and casting about in this vicinity for an opportunity to enlarge his operations by establishing mills for spinning, where facilities for weaving were found in the farmers' families. Almost simultaneously Mr. Olney with two associates, merchants of Providence, engaged in a like project, and on 5 Nov., 1811, previous to the purchase of Mr. Slater at Webster, received from Ezekiel Preston, a deed of three-fourths of a tract of land on the Mumford river, at East Douglas, with water-power and rights for mills, machine shop and other buildings. A company was organized, buildings erected and a successful business was established under the style of Richard Olney & Co., later the Douglas Cotton Manufacturing Company. In 1817 Mr. Olney removed to Douglas, where he appears to have continued the business with partners until his coming to Oxford in the spring of 1819. He retained his interest at Douglas until 1822, when he sold  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the property to Ziba Angell, and  $\frac{2}{3}$  to Jonathan Adams and Adams Foster, both of Providence, having been, as thus appears, about two-thirds owner.

In April, 1819, he bought the Campbell tavern property at Oxford Centre, and was there innkeeper and trader until the spring of 1823, when he removed to the house then standing on the site of the Episcopal Church. In 1826 he bought the farm west of the river, H. 74, at present Woodbury's, where he resided until 1833, when he bought the estate on the Plain, H. 226, and removed thither. This place he sold in 1837, and later lived at the house then standing on the site of the Methodist Church, whence he removed after two or three years to Burrillville, which was his home at his decease. He held from the first a large interest in the Oxford Woolen Company, and in 1836 became chief proprietor. He was in precarious health several years before his decease, and in the autumn of 1841 went to Saratoga for recuperation.

Finding little benefit he returned as far as Oxford, stopped with his old friend Alexander C. Thurston, near Town's Pond, H. 141, continued to decline and d. there 22 Oct., 1841, aged 71. [Headstone.] He had native force of character, sagacity and business ability; was an original proprietor in Oxford Bank, the second on its first board of directors, and from 1833 to 1836 its president, member of Constitutional Convention in 1820, town agent five years between 1824 and 1836, in 1821 and 1828 selectman and in 1826 and 1829 representative, an officer in the Restorationist Church under Rev. Seth Chandler, and afterward a supporter of the Methodist Society. He m. 3 April, 1795, at Cumberland, R. I., Abigail Wilson, she d. 16 Aug., 1855, aged 79. . . . Children: LUCINA, b. 31 March, 1796, at North Providence, m. Cromwell Moulton, nine sons; CYNTHIA, b. 12 April, 1797, at North Providence, m. at Douglas, John White, four sons and five daughters; HANNAH, b. 27 April, 1799, at Providence, m. 15 July, 1819, Simon Wheeler of Seekonk, six sons and three daughters; WILSON, b. 10 Jan., 1802, at Providence; LUCINDA, b. 22 Oct., 1803, m. Charles J. Stratford; SIMON L., b. 3 Aug., 1805, left home in young manhood and not heard from; AMY, b. 29 June, 1807, at Providence, m. Samuel C., son of Peter Butler; ELISHA, b. 7 Aug., 1809, at Providence, m. and resided West, had one dau., *Hannah*, m. Thomas Hardy and had Harry, b. about 1876; Elisha, the father, d. in Iowa; MOSES, b. 1814, d. 1820, at Ox., drowned; ABIGAIL, b. 20 Nov., 1817, at Douglas, m. 3 Dec., 1836, William Knight of Leicester, six sons and three daughters; WILLIAM B., b. 31 July, 1819, at Ox., m. Lavina Morey, resided at Burrillville, removed to Upton, where he resides 1891; ch. b. at Burrillville: *William M.*, b. 13 Sept., 1842; *Amy*, b. 21 March, 1844; *Oscar V.*, b. 13 April, 1845.

2. WILSON, son of Richard (1), taught school at Douglas at 17 years of age, was clerk in his father's store at Ox., 1819 to 1823, and at Providence, Hyde Park, N. Y., and Little Falls, N. J., until 1829, when he began as accountant at Ox. Woolen Co. Mill, continuing to 1831; thereafter a merchant on the Plain till 1836, when he removed to Louisville, Ky., and continued in the same line till 1842, when he returned to Ox., remaining at the Ox. Woolen Co. Village caring for the affairs of his father's estate, being an executor, until 1846, when he became interested with George Hodges in flannel manufacture, continuing until 1853, when he removed to the Plain. In 1855 he was elected cashier of the Oxford Bank, which office he efficiently filled until his resignation shortly before his decease. He was a man of scrupulous integrity, of a kindly and generous nature, a sincere and earnest Christian, and commanded the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He m. 26 March, 1832, Eliza L., dau. of Peter Butler. He d. 24 Feb., 1874, she d. 2 May, 1874. . . . Children: RICHARD, b. 15 Sept., 1835, graduated, 1856, at Brown, and later at Harvard Law School; entered, 1859, the law office of Judge Benjamin F. Thomas of Boston, advanced rapidly and, 1890, ranks among the foremost lawyers of that city. He has taken some part in public affairs having served one term as representative and has been the candidate of his party for State Senator and Attorney General of the State; he m. 6 March, 1861, Agnes P., dau. of Judge Thomas; they had *Agnes*, b. Dec., 1861; *Mary T.*, b. Aug., 1865; GEORGE W., b. 27 Aug., 1840, at Louisville, Ky., learned flannel manufacturing with George Hodges; agent at Milton Mills, N. H., from April, 1868, to 1874, when he bought, Aug. 1, mills at Cherry Valley, Leicester (containing 7 sets), where he has since resided; owns a controlling interest in a mill of 8 sets at Lisbon, Me.; has large business capacity, is active in public affairs, and a

popular and respected citizen; he m. 18 Nov., 1862, Waity M., dau. of Elihu Harwood; they had *Thomas W.*, b. 9 June, 1864; *Robert S.*, b. 26 Aug., 1868; *Richard*, b. 5 Jan., 1871; *George H.*, b. 8 Aug., 1872; *Catharine*, b. 16 Dec., 1881; *PETER B.*, b. 21 July, 1843, at Ox., graduated 1864 at Harvard, and Harvard Law School 1866, studied law with William M. Evarts of New York, began practice in that city 1868, has become prominent in his profession and active in public affairs, was in the movement resulting in the overthrow of the Tweed ring in 1871-2, in 1879 one of three commissioners to compile and later to revise the State laws affecting the interests of New York city; appointed 1883, by Gov. Cleveland, district attorney for the City and County of New York, acting until the expiration of his term, 1 Jan., 1885; he m. 12 Nov., 1879, Mary Sigourney, dau. of Peter Butler of Boston; had *Peter B.*, b. 9 April, 1881; *Richard*, b. 24 Feb., 1883; *Wilson*, b. 13 Aug., 1885, at Cedarhurst, Hempstead, L. I.; *Sigourney Butler*, b. 22 Feb., 1888; all except the third b. in New York; *FREDERICK A.*, b. 11 Jan., 1846, at Ox., m. 21 May, 1879, Effie L. Chapin, settled at Worcester, resided 1885 at Kingston, N. Y., hardware merchant; ch.: *Ruth L.*, b. 11 April, 1880, at Worcester; *Persis C.*, b. 17 March, 1883, at New Haven, Conn.; *Christine*, b. 1885, d. March, 1889, at Kingston; *GERTRUDE G.*, b. 10 May, 1850, at Ox., m. 6 Sept., 1872, Eben Sutton Stevens, son of Henry H. Stevens, late of Dudley, and grandson of the late Capt. Nathaniel Stevens, prominent at North Andover; successful manufacturer at Quinebaug, where he is proprietor of the mill property and other adjoining estate, a highly respected and influential citizen; elected State Senator 1891; they had *Gertrude O.*, b. 15 Nov., 1873.

**O'NEIL, WILLIAM**, aged 40, d. 6 Nov., 1870.

**ONLEY [OLNEY ?], NANCY**, w. of Daniel, aged 51, burned, d. 17 April, 1856.

**ORMSBEE, EBENEZER**, of Sutton, 1784, when he sold his estate and bought of Moses Hovey 75 acres, part in Ox. and part in Ward, H. 149. This he sold in 1788, removed to Reading, Vt. The land is not now a homestead, It lies west of the John Pratt place (now Marble's), about a mile and a half north of the railroad station at North Oxford. He m. Abigail ——. . . Children: *EBENEZER*, b. 20 May, 1786; *ABIGAIL*, b. 2 Sept., 1789, at Reading, Vt.

**ERASTUS**, b. 30 June, 1804, near New Boston, Conn., son of Jesse, also b. in Thompson, m. 1833, Celia A., dau. of Samuel Barnes, rented in 1840 the centre tavern, continuing one year, later was trader until Oct., 1858, selectman 1844-45, 1848 and 1851, assessor 1849-50 and 1855, removed 1862, later lived at Dudley, Pascoag and Blackstone, where he kept a tavern, d. 1881, at Quinebaug, Conn., she d. a few years later at Quinebaug, no ch.

**AMY**, and Wright Stockwell, m. 13 Feb., 1808.

**O'SHEA, MICHAEL**, aged 67, d. 12 Aug., 1874.

**OWEN, JOSIAH**, tenant on Bernon land prior to 1720.

**CORNELIUS** (Irish), aged 75, d. 23 Jan., 1862.

**Mrs HANNAH** (Irish), aged 65, d. 29 Oct., 1862.

**Mrs. CATHARINE** (Irish), aged 80, d. 21 March, 1885.

**OWEN** (Irish), aged 90, d. 12 Feb., 1887.

**PACKARD**, ——, son of Mayo, aged 15, d. 18 Oct., 1825.

**PAINE, STEPHEN**, of Hingham, 1638, came that year from Great Ellingham, near Attleburgh, Norfolk Co., Eng., w. Rose, removed 1645 to Rehoboth, where he was influential, long representative. His son **STEPHEN**, probably b. in Eng., had at Rehoboth, **SAMUEL**, b. 1662, m. Abigail Frizzell; their eldest child was **SAMUEL**, b. 1686, settled 1706 at Pomfret, Conn., m. Ruth Perrin of Rehoboth(?); they had **DANIEL**, b. 1739, m. Elizabeth Williams of Marlboro', settled at West Woodstock, Conn., d. 19 April, 1777; **JOHN**, their youngest, b. 4 Dec., 1776, m. (1) 1 Nov., 1805, Betsey Smith, who d. 1826, m. (2) 24 Jan., 1828, Lucy, sister of his first w., 8 ch., all by first m.; **SAMUEL**, the eldest, b. 21 Feb., 1807, was graduated 1828 at Yale College, studied medicine, began practice at Ox. 1831, and was for 50 years the principal physician of the place, president of Ox. Nat'l Bank, representative, selectman, a superior presiding officer and moderator often in town meetings, active in Church and benevolent efforts, of superior mental ability, very decided moral convictions, early an anti-slavery voter, very social in manner and influential in the community, highly esteemed by all classes. He had a slight stroke of paralysis 1 Dec., 1887, was in fair health until a second attack in March following, which terminated his life on 1 April, 1888. He m. 18 June, 1834, Abigail, dau. of Abijah Davis, she d. 28 Dec., 1886. . . . *Children*: **ELIZABETH**, b. 5 Jan., 1837, m. Charles E. Daniels; **LUCY ANNA**, b. 1845, d. 1848; **ELLEN A.**, b. 22 Oct., 1849, m. 8 May, 1889, James N. Gilchrist of McGregor, Ia.

**BENJAMIN**, b. 15 Sept., 1793, at Gloucester, R. I., son of Moab and Prudence, and grandson of Nathan of Smithfield, R. I., began his life work as a Methodist preacher in 1820 on the Ashburnham circuit, extending into Vt. and N. H., later located at Athens and Rochester, Vt., Canaan, N. H., Cumberland, R. I., Ashford and Plainfield in Conn., Pawtucket, R. I., and Farnumsville before coming to Ox. He preached here in 1835 and 1836, and later two years each at Princeton and Leominster, when he was placed upon the superannuated list, making a home in Ox., where his dau. had previously settled. In 1843 he bought his late residence, H. 221, engaged in shoe manufacture for a few years. He m. 6 Nov., 1814, Lilles Owen of Gloucester, R. I., she d. aged 78, 17 Feb., 1870, he d. aged 90, 31 Oct., 1883, both at Ox. Although uneducated he was an able and successful preacher. . . . *Child*: **DIANA**, b. 21 July, 1817, m. Andrew S., son of John Wetherell.

**PALMER, HARRIS**, of Dudley, and Amelia A. Stall, m. 14 March, 1830.  
**HANNAH**, of Dudley, and Daniel Larned, m. intentions 20 July, 1807.

**PARISH, CHARLES T.**, b. 1802, at Griswold, Conn., son of Roswell, came to Ox. before May, 1825, blacksmith, m. 5 March, 1826, Mary Wood of Charlton, settled in the west part, removed to the Plain to the north side of Sutton road, H. 193, thence to Mendon and Cumberland, R. I., returned to Ox., d. 3 Oct., 1833, she m. (2) Rice Barton. **MARGARET**, only ch., b. at Cumberland, m. 1849, Schuyler Corbin, d. same year, no ch.

**PARKER, WILLIAM**, sergt. in Capt. Samuel Davis' Co. which marched to Sheffield in the French war. In 1745 bought 27 acres in the east part of Ox., south end of Long Hill, and 1759 land at North Ox. In Dec., 1775, was one of five heads of families dismissed from Ox. Church to form a new Church at Ward; m. Elizabeth ——. . . . *Children*: **ELIZABETH**, b. 27 Feb., 1745; **ZEDEKIAH**, b. 1747, d. 1756; **REUBEN**, b. 1750, d. 1756; **HANNAH**, b. 1752, d. 1756; **WILLIAM**, b. 1754, d. 1756; **HANNAH**, b. 31 March, 1757; **WILLIAM**, b. 9 Sept., 1761.

AARON, m. intentions June, 1752, Abigail Covel, bought 1788 H. 129, north, now Wellington's, he d. July, 1801. . . . *Children*: THOMAS, b. 18 Nov., 1753; SARAH, b. 4 Dec., 1755, m. intentions 16 Dec., 1775, Ephraim Cady of Athol; ABIGAIL, b. 7 Feb., 1758, m. 5 July, 1781, Amos Parsons of Ward; AARON, b. 7 April, 1760, Revolutionary soldier, m. 9 Nov., 1782, Judith Chase of Sutton, resided 1784 at Charlton, where he d. 1822, son *Silas*, only heir; AMITY, b. 12 June, 1762, m. Parley Eddy; PHINEHAS, b. 4 April, 1766; EZRA, b. 11 Aug., 1768, m. 1 April, 1790, Ruhamah, dau. of Levi Lamb, resided 15 years at Livermore, Me., removed to Thompson, Conn., she d. 6 Jan., 1845, at Montrose, Pa.; they had *Lucy*, *Ruhamah*, and others; JOHN, b. 1 July, 1771; HANNAH, b. 16 Sept., 1774.

2. THOMAS, son of Aaron (1), Revolutionary soldier, m. intentions 1 Feb., 1777, Abigail, dau. of John Shumway, owned the saw-mill at the brick store village, North Ox., lived in the Phillips house, removed about 1810 to Calais, Vt. . . . *Children* b. at Ox.: THOMAS, b. 16 Aug., 1778, m. intentions 12 Sept., 1805, Anna Cutler of Spencer, removed to Montpelier, Vt., or vicinity; ABIGAIL, b. 3 April, 1781; JOHN, b. 25 Sept., 1784, d. young; SAMUEL, b. 26 Nov., 1785, was a Baptist preacher, changed to Restorationist; SARAH, b. 17 Jan., 1789; PETER, b. 7 March, 1791; JOHN, b. 11 Aug., 1793; JOSIAH, b. 3 Feb., 1796; POLLY, b. 21 Oct., 1799; all removed to Vt.

3. PHINEHAS, son of Aaron (1), m. 20 Nov., 1788, Abigail Cutler of Ward, settled on the homestead, sold in 1823 to Wellington. . . . *Children*: MOLLY, b. 10 Sept., 1789, m. Joseph, son of Joseph Brown; BETSEY, b. 1791, d. 1793; BETSEY and HANNAH, b. 16 Sept., 1793, Betsey m. Maj. Jonas Eddy, Hannah m. 4 July, 1819, Jacob Holman of Ward; PHINEHAS, b. 19 April, 1796; ALICE, b. 24 July, 1799; JESSE, b. 7 May, 1804, preacher, uneducated, resided in New York State, returned to Ox., d. 30 Jan., 1863; JOEL, b. 4 Dec., 1807, resided at Charlestown, N. H., toll-gatherer on Conn. river bridge.

4. PHINEHAS, son of Phinehas (3), m. 15 Oct., 1816, Lydia, dau. of Ezra Sparhawk, removed about 1830 to Charlton, thence to Worcester and other towns near. He d. 24 Jan., 1854, she d. 3 Aug., 1888, at East Princeton. . . . *Children* b. at Ox.: ABIGAIL C., b. 1 Nov., 1817, m. —— Stratton, d. 17 July, 1852; LUCIAN, b. 1820, d. 1823; BETSEY, b. 9 July, 1822, m. —— Converse, d. 1 Dec., 1846; MARY, b. 20 June, 1824, d. 1 April, 1844; LUCIAN, b. 28 Oct., 1826, d. 12 Sept., 1845; RAWSON, b. 19 Feb., 1829, m. and had ch., he d. June, 1877; LORING W., b. 25 June, 1831, at Charlton, resided at Utica, N. Y.; ELIZA, b. 10 Aug., 1833, at Charlton, m. George W. Houghton, resided at Princeton; LYDIA, b. 20 Dec., 1835, at Worcester, m. —— Sturtevant, d. 4 Nov., 1865; WILLIAM, b. 1838, at Leicester, d. 1843; IRA, b. 1840, at Ox., d. 1849; EMERY, b. 3 July, 1843, at Auburn, m. and settled at Princeton, soldier in the late war in the 42d Mass. Regt.

THOMAS, of North Gore, and Susanna Thompson of Malden, m. 2 Dec., 1756.

THANKFUL, and Jonah Titus, both of Douglas, m. 29 Oct., 1765.

HANNAH, of Douglas, and Jacob Kingsbury, m. 10 March, 1766.

JAMES H., Revolutionary soldier.

PHINEHAS, clothier, was of Claremont, N. H., 1801.

AARON, and Mrs. Elizabeth Lilley, m. 15 Jan., 1804.

HANNAH, and Isaac Eddy of Ward, m. intentions 26 Jan., 1805.

BETSEY, and Brigham Converse, m. intentions 6 Nov., 1841.

**CHARLOTTE**, m. n. Wiswall, aged 22, d. 10 Oct., 1863.

**HENRIETTA**, m. n. Bolster, aged 72, d. 2 Dec., 1868.

**PARKS**, LUCIUS F., aged 36, d. 22 Jan., 1855.

**PARMENTER**, JOEL, aged 41, d. 25 July, 1842; his child, aged 8, d. 19 July, 1840.

**ABRAHAM**, and Martha K. Cummings, m. intentions 28 March, 1846.

**PARSONS**, AMOS, cattle mark recorded May, 1775, Revolutionary soldier 1776. [See marriage under Aaron Parker.]

**ANDREW**, of Vernon, Vt., and Phebe Meriam, m. 20 Feb., 1785.

**ELIZABETH**, and Daniel Dodge of Ward, m. intentions 21 Feb., 1785.

**DAVID C.**, of Montpelier, Vt., and Lucretia Eddy, m. 29 Jan., 1793.

**ORRIS**, of Worcester, and Mrs. Abigail Corbin, m. intentions 8 Sept., 1847.

**PHEBE**, widow, aged 77, d. 1 Oct., 1849.

**PARTRIDGE**, MARY B., aged 61, d. 22 Feb., 1859.

**PATCH**, ANDREW, bought, 1773, the farm previously of William Brown, in the north part of Ox., between the Worcester and Millbury roads, east of Wellington's, H. 149, not now a homestead; constable in 1781; sold in 1781, removed to the John Kidder farm in the border of Sutton, where he d. 1782, will approved 7 May. He m. Anne ——, had Lois, m. intentions 27 Sept., 1781, Esek Chase of Charlton; PHEBE, m. —— Fitts; RACHEL, m. 24 Aug., 1780, Caleb Fitts of Dudley; ANNE, unm. in 1782.

**SYLVIA A.**, aged 24, widow of Leander, d. 13 Aug., 1848.

**PATRICK**, ROBERT, w. Margaret, had **HANNAH**, b. 27 Jan., 1725.

**JOHN**, of Kingstown, and Rebekah Wiley, m. 24 Jan., 1739.

**WILLIAM**, of Hopkinton, and Polly Phipps, m. 6 May, 1812.

**PATTEN**, NATHANIEL, of Cambridge, living in Ox. Jan., 1727, bought land 1727 at Killingly, Conn., owned several years the old mill at the south end of the Plain, sold 1729; cooper; was of Ox. Sept., 1729; removed to Killingly; one of this name resided at Billerica in 1731, when he had business transactions with Ox. He m. (1) Mary ——, and had in Ox., **MARY**, b. 9 April, 1728. He m. (2) at Killingly, Anna Hutchins; they had **DEBORAH**, b. 7 Sept., 1732; **JONATHAN**, b. 18 Nov., 1733; **ANNA**, b. 1 Nov., 1735; **PHEBE**, b. 31 Aug., 1737; **DANIEL**, b. 10 Aug., 1739; **MARY**, b. 19 March, 1742; **SILAS**, b. 24 Dec., 1747; **SUSIE**, b. 19 June, 1751; **NATHANIEL**, b. 27 Feb., 1754.

**PATTERSON**, MARY (Irish), widow, aged 78, d. 21 May, 1886.

**PAUL**, MARIETTA, m. n. Smith, Pascoag, R. I., aged 71, d. 29 May, 1877.

**ADONIRAM**, son of Benjamin, of Taunton, aged 74, d. 7 April, 1880.

**PEARSON**, DANIEL, one of the original English settlers, removed before Jan., 1717, to Mansfield, Conn.

**PEASE**, WILLIAM, son of William, b. 11 April, 1805, in London, m. 1827, Frances, dau. of Elihu Sanford, resided at Boston, Albany, N. Y., and New York city, where he was organist, teacher of music, dealer in musical merchandise. She d. 8 March, 1836, at Boston; m. (2) Cornelia O. Francisco; had 8 ch. He d. 6 May, 1865, at New York. . . . Children by first m.: **WILLIAM E.**, b. 20 April, 1828, at Albany, m. 17 Oct., 1855, Mary A., dau. of Paris

Tourtellotte of Sutton, b. 22 April, 1831; trader at Ox., and from Jan., 1850, to 1885, postmaster, many years selectman and justice of the peace, removed 1888 to Worcester; they had *Mary E.*, b. 7 May, 1857, was graduated at Mt. Holyoke, successful teacher at the West, m. 10 July, 1889, Rev. Winfield S. Hawkes, Utah; *Annie*, b. 22 Aug., 1858, m. Charles E., son of Nathaniel Eddy; *Elizabeth S.*, b. 25 Sept., 1861; *Kate F.*, b. 21 Dec., 1865, m. Rev. Arthur Proffit, Episcopalian; had ch.; *Emory S.*, b. 15 Jan., 1876; **EDWARD S.**, b. 11 July, 1830, m. 1 Aug., 1859, Theda A. Field, many years partner with his brother William E., deacon of Cong. Church, town clerk; they had *Nellie F.*, b. 7 May, 1861, d. 24 Nov., 1891, unm.; *Ida E.*, b. 29 July, 1866; *Edward E.*, b. 27 March, 1869; **ELIZABETH F.**, b. 1 Feb., 1834, m. 22 Oct., 1855, Francis S. Hickok of New York, where they settled, he d. 19 March, 1869, 4 ch.; **FRANCES S.**, b. 27 Feb., 1836, residence, New York city.

**PECK, JOEL S.**, m. Jerusha ——, had **CAROLINE**, b. 21 Oct., 1825; **JOHN M.**, b. 29 July, 1827.

**PELTON, JOSEPH**, b. 11 March, 1814, came to Ox. from Middlefield before May, 1835; cloth finisher at Ox. Woolen Co.'s mill, later merchant and shoe manufacturer at Ox., removed 1856; resided at Uxbridge, Hinsdale, Pawtuxet, R. I., Ludlow, Vt., Pittsfield and North Brookfield, where he d. 30 Jan., 1879; his widow d. 17 Oct., 1881, at Denver, Colo. He m. 6 May, 1840, Martha K., dau. of Leavens Shumway. . . . Children: **ELLEN E.**, b. 28 Jan., 1842, m. 24 Nov., 1873, Samuel H. Emery, Baptist clergyman, had *Frank B.*, b. 16 April, 1876, at New Canaan, N. H.; *J. OSCAR*, b. 14 May, 1845, wool buyer, residence, Peru, Ind.; **CHARLES E.**, b. 19 June, 1850, m. 25 Sept., 1871, d. March, 1872, at Ludlow, Vt., had *Charles E.*, b. 12 Oct., 1872; **FRANK E.**, b. 9 March, 1853, residence, Peru, Ind.

**PENNIMAN, DANIEL T.**, b. 1807, at Mendon, son of Baruch, baker, came to Ox. 1832, bought the Justin Root bakery, remained about a year; re-sold to Root, and engaged in trade at the old tavern, and soon went into partnership at the Witt and Dowse stand with Samuel Dowse, continuing until his leaving town in 1840; removed to Providence, R. I., and was in wholesale grocery, flour and grain, and coal trade, successively, retired in 1861, in ill health, settled on a farm at Worcester, where he d. 1 Nov., 1867. He m. April, 1830, Mary A. Freeman of Mendon, she d. 13 May, 1885, at Worcester. . . . Children: **SARAH S.**, b. 31 Dec., 1830, at N. Ipswich, N. H., d. 11 Oct., 1849, at Providence, R. I.; **MARY A.**, b. 16 April, 1832, at Brooklyn, Conn., d. 23 May, 1850; **CHLOE**, b. 1834, at Ox., d. 1835; **ESTHER**, b. and d. 1851.

HANNAH, of Providence, and John Corbin, m. int. 10 April, 1841.

**PERKINS, PAUL**, b. 13 March, 1810, at Exeter, R. I., son of Newman, came to Ox. in boyhood to learn the trade of a carpenter, m. 31 Jan., 1833, Persis Ware of Franklin; removed 1837 to Detroit, Mich., returned to Ox. 1841, remained until 1850; removed to Binghamton, N. Y., where he d. 21 Dec., 1866. He was a worthy, exemplary man, representative in 1849; at Binghamton he was an architect and builder. . . . Children: **MARY JANE**, b. 31 Dec., 1835, at Ox., m. 8 May, 1860, James New, she d. 22 Aug., 1862, at Binghamton; **MARTHA A.**, b. 1839, d. 1840, at Detroit; **HENRY C.**, b. 7 May, 1842, at Ox., m. 14 Sept., 1864, Mary E. Lloyd, residence, Binghamton; **CHARLES A.**, b. 28 May, 1844, m. Lucy A. Hall, dentist at Binghamton; **HELEN**

E., b. 23 Nov., 1846, m. 3 April, 1867, William H. Mosher, merchant at Binghamton; **FRANK**, b. 1853, d. 1856.

**PERRIN, HARRISON**, b. 25 Feb., 1811, son of Joseph of New Haven, Conn., came as an apprentice to Daniels & Harris as carriage painter, resided here about 10 years; removed. He m. 2 May, 1833, Elvira Ware of Franklin, she d. 6 March, 1848, at New Brunswick, N. J., he d. 21 Feb., 1881, at Lee. . . . Children: **MARY D. W.**, b. 1834, d. 1836; **WILLIAM H.**, b. and d. 1837; **SARAH J.**, b. 24 Jan., 1839, m. 28 Nov., 1860, Edward A. Phelps of Lenox; ch. **William A.**, b. 8 Jan., 1864.

**LEWIS K.**, b. 9 July, 1814, at Woodstock, Conn., came to Ox. before May, 1837, m. 24 May, 1838, Maria L., dau. of Leavens Shumway, settled at Ox., removed about 1846 to Putnam, Conn., where he was a merchant, and 1860 to Denver, Col., where he became wealthy at farming and stock raising. She d. 24 March, 1885, at Denver. . . . Children b. at Ox.: **L. WILSON**, b. 22 Oct., 1839, m. Mary E. Haley, 3 sons and 1 dau.; **WARREN C.**, b. 1843, d. 1844; **ELIZABETH**, b. 26 March, 1845, m. William Graves, had ch.; and b. at Putnam: **CHARLES**, b. 7 Oct., 1847, m. Emma L. Frame, had ch.; **EDWARD**, b. 7 Nov., 1849, d. 15 March, 1867, at Denver; **OTIS**, b. 19 Jan., 1851, m. Emma L. Johnson, had ch.; **IDA MAY**, b. 14 Nov., 1854, at Ox.(?), m. 8 Oct., 1873, William A. L. Cooper, furniture dealer, had ch.; all resided at Denver.

**PERRY, CALVIN**, b. 1 April, 1774, son of Moses and Susanna of Sherborn, blacksmith, m. (1) 1 Oct., 1795, Sally Learned, b. 5 July, 1776, d. 1800, at Sturbridge; m. (2) 28 Aug., 1808, Nancy, widow of Dr. Simeon Kingsbury; resided 1809 at Dudley, soon came to Ox., settled at Israel Sibley place, H. 205, built the present house about 1815, removing the old tavern house about 1820, sold 1825, resided in other places near Ox.; d. Jan., 1843, at West Boylston, his widow d. Sept., 1852, at Shrewsbury. . . . Children by first m., b. at Sturbridge: **SYLVIA**, b. 14 Sept., 1796, m. 12 Nov., 1826, John Chamberlain, resided at Swansey, N. H.; he d. 19 Aug., 1849, she d. 28 Oct., 1852; they had *Olive H.*, b. 1827; *John E.*, b. 1830; *Sylvia*, b. 1832, d. young; *William P.*, b. 1833; *Sylvia A.*, b. 1835; *Sarah J.*, b. 1837; *Edmund H.*, b. 1840; **SALLY**, b. 21 Sept., 1798, m. 6 June, 1822, Isaac Hixon, Jr., of Medway; they had *Marianne H.*, b. 1823; *Calvin P.*, b. 1825; *William*, b. 1827, d. 1850; *Gilbert*, b. 1829; *Edward*, b. 1832; *Andrew J.*, b. 1834; *Sarah J.*, b. 1837; *Eugene F.*, b. 1844, d. 1845; by second m.: **ADALINE**, b. 27 July, 1811, unm.; **CALVIN**, b. 9 Oct., 1815, m. (1) 1837, Lucy, dau. of James Hapgood of Northboro', settled at Grafton, removed to Bolton and thence to Boylston; m. (2) 1849, Harriet Conant of Monson, settled at Shrewsbury, resided 1882 at Northampton; ch. by first m.: *Fred L.*, b. 1844, at Boylston, m., residence, Springfield, was a soldier in the late war in 36th Mass. Regt.; by second m.: *Ella F.*, b. 1851, at Shrewsbury; *Edward A.*, b. 1854, at Southbridge; *Samuel L.*, b. 1862, at Monson; *Charles S.*, b. 1866, at Springfield; *LUCIAN*, b. 1 Feb., 1818, d. 1834, at Grafton; *OLIVER H.*, b. 10 April, 1820, m. (1) April, 1856, Sarah E., dau. of Stephen Flagg of Boylston, settled at Southbridge, she d. 1857; m. (2) Oct., 1870, Laura S. Frost of Marlboro', N. H., she d. Feb., 1872, no ch.

**ADAMS**, and Mrs. Martha Rich of Sutton, m. int. 17 Oct., 1830. She d. aged 25, 7 April, 1831.

**PETERS, THEOBALD** (German), aged 38, d. 18 Feb., 1861.

**PETTIS, MARGARET M.**, m. n. Bacon, d. 1866, aged 28.

**PHELAN, JOHN**, and Eliza Rierly, m. int. 10 Oct., 1844.

**PHETTEPLACE, SYLVIA**, w. of Zebedee, d. 25 Dec., 1846; he m. (2) 20 April, 1847, Mrs. Lucy Everden; he d. 6 March, 1862, aged 71.

**JOEL M.**, son of Zebedee, and Jane Stevens, m. int. 15 July, 1848. He d. aged 32, 24 June, 1853.

**PHILLIPS, REV. GEORGE** (son of Christopher of Rainham, St. Martin, Norfolk, Eng.), first minister of Watertown, came to Salem 1630, d. 1644, at Watertown, 9 ch.: one, **THEOPHILUS**, b. 28 May, 1636, m. (1) 3 Nov., 1666, Bethia Kedall, m. (2) 21 Nov., 1677, Mary Bennett; Theophilus and Mary had *Elizabeth*, m. Benjamin Eddy; *Lydia*, b. 20 June, 1695, m. Jonathan Pratt, and *Joseph*, b. 4 Dec., 1702, all resided at Ox.

2. **JOSEPH**, son of Theophilus (1), m. (1) 14 Sept., 1731, Ruth Town, she d. 4 July, 1760, m. (2) 10 Dec., 1760, Mrs. Bathsheba Town, he d. aged 68, 23 April, 1771. The records indicate that she d. at the home of her dau. Alice, who m. Jonathan Ballard and resided at the John H. Rich place in Charlton. Her will, approved 26 April, 1773, names her ch. by her first husband, Collins Moore, as follows: Nathan [of Vassalboro', Me.], Richard [of Irvingshire], Abigail [m. Abial Lamb], Susanna [m. Silas Robinson], Mary [m. Daniel Fairfield], Alice [m. Jonathan Ballard], Jerusha [m. John Nichols], Bathsheba [m. Benjamin Wilson], Phebe [m. Ebenezer Locke]; and ch. by second husband, Samuel Town: Lucy [m. Peter Delyee], Samuel [residence, Warwick]; Jonathan Ballard, executor. . . . Children by first m.: **JONATHAN**, b. 12 Aug., 1732, m. 4 Oct., 1753, Rachel, dau. of Ebenezer Humphrey, settled at Sturbridge, deacon; ch.: *Mary*, b. 23 May, 1754, at Sturbridge; *Ebenezer II.*, b. 17 July, 1756, studied medicine with Dr. Babbitt of Sturbridge, settled in Charlton and was prosperous. At 50 years of age he had paralysis, which almost destroyed his faculties, in three years he began to improve but had no memory, began again the study of medicine, after studying some months suddenly his memory returned, he threw aside his books, took up his old practice and long afterward was a successful practitioner. He had a second attack of the disease of which he d. 1 Dec., 1838. His second w. and widow, Ruth, d. 3 June, 1848, at Ox.; *Rachel*, b. 25 June, 1758; *John*, b. 29 June, 1760, was chosen deacon of the Baptist Church at Sturbridge in 1799, and d. in 1864, aged 104 years. He voted at the election of Washington as President and for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, and by vote of the town of Sturbridge the facts were entered on the town records "as a lasting memorial of his undying patriotism and devotion to country." President Lincoln wrote him thanking him for his vote, subscribing himself "Your friend and servant, A. Lincoln." **Jonathan**, b. 1762, d. 1767; **Hannah**, b. 1764, d. 1767; **Lois**, b. 14 Feb., 1766; **Jonathan**, b. 30 March, 1768; **Daniel**, b. 1771, d. 1775; **Hannah**, b. 1 July, 1773, m. Phineas Jones of Spencer; Dea. Jonathan Phillips d. 25 June, 1798, at Sturbridge, "Widow" Phillips d. 18 Aug., 1801, at Sturbridge; **JOSEPH**, b. 11 April, 1734; **ISRAEL**, b. 17 Aug., 1737;<sup>1</sup> **DANIEL**, b. 6 July, 1740; **RUTH**, b. 17 Oct., 1744, m. 28 April, 1763, Ebenezer Lamson.

3. **JOSEPH**, son of Joseph (2), m. 11 Nov., 1756, Lydia, dau. of Deacon John Willson, resided at the homestead on Prospect Hill, sold in 1777 and perhaps removed from town. In 1791 Joseph Phillips of Greenfield sold a

<sup>1</sup> Jonathan, Joseph and Israel were in a detachment of 40 soldiers from Capt. Edward Davis' Company which marched 18 Aug., 1757,

for the relief of Fort William Henry as far as Sheffield and returned. A Joseph Phillips was in the Revolutionary war, identity uncertain.

pew in the Ox. Meeting-house. . . . *Children*: LYDIA, b. 15 April, 1757, m. 28 May, 1776, Thomas, son of Jonas Pratt; JOHN, b. 21 Aug., 1759, d. 11 Jan., 1767; JOSEPH, b. 23 Nov., 1761; SAMUEL, b. 4 Oct., 1764; DEBORAH, b. 25 April, 1767; RACHEL, b. 8 April, 1770; JOHN, b. 15 Nov., 1772; SARAH and JONATHAN, both d. 1 Dec., 1768.

4. ISRAEL, son of Joseph (2), m. 18 Sept., 1760, Hulda, dau. of Jonathan Town, settled on Prospect Hill on the south part of his father's farm, sold him in 1774 by his brother Joseph, he d. 28 Feb., 1800. . . . *Children*: RUTH, b. 25 Sept., 1761, d. 1783; MARTHA, b. 24 Sept., 1763, m. Ebenezer Pray; SIMON, b. 6 Jan., 1766, farmer at Ward; JOHN, b. 2 May, 1768, resided at Ward in 1800; ISRAEL, b. 7 April, 1771, resided at Greenfield, and recorded at Ward; RUFUS, b. 31 Aug., 1773, m. 5 May, 1796, Dilla Pitts, resided at Worcester; DANIEL, b. 1 March, 1776, m. intentions 3 March, 1798, Hannah Small of Sutton, removed 1800 to Charlton, was four times m., had 7 ch.; of them, *Clarissa*, m. Josiah Upham of Dudley, mother of Daniel P. Upham of Little Rock, Ark.; *Daniel*, prominent business man at Hartford, Conn.; *Moses D.*, bookseller at Worcester, later of Phillips, Sampson & Co., Boston; *Austin T.*, farmer at Charlton, resided 1890 at Auburn, father of Albert M., genealogist of the Phillips Family.

5. DANIEL, son of Joseph (2), m. intentions 2 April, 1763, Rachel, dau. of Alexander Nichols, blacksmith at North Ox., Lieut. of militia, d. 17 March, 1787, she m. (2) 27 Dec., 1791, Matthew Patrick of Weston. . . . *Child*: JAMES, b. 25 April, 1764, m. 22 Jan., 1789, Tamma Tucker of Charlton, he d. aged 72, 5 Oct., 1837, at Ox.

SAMUEL, son of Samuel, of Weston, who was brother of Joseph (2), b. 14 Sept., 1713, m. 25 July, 1735, Abigail Gale of Watertown [Bond], settled at Framingham, bought land and house in the north part of Ox. 1739, unidentified. . . . *Children*: ABIGAIL, b. 7 March, 1737, at Framingham; HEPHES-BAH, b. 31 Jan., 1740, at Ox.

JONATHAN, b. about 1734, soldier in the French and Indian war, m. 6 March, 1760, Sarah Parker of Worcester. . . . *Children*: ASA, b. 3 April, 1761; REUBEN, b. 5 July, 1763; JOSEPH; SARAH, b. 1765, d. 1768; JONATHAN, b. and d. 1768; SARAH, b. 1769, d. 1771.

PETER, perhaps the same chose 8 May, 1748, Benjamin Newell his guardian, then 14 years of age, son of John of Roxbury, m. intentions 23 Aug., 1766, Hannah, dau. of John Nichols, resided at Charlton. . . . *Children* b. at Ox.: HANNAH, b. 18 Sept., 1767, m. intentions 21 May, 1784, Joseph B. Jones; EDWARD, b. 10 June, 1772, m. 21 May, 1795, Ruth Atwood, he d. before 6 July, 1819, she d. 26 June, 1824, 4 ch.

ANDREW, of Killingly, Conn., bought land in Ox. 1738, m. 6 Nov., 1733, Elizabeth Lamb; they had at Killingly: JONATHAN, b. 14 Aug., 1734; REUBEN, b. 1737, d. 1740; and at Ox.: ELIZABETH, b. 1739, d. 1740. 4 Oct., 1752, John Willson of Ox. was appointed guardian of Jonathan, son of Andrew Phillips. [Probate Records.]

LAVINIA, of Gloucester, R. I., and Elias Kingsbury, m. int. 18 June, 1791. HANNAH, and William Perry, both of Charlton, m. 18 July, 1819.

MELINDA, of Ward, and Junia Metcalf of Appleton, Me., m. 5 Sept., 1821.

HIRAM H., of Sutton, and Nancy Freeman, m. 6 May, 1830.

LEONARD, and Melinda A. Rice of Auburn, m. intentions 2 April, 1849.

POLLY, m. n. Baker, aged 67, d. 17 Sept., 1861.

**PHIPS, PHIPPS, JOHN.** nephew and adopted son of Sir William, settled before 1700 at Wrentham, had a son JOHN, b. 1696, settled 1720 at Sherborn, in 1730 drew 18½ acres at Douglas, his son WILLIAM, b. 17 April, 1720, at Sherborn, was of superior intellect, a remarkable scholar and linguist, was graduated 1746 at Harvard College, and 16 Dec., 1747, ordained pastor at Douglas, where he had insufficient support and "was starved into toil and trade." On 10 July, 1765, he retired to Ox., north part, now Auburn, bought land there April, 1768. In Nov. with w. Rachel joined Ox. Church. In Dec., 1775, with others was dismissed to form a new Church at Ward. He was an active patriot in the Revolution and stood fearlessly for freedom of conscience and opinion, was influential, a leader in the formation of the Church at Ward and a magistrate. In May, 1778, at first town meeting, chosen as one of a committee of correspondence, inspection and safety, acted as moderator of county conventions, "wrote thrilling addresses which did much to arouse and guide the spirit of resistance which achieved our independence." [Morse Genealogy.] He trained pupils for college, in which he was aided by his dau. who inherited his linguistic talent. In 1788 he removed to Ox., resided at H. 176, adjoining the north common, bought 1794 the Russell place, H. 185, and soon after removed to the house west in the fields, H. 183, resided there till his death, which occurred suddenly in the store of James Butler. Authentic tradition says his brilliant talents became much obscured in his later days. He m. (1) Rachel ——, she d. 29 Jan., 1786, aged 72, at Ward, m. (2) intentions 3 July, 1786, Mrs. Abigail Walker. He d. aged 78, 4 Dec., 1798, she d. 31 July, 1820, aged 92. . . . *Children* by first m.: SUSANNA, m. 28 Aug., 1786, Abijah Craig; CHARLES, d. 27 April, 1804, at Ox., unm.; at his burial his sister, Mrs. Craig, made an able and appropriate address.

**MOSES,** b. 24 Aug., 1767, son of Dea. Aaron, of Holliston, came to Ox. 1810 from Leicester, settled at the site of the present stone house, west of the river, now Webster, m. 1787, at Holliston, Hopestill Day. He d. 9 Feb., 1813, aged 46, she m. (2) Asa Harris, and d. 17 Sept., 1840. . . . *Children*: CALVIN, b. about 1790; JOSEPH DAY, b. about 1794, unm., drowned 18 Sept., 1825, in the river near home; DENNY, m., resided at Holliston; HOLLIS, m. and settled at Holliston, removed to Milford, where he d.; SYLVESTER; MOSES; POLLY, m. —— Partridge, settled and d. at Pelham; DEBORAH, m. 30 Aug., 1812, Ezra Wallis of Douglas, who later bought the homestead, where she d.; JOANNA R., m. 24 July, 1831, Cyrus S. Tourtellotte of Thompson, Conn., where they d.

2. CALVIN, son of Moses (1), m. Rachel Prince of Charlton. He d. 6 Nov., 1822, she d. 23 June, 1822, aged 31. . . . *Children*: GEORGE W., b. 22 Feb., 1816, m., resided at Holliston; MARY, b. 21 Dec., 1819, m. 17 March, 1870, Prince Brackett of Webster, he d. 8 Feb., 1881.

3. SYLVESTER, son of Moses (1), m. (1) Harriet Loring of Hopkinton, she d. June, 1844, m. (2) intentions 7 Sept., 1844, Abigail, widow of George Moore of Stafford, Conn., m. n. Davis, dau. of Abel of Ox., lived in his later years at Ox., d. aged 77, 13 Sept., 1879. . . . *Children* by first m.: CALVIN, b. 4 May, 1823, m. (1) Sarah Holmes of Medway, where they settled, m. (2) Mrs. Marston, resided at Chester, Vt.; FANNY L., b. 8 Aug., 1825, m. (1) George Sherman, had ch., m. (2) and resided at Upton; ELIZABETH A., b. Sept., 1828, m. Edward Howard of Milford, where she d. about 1861, 1 dau.; MARY A., b. 10 June, 1831, m. Abel Bagley of Milford, where she d. about

1859, no ch.; **ALMIRA D.**, b. 21 Aug., 1833; **CHARLES N.**, b. 13 Nov., 1836; **LYMAN**, b. 14 Dec., 1837, soldier in the late war, d. 2 Dec., 1862, in Libby prison; **ALMON E.**, b. 27 March, 1839, m. 24 Oct., 1860, Sarah E., dau. of Simon Larned; had *Henry E.*, b. 17 Nov., 1864; *Ida J.*, b. 4 Oct., 1867; Sarah E., the mother, d. 16 May, 1884.

4. **MOSES**, son of Moses (1), m. 28 July, 1833, Melissa Crafts of Whately, settled at Ox., removed to Webster, returned to Ox.; he d. 13 Jan., 1871, she d. 5 Sept., 1868, both at Ox. . . . *Children*: **ALMA**, b. 28 May, 1834, m. 22 Oct., 1857, Charles Wade of Webster, she d. 12 June, 1864, 2 ch., both d.; **ANGELINE M.**, b. 3 March, 1836, m. 30 July, 1860, Charles Dixon of Webster; had *Fred*; **HESTER A. R.**, b. 29 Nov., 1838, m. Aug., 1858, Edwin Perry of Dudley, she d. 29 Jan., 1862, no ch.; **CHARLES R.**, b. 1 Dec., 1841, was graduated at Amherst College 1866, teacher at Shrewsbury, where he m. 7 Aug., 1867, Maria, dau. of C. O. Green, removed to St. Louis, Mo., where he d. 17 March, 1877; they had *Isabel* and *Georgia*; **MARY**, b. 22 Aug., 1844, d. 10 May, 1867, unm. at Ox.

**POLLY**, and William Patrick of Hopkinton, m. 6 May, 1812.

**PICKETT**, child of Joseph and Hester, d. 1850; child of same d. 1856.

**PIERCE**, JACOB, m. (1) 18 June, 1761, Abigail, dau. of Hezekiah Merriam, was living in North Gore 1765, she d. 1 Nov., 1768, m. (2) 7 Nov., 1769, Mrs. Abigail Shumway, he d. 3 March, 1772; prominent man at North Ox., licensed retailer of liquors from 1767 to 1769, and from 1770 to his death innholder at the place now Nathaniel Ide's, II. 125. His widow was licensed for 1772, she m. (2) William Watson. . . . *Children*: **MARY**, b. 30 May, 1762; **SARAH**, b. 12 April, 1764; **ABIGAIL**, b. 11 Sept., 1766; **JACOB**, b. 29 Sept., 1768; by second m.: **LURANA**, b. 8 Sept., 1770; **MARTHA**, b. 7 Sept., 1772.

**DELANO**, of Brooklyn, Conn., b. 19 July, 1786, son of Delano and grandson of Benjamin; studied at Plainfield Academy, received his professional training from Doctors Fuller of Plainfield, Conn., and Hyde of Stonington, and his diploma in 1809 from the Conn. Medical Society; in 1811 settled at Ox. and began a successful practice and became the leading physician, continuing for 23 years. In 1834 he removed to East Douglas and in 1836 to Grafton; surgeon of the 5th Mass. Regt. of Militia from 1813 to 1818. He followed his profession successfully for nearly 59 years and performed its labors with little interruption until about two years before his death. He had more than ordinary mental endowments, was efficient in whatever he undertook; a friend of education, 11 years on the school committee at Ox., a good citizen and a liberal supporter of religious institutions. He m. 22 Nov., 1813, Anna, dau. of David Nichols. He d. 9 Jan., 1871, she d. 2 Feb., 1860, both at Grafton. . . . *Child*: **JULIA ANN**, b. 5 July, 1823, m. 16 Feb., 1842, Thomas T. Griggs, physician at Grafton.

**ABIGAIL**, and Thomas Hutchins, both of Dudley, m. Feb., 1743.

**PRESERVED**, of Brooklyn, Conn., and Chloe Holbrook, m. 9 Sept., 1821.

**CALVIN**, Jr., and Nancy Taft of Dudley, m. intentions 14 Feb., 1829.

**CALVIN**, d. 13 May, 1829.

**SARAH G.**, of Greenfield, and Daniel N. Russell, m. int. 16 June, 1832.

**PIKE**, GEORGE, w. Hannah; ch. : **HANNAH**, b. 31 July, 1742, at Worcester; **HULDAH**, b. 24 March, 1744, at Worcester; and at Ox.: **MARY**, b. 9 June, 1746; **ELIZABETH**, b. 4 June, 1749.

**MARY**, of North Gore, and Simon Town, m. intentions 19 Nov., 1770.

GEORGE, and Mary Seaver, both of Charlton, m. 27 Feb., 1782.

WILLIAM P., and Mary Newell, m. 11 Aug., 1845.

SELINDA, aged 44, d. 21 Oct., 1848.

MARTHA A., and Charles L. Brigham of Palmer, m. 9 Dec., 1849.

WINIFRED, widow, aged 73, d. 16 Jan., 1887.

PITTS, EBENEZER, b. 1757, at Taunton, m. Mary Ellis of Raynham, bought 1779 a farm on Prospect Hill in Ward, previously Joseph Sparhawk's, of late F. Clark's, removed 1791 to Livermore, Me., where he d. April, 1831.  
 . . . Children: PRUDENCE, b. 1 Oct., 1779, m. David Reed, resided at Livermore; PHILIP, b. 30 Jan., 1782, m. Dinah Norton, he d. 1828, at Livermore; RUTH, b. 15 Dec., 1783, d. 1818; ANNA, m. James Chase, resided at Livermore; SIBYL, d. 1823.

POLLY, and John Scott, m. intentions 16 July, 1784.

PLACE, SAMUEL S., of Gloucester, R. I., and Elizabeth Ward, m. intentions 25 Feb., 1843.

PLANT, JOHN (Canadian), aged 28, d. 26 March, 1861.

ALCAN, widow, aged 72, d. 25 April, 1879.

LOUISA, aged 24, d. 26 May, 1880.

PLUMMER, JOHN, a worthy man, Quaker, of Thompson, Conn., m. 9 Jan., 1812, Mrs. Abigail, widow of William Forbes, resided at the John Town homestead, H. 176, for five or six years, d. there, she d. 4 Dec., 1841.

EBENEZER, aged 76, d. 17 Nov., 1816.

POND, MARY B., aged 30, d. 24 Sept., 1851.

POPE, ASA, came from the province of New Brunswick before the Revolutionary war, settled at Dartmouth, later removed with family to New Braintree; WEST, his son, b. 14 Feb., 1772, learned the trade of a mason, m. 12 Nov., 1795, Sylvia, dau. of Jonathan Adams, b. 21 Nov., 1777, at Northbridge, settled at Providence, R. I., removed in 1819 to Ox. to the farm, now Asa H. Pope's, H. 132. He was drowned at South Hadley, 29 April, 1824, she d. aged 93, 9 June, 1871, at Ox. [LEWIN, THOMAS and other sons settled at Dudley; Lewin later lived at Ox. and New Braintree, where he d.] . . . Children, except last, b. at Providence: JONATHAN A., b. 24 July, 1797; ALEXANDER, d. young; SARAH L., b. 8 Jan., 1802, m. Thomas Warner; JOHN W., b. 8 Aug., 1804; CHARLES H., b. 14 April, 1807, m. Elizabeth Bucklin, resided at Providence, removed 1841 to Millbury, where he d. 13 Sept., 1843; a son, Charles H., was merchant in New York; MARY, b. 21 May, 1810, m. 14 Jan., 1839, Daniel B. Carson, b. in Philadelphia, Pa., railroad contractor, he d. 28 Sept., 1855, at Westfield, she d. 11 Feb., 1889, at Ox.; ch.: Charles P., d. young; Syleia, d. young; Howard A., b. 28 Nov., 1842, at Westfield, m. 17 Jan., 1870, Nancy W., dau. of Theophilus W. Wilmarth, civil engineer, patentee of apparatus in general use in excavating for sewers and gas pipes; Franklin W., b. 11 April, 1844, m. 2 June, 1887, Margaret M., dau. of William S. Forrest, agent N. E. Grocers Association; Martha, b. 28 Nov., 1845, m. 16 Sept., 1868, E. Harris Howland, removed to Spencer, where she d. 22 May, 1879, 3 ch.; Watkins L., d. young; Walter S., b. 23 Feb., 1851, m. Mary Graves, had ch., printer; HORACE, b. 27 Jan., 1813; ASA H., b. 22 April, 1816; HENRY L., b. 12 Oct., 1820.

2. JONATHAN A., son of West (1), m. (1) 29 Oct., 1817, Olive Lathe of Charlton, b. 27 Feb., 1795, she d. 30 July, 1850, at Norwich, Conn., m. (2) the widow of Dr. William Benedict of Millbury, who d. about six years later. He was a cotton manufacturer near the Hawes place with Thomas Warner, removed 1828 to Millbury continuing in the same business, enlarging from time to time until 1873, when he retired with a competency. In 1845 on account of ill health he retired temporarily, but soon went to Augusta, Me., supervised the building of a mill of 300 looms, and later managed a similar enterprise at Brunswick, returned to Millbury, and about 1848 removed to Norwich, where he d. 4 Aug., 1887. . . . Children: CHARLOTTE L., b. 18 Jan., 1819, m. 1 May, 1843, Lucius W. Carroll at Millbury, resided 1885 at Norwich, merchant, President of the First National Bank, 2 sons; HARRIET A., b. 29 June, 1821, m. 1 Oct., 1843, Rev. Samuel Wolcott, D.D., many years at Cleveland, O., resided 1885 at Longmeadow, where he d. 24 Feb., 1886; they had five sons and five daughters, two daughters are m. and resided at Denver, Col., the eldest son is an extensive ranch owner and cattle dealer in Texas, two sons are in Denver, *Henry* having charge of large gold and silver smelting works and is wealthy, and *Edward* O. a lawyer, elected 1888 to U. S. Senate; *William*, pastor of Congregational Church at Lawrence; JONATHAN A., b. 1824, d. 1826; SYLVIA A., b. 15 Aug., 1826, living (1885) at Norwich; SARAH E., b. 29 May, 1828, living (1885) at Norwich.

3. JOHN W., son of West (1), m. 14 Sept., 1824, Elizabeth Starr, d. 3 Jan., 1833, crushed under the wheels of his wagon at Burrillville, R. I., she m. (2) Jonas Ward. . . . Children: ANNA ELIZA, b. 9 Nov., 1825, m. Allen S. Place, resided at Harmony, R. I.; JOHN W., b. and d. 1828; APALINE V. S., b. 26 Nov., 1829, m. 15 May, 1846, George Wood, b. at Sutton, 1826, soldier in Co. A, 15th Regt., prisoner at Ball's Bluff, released June, 1862, enlisted Dec., 1863, in 2d Heavy Art., captured at Plymouth, N. C., d. at Andersonville, 17 Oct., 1864; they had *Orlando*, b. 14 Sept., 1850; *Mary J.*, b. 15 Dec., 1853, d. 1869; *Carrie E.*, b. 5 Nov., 1860; *MARY J.*, b. 5 June, 1833, m. 17 Jan., 1855, Brauman, son of John H. Rich of Charlton, resided at Auburn; they had *Henry W.*, b. 18 May, 1858, at Ox.; *Herbert II.*, b. 2 March, 1868, at Auburn.

4. HORACE, son of West (1), m. intentions 16 Sept., 1832, Abigail H., dau. of Solomon Walker, settled at H. 89a. . . . Children: LEONA, b. 1833, m. Byron, son of Simeon B. Marsh, divorced; they had *Cora*, *Byrah*, m. Reuel Ellis, resided at Worcester; FRANCES A., b. 1835, m. Stephen Bond of Charlton; had *Edmund M.*, *Fred*; ELIZABETH, b. 1839, m. Alexander, son of Lawson Snow, resided at Worcester, she d. 1873, no ch.; HORACE A., b. 10 June, 1844, m. Sarah, dau. of William Biggs, shoe cutter; had *Albert W.*, b. 10 April, 1869, shoe cutter 1890 at Marlboro'; *C. Irving*, b. 20 Nov., 1872; *Flora B.*, b. 24 July, 1876; *ELIZA W.*, b. 2 Sept., 1845, m. Elisha Spaulding of Worcester, 2 ch.; A. ADA, b. 4 June, 1849, m. 1 Sept., 1867, Willard H. Eager; had *Henry T.*, b. 1869, d. 1879; *Ida May*, b. 28 March, 1880; HENRY W., b. 12 Aug., 1851, m. 22 Jan., 1876, Ella, dau. of William Wood of Dudley, settled at Ox.; had *Elizabeth S.*, b. 27 Nov., 1877; *Charles H.*, b. 4 Nov., 1879; *Estella M.*, b. 26 Oct., 1883; SYLVIA A., b. 11 Sept., 1853, m. (1) Daniel Eager, resided at Worcester, he was killed 1878 on B. & A. R. R. at Worcester; had *Wilfred*; she m. (2) 8 Jan., 1881, Charles P. Wells of Worcester, removed to Sterling, Conn., resided 1890 at Canterbury, had ch.

5. ASA H., son of West (1), m. (1) 16 May, 1837, Clarinda Hobbs of Sturbridge, she d. aged 33, 25 Aug., 1850; m. (2) 16 March, 1851, Mrs. Mary L.

Eddy, she d. 6 Aug., 1865, aged 43; m. (3) 24 Dec., 1865, Mrs. Mary A. F. Wheeler, born at Reading, Vt.; farmer, resided on the homestead. . . . Children by first m.: JOHN W., b. 13 March, 1839(?), m. 16 Nov., 1862, Mary E., dau. of Franklin F. Ryder, was a provision dealer at Millbury, removed to Danbury, Conn., and Manchester, N. H.; they had *Fred. H.*, b. 10 Jan., 1868(?); LORING J., b. 13 Nov., 1840, m. Jennie, dau. of Edward Brown of Plymouth, Vt., residence Elmira, N. Y., and Pittsburg, Pa., provision dealer, had ch.; SARAH L., b. 1844, d. 1849; MARY E., b. 1848, d. 1849; by second m.: CHARLES E., b. 1855, d. 1876; CLARINDA, b. 24 April, 1857, m. Lucius Howland of North Ox., removed to Worcester; SARAH E., b. 28 Dec., 1860, m. John O'Brien, residence Worcester; SYLVIA, b. 9 June, 1863; by third m.: SOPHRONIA, b. 7 June, 1869, m. 20 March, 1889, Dayton M. Fay.

6. HENRY L., son of West (1), m. (1) 23 June, 1844, Eliza Clough of Springfield, she d. 14 Jan., 1863, at Dayton, O.; m. (2) 17 Oct., 1867, Susan E. Gebhart of Dayton, O.; manufacturer of linseed oil. . . . Children by first m. b. at Dayton: CHARLES H., b. 1845, d. 1846; MARY E., b. 23 Jan., 1847, m. 15 May, 1866, Walter Gebhart, partner in business with her father; they had *Eliza, John W., Margaret, Catherine, Henry*; SYLVIA L., b. 1850, d. 1853; SARAH A., b. 14 Nov., 1854; ch. by second m.: ANNIE C., b. 17 Sept., 1868; MINNIE G., b. 9 April, 1872.

JOHN W., son of John and Calista, of Holland, w. Mary E., had at Ox.: ROSILLA L., b. 17 June, 1856, d. unm.; a SON; he d. aged 43, 28 March, 1874.

MARY W., and Nathaniel Emerson of South Gore, m. 17 June, 1827.

ALBERT, aged 14, d. 1847.

HENRY D., aged 21, d. 26 June, 1853.

THOMAS, son of Lewin of Dudley, aged 41, d. 10 March, 1854.

FRANCIS C., w. Emeline, had ALICE F., b. 4 Jan., 1856.

CALEB, son of John of Dudley, aged 84, d. 16 Nov., 1880.

Mrs. CALEB, aged 84, d. 4 May, 1881.

POLLOCK, DELILAH, aged 55, d. 22 Aug., 1848.

POTTER, LUCY, and Michael Cooney, m. int. 22 March, 1842.

JOHN (Canadian), aged 24, d. 5 June, 1861.

POWERS, MRS. MARCENIA, aged 30, d. 12 Dec., 1847.

CATHERINE, aged 22, d. 13 July, 1851.

PRATT, THOMAS, of Watertown, 1647; removed to Framingham, had ten sons and one daughter. The sons all married and had children. One of the youngest was JONATHAN, m. Sarah Gale of Watertown, and came to Ox., of whose family we do not find a record, but among his children were JONATHAN, b. 21 Aug., 1701; JOSEPH, b. about 1712; MICAH; JONAS; SARAH, m. Oliver Shumway; SUSANNAH, m. Jonas Coller; LYDIA, m. Jedediah Barton. Jonathan's will was approved 25 Feb., 1760. His heirs who signed receipt to Jonas, his son, who was executor, were Jonathan, Micah, Joseph, Susannah [w. of Jonas Coller], Sarah [w. of Oliver Shumway], Lydia [w. of Jedediah Barton]. His will also names Beulah and Abigail. Jonathan's first purchase in Ox. was in the north part of the town, description in the deed obscure. It is believed to have been the farm later occupied by his son Jonathan, II. 153, near North Ox. railroad station. He deeded in 1723, 60 acres in that locality to his son Jonathan. He next bought in 1727 land and house north of and near Town's Pond, II. 139, and later added to this estate. This was for nearly 60

years a Pratt homestead. In 1733, he sold to his son Micah one-half, which Micah soon sold to his brother Jonas. Micah seems to have remained in the vicinity as he owned land westward of the homestead near the "Little Cedar Swamp," and the remains of a dwelling now to be seen on an old road running north from the old Charlton road perhaps marks his homestead site. Jonas was a blacksmith and long had a shop near the pond, which with the old dwelling was standing early in the present century, but no mark of them now remains. In 1777, Jonas sold one-half the estate to Thomas, probably his son, and in 1786 the whole was sold to Sylvanus Town, Esq.

2. JONATHAN, son of Jonathan (1), m. (1) 18 Nov., 1725, Lydia, dau. of Theophilus Phillips of Watertown, settled at Dea. Stone place, H. 153, built the house now standing, supposed to be one of the oldest in town; she d. May, 1729; m. (2) 28 May, 1730, Ruth Eddy, she d. 1 April, 1731; m. (3) 15 Dec., 1731, Deborah, dau. of Dea. John Coolidge of Watertown, she d. 9 Feb., 1793, aged 83. He d. 25 July, 1788. [See Jacob Cummings]. . . . Children by first m.: KEZIAH, b. 18 March, 1727, m. Moses, brother of Dr. David Holmes; LYDIA, b. 1728, d. 1729; by second m.: RUTH, b. 1731, d. 1746; by third m.: MELISON, b. 1733, d. 1746; LYDIA, b. 1736, d. 1746; HULDAH, b. 1 March, 1739, m. Isaac Town; JONATHAN, b. 15 Aug., 1741; ELIAS, b. 7 Nov., 1743; ELISHA, b. 15 July, 1747; ESTHER, b. 6 June, 1752; DEBORAH, b. 15 July, 1754, m. Jesse Merriam.

3. JONATHAN, son of Jonathan (2), m. 30 April, 1767, Abigail, dau. of Ebenezer Davis, settled in the fields one-third of a mile northwest from his father and north of North Ox. railroad station, at what was called the "Allen place," house many years since removed. He bought in 1772 H. 173 on Long Hill, where he d. about 1813; she d. 24 July, 1785. . . . Children: MARY, d. 1770; ESTHER, b. 15 Oct., 1767, d. 28 Aug., 1819, unm.; NAHUM, b. 2 July, 1770; ABIGAIL, b. 9 June, 1772, m. Stephen Prince; MELICENT, b. 18 Feb., 1774, m. Noah Shumway; ALICE, b. 26 Aug., 1776, m. Stephen Prince, second w.; JONATHAN, b. 30 Sept., 1778, d. 3 Nov., 1795; REBEKAH, b. 30 March, 1780, m. 19 Jan., 1825, Joseph Haywood of Millbury; LUCY, b. 23 Feb., 1782, d. 1 Nov., 1795; POLLY, b. 15 July, 1785, d. unm.

4. NAHUM, son of Jouathan (3), m. intentions 18 June, 1796, Abigail, dau. of Lemuel Crane, settled on the homestead. He d. 22 Jan., 1837, she d. aged 87, 13 Dec., 1860. . . . Children: HARRIET, b. 1 Jan., 1797, m. William Dana; LUCY, b. 7 June, 1799, d. 19 March, 1833, unm.; JONATHAN, b. 1801, d. 1803; LOUISA, b. 13 Feb., 1804, m. Harvey Burnett; MARSHAL, b. 2 Feb., 1807, d. 9 April, 1883, unm.; COOLEDGE, b. 23 March, 1816.

5. COOLEDGE, son of Nahum (4), m. 11 Sept., 1846, Sarah, dau. of Jasper Brown, settled at the homestead. He d. 26 Sept., 1857, she m. (2) 11 Sept., 1858, Otis B. Chaffee. [See Jasper Brown]. . . . Children: ALICIA L., b. 9 June, 1847, m. 3 April, 1866, Horace O. Hudson of Worcester, had Fred. W.; she d. Aug., 1891; HENRIETTA L., b. 1849, d. 1851; FRED MARSHAL, b. 1850, d. 1851; CHARLES E., b. and d. 1853; ANNETTA M., b. 27 Jan., 1855, m. (1) 2 June, 1873, Fitz J. White, and had Charles; she m. (2) George A. Paige, resided in Worcester, removed to Ox., had ch.

6. ELIAS, son of Jonathan (2), m. 6 Aug., 1767, Lydia, dau. of Jonathan Hill of Billerica, b. 25 March, 1746, settled near his father's; was a Captain in the Revolutionary war, marched in Town's Company at the Lexington alarm and served through the war; a man of more than ordinary ability. He d. 14 March, 1816, she d. 10 March, 1829, at Sutton, aged 83. . . . Children:

**LYDIA**, b. and d. 1768; **JERUSIA**, b. 18 Sept., 1769, m. Thomas, son of Elisha Davis; **LYDIA** and **RUTH**, b. 25 Sept., 1771, Lydia m. Ambrose Stone, Ruth m. William Stone, brothers; **ELIAS** and **ELIJAH**, b. 4 March, 1773; **ZADOC**, b. 17 Nov., 1775, removed to northern New York, m., had ch., removed later to Madrid (?), Canada, where he d. 13 Feb., 1818; **GEREMIAH**, b. 20 Sept., 1779, m. (1) Polly, dau., of Capt. John Woodbury of Sutton, removed to Groton, N. Y., deacon of Baptist Church and a leading citizen; m. (2) Esther Conklin of Orange County; had *Elias*, who was a prominent man at Anoka, Minn., removed about 1882 farther West; *Jeremiah*, the father, d. at Groton, Nov., 1865, his widow d. 14 Feb., 1871; **SYLVANUS** and **SYLVESTER**, b. 20 Aug., 1781, the latter d. young; **AMASA**, b. 7 May, 1787, settled at Waddington, N. Y., where he d. 27 Dec., 1830; he m. 1814, Fanny Connor of Amsterdam, N. Y. His son *Henry W.*, b. 1817, m. 1852 Sylvia A., dau. of John M. Pratt of Dudley; merchant at Waddington, and deputy sheriff, and since 1877 inspector in the custom house.

7. **ELIAS**, son of Elias (6), m. intentions 25 Sept., 1801, Sally, dau. of Dr. Ezra Conant, settled on homestead, removed about 1810 to Sutton, resided there many years; removed to Worcester, where he d. 2 Sept., 1854.

. . . Children: **SALLY**, b. 1802, d. 1804; **EZRA**, b. 6 Oct., 1804, d. young; **SERENA**, b. 14 Aug., 1806, m. 29 Aug., 1824, Charles, son of Isaac King of Sutton, removed to Anoka, Minn., d. 28 Dec., 1871; had *Elias P.*; **SALLY**, b. 29 Jan., 1808, m. Joshua Lewis, resided at Worcester, both d. there, she d. 1868; **SUMNER**, b. 3 Sept., 1809, dealer in manufacturers' supplies at Worcester, m. (1) *Serena*, dau. of Caleb Chase of Sutton, she d. 1848; m. (2) 5 Aug., 1850, Abby C. Read of Worcester; he d. 6 Jan., 1887; ch. by first m.: *Fred S.*, b. 21 Sept., 1845, m. 19 Jan., 1871, Sarah M. Hilliard, merchant at Worcester; **Emma A.**, b. 8 May, 1848; by second m.: *Eduard R.*, b. 1 May, 1851, d. 31 Oct., 1880; **EMELINE**, b. 14 Dec., 1812, m. 2 Oct., 1833, Leonard Woodbury of Sutton, he d. 29 Jan., 1884, she d. 8 Dec., 1837, both at Sutton; **AMANDA**, b. 11 Aug., 1815, d. 22 May, 1837, unm.

8. **ELIJAH**, son of Elias (6), m. 9 Aug., 1798, Elizabeth, dau. of John Mayo, lived in south part of Ox. and other places in the vicinity; Major of militia; d. 2 Jan., 1843, she d. 17 Jan., 1844. . . . Children: **JOHN M.**, b. 11 Jan., 1799, m. 12 Aug., 1821, Sylvia, dau. of Roger Jewett, settled at Dudley; they had *Mary L.*, b. 1822, m. Benjamin F. Leland; *Syleia A.*, b. 1824, m. William H. Pratt of Waddington, N. Y.; *Edward A.*, b. 1827, m. Sophia D. Healy; *John W.*, b. 1833, m. Jane Ryan; *Samuel J.*, b. 1837, d. 1857; **ELIJAH**, b. 19 April 1801, m. (1) 30 March, 1823, Polly Davis, she d. 17 Aug., 1844; m. (2) 30 March, 1853, Mrs. Hannah J. Keith of Thompson, Conn., who d. 30 Aug., 1884, aged 80; resided at Dudley, Webster and Ox. where he d. aged 79, 29 June, 1880; ch. by first m.: *Lucien E.*, b. 1824, m. Nancy B. Lawrence; *Hannah E.*, b. 1826, m. Charles M. Parmenter; *Emily A.*, b. 1828, m. Hon. Reuben P. Boise of Oregon; *Maria S.*, b. 1830, d. 1855; *William H.*, b. 1832, m. Frances E. Dillaby, resided in Boston, had ch.; **BETSEY**, b. 23 Dec., 1804, d. 6 April, 1848, at Ox., unm.; **MARY**, b. 12 March, 1808, m. (1) intentions 17 April, 1839, Harvey Upham of Dudley, who d. Nov., 1852, m. (2) 14 Nov., 1866, George Miller of Ox., she d. 1890; **JULIET**, b. 25 Dec., 1809, m. 3 Dec., 1842, Zenas Davis, he d. 26 Feb., 1874, at Worcester, no ch.

9. **SYLVANUS**, son of Elias (6), built the brick house at North Ox. station, H. 155, was a stirring, energetic business man, intelligent and socially attractive, adjutant of cavalry, scythe maker, in 1811 bought the water-power at the

present Lancaster's village, North Ox., where there was only a saw-mill, dug the canal from the pond to the mill, now used, built a shop with two forges and flourished for a time, became embarrassed and sold 1814 to Abbott and Rice. He also built at the home privilege a shop and made scythes several years, and in 1820 was in the same business at Buffumville. In 1813 he bought a farm on Long Hill and built a house, later burnt, at H. 165, Shepardson's. He m. Sally, dau. of Capt. Daniel Rice of Sutton. He d. June, 1831, in Canada, she d. 7 Dec., 1856, at Worcester. . . . *Children:* HARRIET, b. 5 May, 1806, at Douglas, m. David Fay of Grafton, where both d., had ch.; ADALINE, b. 27 July, 1808, at Sutton, m. William Holbrook of Grafton, resided at Boston, she d. 28 Sept., 1881, he d. at Leicester; ASENATH, b. 1812, d. 1817; DANIEL R., b. 17 June, 1814, m. (1) Ann Maria Bryant of Worcester, where they settled, 5 ch., she d. 14 Sept., 1869, at Worcester, m. (2) Lucy A. Phelps of Sutton; LUCIEN, b. and d. 1816; NANCY, b. 24 Oct., 1817, m. Talliafero P. Schaffner of Kentucky, he d. 7 Dec., 1881, at Troy, N. Y., was well known in the country as an associate with Morse and other scientific men in the introduction of the electric telegraph, interested in opening communication with Europe and made soundings for a line *via* Greenland, Iceland and the Faroe Islands to Norway before Field laid the Atlantic cable. He introduced the use of nitro-glycerine into this country and was owner of the patents, was in the Union service in the late war, a member of Gen. Grant's staff; ELVIRA, b. 26 Nov., 1819, m. (1) Henry Dodge of Warren: a son Edward H., b. 19 Nov., 1845, resided at Worcester, was in the U. S. service in the late war, acting in the commissary department; she m. (2) 23 April, 1861, Dr. J. Marcus Rice of Worcester, physician and medical examiner, surgeon in the 25th Regt. Mass. Vols., served through the war, was on staff duty with Generals Butler, Ord, Baldy Smith, Westrel and Stannard, prisoner in Libby; SYLVANUS, b. 20 April, 1821, m. Harriet Atkins of Hartford, Conn., and had Willie S., b. 22 Feb., 1853, resided at New York city, Sylvanus, the father, d. 15 Oct., 1868, at Worcester, where he resided for many years previously, she d. 6 Feb., 1866, at Worcester.

10. JOSEPH, son of Jonathan (1), m. (1) 15 Dec., 1737, Sarah, dau. of Thomas Hunkins, she d. 19 March, 1750, m. (2) 27 Sept., 1750, Katharine, dau. of Joseph Read. He d. 16 Sept., 1796, aged 84, she d. 11 Jan., 1808, aged 77; resided in the border of Auburn at the Marble place, H. 147. . . . *Children:* MARY, b. 28 Nov., 1738, m. 17 Jan., 1760, Daniel Dike of Sutton, removed to Bethel, Vt., 8 ch.; SARAH, b. 15 Aug., 1740, m. Samuel Manning; JOSEPH, b. 1 April, 1748; ch. by second m.: LUCIE, b. 16 July, 1751; RACHEL, b. 29 April, 1753; JOHN, b. 24 Nov., 1755; EBENEZER, b. 30 April, 1758, d. young; SAMUEL, b. 29 Jan., 1761; JEREMIAH, b. 22 May, 1763; KATHARINE, b. 14 Feb., 1766; EBENEZER, b. 21 Nov., 1770. [In the will of Joseph Pratt, dated 19 June, 1790, he names wife Katharine, son Joseph of Charlton, son-in-law Samuel Manning, and son John only.]

11. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (10), m. (1) 29 Sept., 1768, Mary, dau. of John Hudson, she d. 4 Sept., 1769, aged 22, m. (2), 29 May, 1771, Esther Blood of Charlton, removed to Charlton. . . . *Children:* JOHN HUDSON, b. 27 Aug., 1769; by second m.: MARTHA, b. 7 March, 1772, m. 18 Nov., 1789, Amos, son of Samuel Rich of Sutton(?); perhaps others b. in Charlton.

12. JOHN, son of Joseph (10), Revolutionary soldier, m. 9 Dec., 1779, Anna, dau. of Elisha Davis, settled on the homestead, where he spent his days, a singer, and composer of music; in partnership with Joseph Stone of

Ward published a book of music. He d. 22 June, 1834, she d. 20 Sept., 1833, aged 79. . . . *Children*: EBENEZER, b. 31 May, 1780; JOHN, b. 30 July, 1783; KATY, b. 6 Oct., 1785, m. her cousin, Nathaniel Davis, a prominent man at Montpelier, Vt., 5 ch. [See Davis Gen.]; POLLY, b. 17 April, 1788, d. 1803; LUCY, b. 19 Aug., 1790, m. Learned Davis; ABIJAH D., b. 23 July, 1795, d. 11 Nov., 1818.

13. EBENEZER, son of John (12), m. 1819, Betsey Edson, lived on the south part of his father's farm, H. 148, Capt. of militia, land surveyor, d. 13 April, 1830, she d. 14 April, 1852, aged 68. . . . *Children*, both brought up at the home of Rodolphus Edson, their grandfather: LUCY A., b. 7 Dec., 1819, unm.; JOHN B., b. 1 April, 1822, land surveyor, conveyancer, m. 5 July, 1859, Emily J. Putnam of Sutton, he d. 26 Oct., 1872; they had *John E.*, b. 6 Sept., 1863, d. 22 Oct., 1872.

14. JOHN, son of John (12), m. 26 July, 1806, Lavinia Burnap, settled at Ox., removed about 1810 to Montpelier, Vt., where he d. 3 April, 1820, merchant and Major of militia. . . . *Children* b. at Ox.: MARY ANN, b. 13 Dec., 1807, m. Schuyler S. S. Gates of Rutland; N. MIRANDA, b. 24 Oct., 1809, m. (1) Rev. Sampson Miner, m. (2) Rev. Harvey F. Leavitt, she d. 1873, at Middlebury; JOHN B., b. 1812, at Montpelier, d. 1815; CATHERINE D., b. 14 May, 1814, at North Montpelier, m. Bowman B. Martin of Marshfield; JOHN A., b. 10 Aug., 1818, m. Arminda Martin, he d. 1 March, 1852.

15. MICAH, son of Jonathan (1), m. 3 Nov., 1731, Mary, sister of Ebenezer Gale of Watertown, settled near his father, northwest of Town's Pond. He d. 1769, appraisal of estate 4 March. . . . *Children*: HANNAH, b. 1733, d. 1734; ABRAHAM, b. 1735, d. 1737; DAVID, b. 16 April, 1738, soldier in the French war; ABRAHAM, b. 26 Feb., 1740; MICAH, b. 15 Aug., 1742, m. 23 Feb., 1769, Lucy Shumway; ASA, b. 27 July, 1744, m. 6 Sept., 1769, Susanna Beenis of Charlton; MARY, b. 24 Feb., 1747; ISAAC, b. 27 June, 1749, Revolutionary soldier; MELICENT, b. 15 Aug., 1751; LYDIA, b. 24 Dec., 1752.

16. ABRAHAM, son of Micah (15), soldier in the French war, m. intentions 6 Dec., 1760, Mary Barton of Charlton. . . . *Children*: DEBORAH, b. 22 Dec., 1761(?); RUTH, b. 1762, d. 1768; ABRAHAM, b. 1764, d. 1768; MARY, b. 1766, d. 1768; MICAH, b. 17 Oct., 1768.

17. JONAS, son of Jonathan (1), m. Ann ——, blacksmith, lived near Town's Pond on the north, sold 1786, removed to Ward, where he d., will filed 7 March, 1798, John Town, his son-in-law, executor. . . . *Children*: SARAH, b. 2 June, 1738, m. intentions 18 Aug., 1764, John M. Jewell of Dudley; DOROTHY, b. 25 Feb., 1741, m. John, son of Jonathan Town; ANNA, b. 15 Feb., 1744; JONAS, b. 26 Aug., 1746; STEPHEN, b. 5 June, 1749; THOMAS, b. 22 Nov., 1752, d. young; THOMAS, b. 4 Feb., 1755, m. 28 May, 1776, Lydia, dau. of Joseph Phillips; ELIZABETH, b. 22 July, 1759, m. —— Daggett.

18. JONAS, son of Jonas (17), Revolutionary soldier, marched on Lexington alarm, m. 5 July, 1770, Jenny Foster. In 1780 was deputy sheriff. He d. 1780, order of appraisal 4 Dec. . . . *Children*: MOLLY, b. 28 April, 1771; RHODA, b. 28 Oct., 1772, d. young; WILLIAMS, b. 17 Nov., 1774; ANNA, b. 3 March, 1777; SALLY.

19. STEPHEN, son of Jonas (17), m. 26 Nov., 1772, Phebe Merriam of North Gore, resided at Ox. and Charlton. He d. 1813, she d. 1812, both at Greenfield. . . . *Children* b. at Ox.: LAVINIA, b. 30 May, 1775, m. 1801, Elijah Newton of Deerfield, resided at Middlefield, N. Y.; ABIGAIL, b. 23 June, 1777, m. Dr. Jotham Burnet of Dummerston, Vt., had ch.; PHEBE, b.

1779, m. 1833, Joel Merriam, second w.; and b. at Charlton: ELIZABETH, b. 1782, d. 1840, at Greenfield, unm.; STEPHEN, b. 3 Aug., 1784, m. 1804, Drusilla Loveland, resided at Middlefield, N. Y.; RICE, b. 12 May, 1787, m. 1816, Sarah Denton; EDWARD, b. 29 July, 1789, m. 1812, Tryphena Sheldon, resided at Bernardston; JEREMIAH, b. 8 Jan., 1792, m. 1821, Celia Fitts, resided at Greenfield.

DAVID, b. 28 Jan., 1702, son of David and grandson of Thomas of Framingham, m. 10 March, 1724, Sarah Claffin, and had at Framingham, DAVID, b. 30 Jan., 1725; JONATHAN, b. 23 Sept., 1735; RACHEL, b. 6 Sept., 1739, m. 28 May, 1760, Isaac Putnam, son of Isaac of Sutton; NATHAN, b. 5 Nov., 1743. David, the father, bought land in Ox. 1749, and soon settled on Prospect Hill. He d. 27 Nov., 1777, his widow d. 12 May, 1783, aged 79.

2. DAVID, son of David (1), m. 20 May, 1745, at Framingham, Elizabeth Brewer, came soon after his father to Ox., and d. here 19 Oct., 1753. . . . Children b. at Framingham: DAVID, b. 13 May, 1743, soldier in French war; SILAS, b. 26 Sept., 1747; BETSEY, b. 13 March, 1748; SARAH, b. 2 April, 1750; JOEL, b. 1 Feb., 1752, at Ox. [Elizabeth Pratt appointed administratrix of David Pratt 26 Nov., 1753. Prob. Rec.]

3. NATHAN, son of David (1), Revolutionary soldier, m. 13 Oct., 1768, Mary Pratt of North Gore. . . . Children: MARY, b. 1769, d. 1770; NATHAN, b. 27 Oct., 1771, m. 29 June, 1795, Miriam, dau. of Walter Fitts, settled in Charlton, no ch.; RUFUS, b. and d. 1773; RUFUS, b. 8 July, 1774; MOLLY, b. 21 Aug., 1776; A DAU., b. 29 May., 1778; A SON, b. 28 June, 1780; —CY [record defective] A DAU., b. 24 Nov., 1785.

4. JESSE, Revolutionary soldier, lived a short distance south of the Locke place, H. 105, in North Gore, supposed to have been of David's family [Jesse and Nathan Pratt witnessed a deed of David Pratt 1766], m. intentions 9 April, 1757, Rachel Claffin of North Gore. . . . Children: JONATHAN, b. 18 Feb., 1758, m. intentions 24 July, 1785, Phebe, dau. of Ebenezer Merriam of North Gore, settled in Charlton, four ch.; a dau. of Matilda, m. Parley Stockwell of Sutton, was murdered 1817 by Peter Sibley, adjudged a lunatic; JESSE, b. 18 April, 1760, d. 14 Jan., 1778; SARAH, b. 31 July, 1762; NATHAN, b. 3 Jan., 1767.

JOSEPH, the second as to age of the name in Ox., came from Dedham in 1751, having bought the Benjamin Davis estate in the east part of Ox., H. 24, later owned by Amos Pratt, and to distinguish him was called "Meadow Joe." He m. (1) Hannah ——, she d. aged 22, 26 Dec., 1757; m. (2) Deliverance ——. He d. 13 Jan., 1801, she d. 6 March, 1803. . . . Children: HANNAH, b. 24 March, 1756, m. Joseph Gillson; LYDIA, b. 27 Oct., 1757, m. Allen Chase; by second m.: JOSEPH, b. 29 Nov., 1762, settled at Bellingham, and had Amos, who resided at Ox.; THOMAS BAXTER, b. 29 Oct., 1764; BENJAMIN, b. 23 Oct., 1767; DEBORAH, b. 22 June, 1770, d. 6 Nov., 1802, unm.

2. THOMAS BAXTER, son of Joseph (1), m. 11 Dec., 1803, Mrs. Elizabeth Lawton Coit from Norwich, Conn., or vicinity, lived on homestead; administrator of his father's estate; he d. aged 62, 23 June, 1825, she d. 15 March, 1829(?). . . . Children: THOMAS BAXTER, b. 2 July, 1804, drowned 22 June, 1829; of more than ordinary ability, but erratic; JOSEPH, b. 29 Dec., 1805; LAWTON, b. 19 April, 1808; the two latter lived in Michigan. She had two children by her former husband, WHEELER Coit and HULDAH Coit, the latter m. Abijah Gleason.

3. AMOS, son of Joseph and grandson of Joseph (1), b. 3 Nov., 1796, at Bellingham, m. 28 May, 1828, Lucy Smith of Barre, b. 6 Sept., 1802, bought the homestead, H. 24, in 1826; removed when past middle life to Charlton; he d. 9 Nov., 1883, she d. Aug., 1855, he m. a sec. w. at Charlton. . . . *Children*: AMOS S., b. 29 Jan., 1830; NATHAN, b. 5 Jan., 1833, m. Sarah Pratt, settled at Charlton, insane, soldier in the late war; they had *Lucy S.*, *Alice*, *Jane*, *Abbie*; MARY C., b. 24 April, 1836; SAMUEL S., b. 26 May, 1838, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Jacob Stevens of Charlton, settled on her father's farm; they had *Walter*.

4. BENJAMIN, son of Joseph (1), m. ——. . . *Children* b. at Ox.: BENJAMIN, b. 22 Aug., 1789, m. int. 20 Aug., 1807, Polly Holley, she m. (2) Nehemiah Collier; ABIGAIL, b. 9 March, 1796; DELIVERANCE, b. 22 Sept., 1799.

5. AMOS S., son of Amos (3), m. 11 April, 1861, Rachel Jones, settled in west part of Ox., at H. 69, removed 1885 to the Plain, H. 200, thence 1889, to Worcester. . . . *Children*: AMOS, b. 16 March, 1862, d. 25 March, 1874; EMILY J., b. 12 Aug., 1863, d. 15 March, 1887; NELLIE M., b. 11 Aug., 1872; MABEL R., b. 6 March, 1876; HENRY K., b. 20 June, 1878.

MARY, and Joseph Rockett, m. 2 Feb., 1744.

BEULAH, and Elnathan Beers of Leicester, m. 24 Nov., 1749.

JONATHAN, son of David, d. Nov., 1755.

DAVID, and Sarah Shumway, m. 23 Oct., 1760.

ELIZABETH, and Thomas Upham of Dudley, m. 19 Feb., 1784.

Mrs. BETSEY, aged 63, d. 20 Aug., 1844.

SARAH, aged 86, d. 28 Feb., 1849.

*✓ Ebenezer Learned  
of Tiverton, R. I.  
and his wife Deborah*

PRAY, EBENEZER, son of Timothy(?), came to Ox. before the Revolutionary war from Tiverton, R. I., with his father who died here. He is said to have been a man of more than ordinary abilities, well versed in military affairs, and served in the Revolutionary war three years, adjutant. He lived near the new Gen. Learned house at North Ox., H. 117, removed after the death of his second wife to Livermore, Me., where his sons had settled, and d. there. He m. (1) intentions 2 Oct., 1779, Deborah, widow of George Robinson, dau. of Gen. Ebenezer Learned, she d. 11 June, 1802, at Ward; m. (2) 27 May, 1803, Martha, dau. of Israel Phillips of Ward. . . . *Children*: ZELOTES, b. 17 April, 1780, went to sea from Freetown and not heard from; EBENEZER, b. 7 March, 1782, d. 21 Sept., 1802, at Portland, Me.; DEBORAH, b. 20 March, 1784, d. 1812; EPHRAIM, b. 22 Jan., 1787, millwright, removed to Livermore, Me., d. in midlife at Natchez, Miss.; OTIS, b. 22 Feb., 1789, prominent at Livermore, Capt. of cavalry, millwright; m. (1) Bethia Weeks, m. (2) Eliza, her sister; he d. March, 1874, at Livermore; ch.: *Albert C.*, soldier in late war, representative; *Otis A.*, successful business man at Minneapolis, Minn.; *Rosetta*, m. —— Chandler; *Drusilla*, m. —— Getchell, residence, Minnesota; *Bethia*, m. Hiram Briggs, residence, Livermore; DAVID, b. 7 March, 1791, d. 1804; P. R. RUFUS, b. 10 June, 1798, m. Maria, dau. of Gen. David Learned of Livermore, lawyer at Pearlington, Miss., where he was eminent, Judge of High Court of Errors and Appeals, d. 11 Jan., 1840; RUTH, b. 23 March, 1796, m. Alfred Parker, settled at Livermore, where she d., had ch.: ch. by second m.: EBENEZER, b. 18 April, 1804, blacksmith, at Livermore, removed 1858 to Worcester, where he 1890, resided; he m. April, 1830, Annis Pratt, born at Jay; they had *Martha A.*, b. 1832, m. John M. Kilburn, residence, Worcester; *Medora*, b. 1838, m. Varnum Tuttle, merchant at South Acton.

**JONATHAN**, m. 29 May, 1792, Sarah, dau. of Thomas McKnight. . . .  
*Children*: **EPHRAIM**, b. 26 Jan., 1793; **SIBYL**, b. 27 June, 1797; **THOMAS**, b. 23 June, 1800; **CHARLOTTE**, b. and d. 1802.

**EPHRAIM**, perhaps brother of Ebenezer (1), resided at Ox. Feb., 1792, with wife and children **BARNEY** and **FILEY**. *Barney m Sybil Barney  
Filey m Barbara*

**PRENTICE**, JOSIAH S., b. 27 Dec., 1778, at Ward, son of John and grandson of Rev. Solomon of Grafton,<sup>1</sup> m. (1) 11 Nov., 1801, Anna Waters of Millbury, she d. 5 May, 1827, aged 43, at Ashby; m. (2) 24 Sept., 1828, Mary, widow of Joseph Stevens of Petersham, dau. of Rev. Joseph Farrar, she d. aged 91, 10 Oct., 1882. He d. 20 Aug., 1857. He resided after first marriage at Ward, from 1803 to 1808 at least was coroner, came first to Ox. about 1809, having been in trade previously at Charlton; bought the Dr. Cushman place, H. 225, sold 1810, removed to Millbury. Later kept a hotel at Petersham, removed to Ashby in same business; after second marriage was in trade in New Worcester. He came again to Ox. 1830, bought H. 176, near the North Common, where he d. He had good abilities, was somewhat *brusque* in manner, justice of the peace and tried petty cases; assessor and collector, and many years school committee at Ox. . . . *Children* by first m.: **LUCY** H., b. 18 July, 1802, at Ward, m. 20 May, 1822, Asa Goodell of Millbury, who d. 30 June, 1823, she d. 24 Feb., 1836, no ch.; **SOPHRONIA**, b. 24 July, 1804, at Ward, d. 1 Oct., 1826, at Ashby.

2. **CHARLES** G., b. 1 Oct., 1798, at Leominster, son of Charles of Reading noted as editor and author, lived in the family of Abijah Bigelow (later of Worcester), studied law in his office, admitted to the bar in 1821, and came to Oxford that year, and from 1823 to 1828 was each year elected to the office of school committee, town clerk, or assessor, and in 1826 filled all these offices, indicating his high standing; Captain of infantry company 1828; removed in 1829 to Worcester, where he held positions of trust and responsibility, and in July, 1837, was appointed register of probate, which office he filled with credit until 1849. He was a man of sterling qualities, led an active and useful life, and performed whatever duties fell to him with faithfulness and ability. The late Peter C. Bacon, who knew him intimately, said, "he was one of the salt of the earth." He d. 12 Jan., 1863, at Worcester, unm.

**OTIS**, of Ward, was for a few months in trade in 1806 at Oxford Centre; removed to Providence, R. I., and thence returned to Ward.

**PRESCOTT**, DAVID B., aged 9, d. 15 Aug., 1831.

**PRIEST**, NATHANIEL S., m. 30 April, 1834, Mary Ann Graves, she d. 30 March, 1842, aged 30. . . . *Children*: **CHARLOTTE**, b. 31 Jan., 1835; **ELLEN**, b. 4 March, 1837; **JOHN**, b. 2 Oct., 1839; **LUCY**, b. 21 March, 1842.

**PRINCE**, DAVID, of Sutton in 1725, m. Phebe ——, had with others, **STEPHEN**, b. 4 Oct., 1730, m. 16 Sept., 1756, Abigail Perkins, had 13 children. The eighth, **JONATHAN**, b. 1 Feb., 1769, settled at Dudley, came thence to Ox.; **DAVID**, b. 1 Jan., 1771; **STEPHEN**, b. 4 Nov., 1772; **RUTH**, b. 8 Feb., 1775, m. David, son of Ebenezer Shumway; **LYDIA**, b. 8 March, 1777, m. 30 Nov., 1797,

<sup>1</sup> On 12 April, 1777 (date of acknowledgment of deed), John Prentice of Grafton bought of Levi Eddy 150 acres of land in the extreme northeast corner of Ox., bounded on Worcester

southwest corner, on Samuel Eddy's land on the County road, and on Alexander Nichols. His family was large and several children had been born before this date.

Jennison Twiss of Charlton; NAOMI, b. 8 May, 1781, m. 16 Jan., 1803, David Morse of Charlton; the last five came to Ox.; the mother also came here and d. 28 Nov., 1829 aged 83.

2. JONATHAN, son of Stephen (1), m. Feb., 1792, Patty Vinton of Dudley. . . . Children b. at Ox.: CHESTER, b. 18 June, 1792; LYDIA, b. 11 Oct., 1793; JOHN, b. 2 Dec., 1795; CHANDLER, b. 14 June, 1797; DOLLY, b. 25 Sept., 1799; removed from Ox.; in 1809 resided at Sturbridge, where was born JULIEY, 19 Dec., 1809.

3. DAVID, son of Stephen (1), m. 14 April, 1799, Rebekah, dau. of Peter Shumway, resided in the south part, H. 55, and later in other places in Ox., d. aged 76, 24 Sept., 1847, she d. 26 Aug., 1876, aged 95 years, 9 months. . . . Children: ALPHEUS, b. 28 Nov., 1799, m. 25 March, 1824, Mary, dau. of James Moulton, she d. 15 July, 1876, he d. 18 Jan., 1888, both at Webster; they had *James M.*, b. 8 Dec., 1828, at Ox., m. (1) 1 May, 1851, Sarah, dau. of Joseph Titus of Douglas, b. 18 Aug., 1828, d. 26 Sept., 1871, m. (2) 5 Feb., 1872, Lucilla W., dau. of David Stone of Ox., residence, Webster, had Clara J., b. 1854; Benjamin M., b. 1856; *Candace M.*, b. 16 Jan., 1831, d. 18 Oct., 1861, at Worcester, unm.; REBECCA, b. 3 June, 1802, m. Calvin Hall; ORIS, b. 21 Sept., 1805, m. Lois Wadsworth of Barre, where he settled, woolen manufacturer; he d. 6 April, 1845, one son, d. young; ALMIRA, b. 13 March, 1807, m. (1) David Hall, m. (2) Jeremiah Brown; DAVID, b. 6 April, 1809, d. 1811; DAVID, b. 22 July, 1811, m. 14 Nov., 1836, Harriet A., dau. of James Oliver of Barre, settled at Webster, where he d. 24 July, 1863, she d. May, 1886, at Worcester; they had *Lewis S.*, b. 19 Jan., 1838, m. 12 Aug., 1868, Mrs. Mary Merritt, m. n. Sutherland, of Glasgow, Scot., settled at Webster, had ch.; soldier in the late war in 51st Mass. Regt., he d. 11 June, 1881, at Worcester; *S. Jane*, b. 3 May, 1842, m. William, son of Hiram Walker of Brookfield, no ch., she d. 12 July, 1868; *Catherine H.*, b. 11 Oct., 1844, d. 27 Nov., 1864, at Thompson, Conn.; *George*, b. 8 Aug., 1847, d. young; *Georgiana*, b. 6 Sept., 1849, m. 6 June, 1865, Warren A. Walker of Brookfield, brother of William, removed to Worcester, had ch.; *Henry S.*, b. 6 Nov., 1854, m. Amanda Rand of Worcester, where they reside, had ch.; DULCENA C., b. 7 Jan., 1814, m. 10 Sept., 1834, George M. Eames of Framingham; they had *George P.*; m. (2) 4 March, 1858, Lewis W. Merrifield of West Boylston, where he d. 1871; ZEVIAH, b. 9 June, 1815, m. 14 July, 1842, Arnold Anthony of Worcester, he d. about 1870, she d. Dec., 1882, at Worcester; ABIGAIL, b. 14 April, 1820, m. (1) 7 April, 1840, Elbridge, son of Timothy Corbin, of Webster, and had *Martha*, m. (1) Marcellus Blair; m. (2) Orris Parsons of Worcester, three ch., she d. Oct., 1880, at Westboro'.

4. STEPHEN, son of Stephen (1), m. (1) intentions 2 Oct., 1795, Alice, dau. of Jonathan Pratt, m. (2) 20 July, 1797, Abigail, sister of first wife, settled on the hill north of Buffumville, H. 85, built the house now standing; Abigail, his wife, d. 21 Oct., 1825; he m. (3) intentions 18 Nov., 1826, Dorcas M. Thorloe of Millbury, he d. 18 Aug., 1847. . . . Children: JONATHAN, b. 15 May, 1798, d. young; AMOS, b. 1801, d. 1803; ELSIE, b. 28 April, 1803, m. intentions 7 Oct., 1826, James F. Twiss of Charlton, had ch.; *Stephen P.*, their son, was a lawyer in Worcester, removed to Kansas City, where he was a leading man and held high official positions; STEPHEN, b. 15 March, 1805; FREEMAN, b. 2 Aug., 1807; ABIGAIL D., b. 15 Sept., 1810, d. young.

5. STEPHEN, son of Stephen (4), m. 4 June, 1837, Rebecca M. Houston of Bedford, N. H., merchant at Ox., removed to Boston, where he continued

trade, d. 3 Dec., 1881. . . . *Children* b. at Ox.: GEORGE H., b. 20 March, 1838, d. 21 April, 1849; MARY A., b. 1839, d. 1843; JOHN O., b. 18 April, 1842, m. 9 Aug., 1866, Dora S. Tuttle; JAMES E., b. 20 Sept., 1844, d. 7 Sept., 1866; ANNA T., b. 27 Sept., 1847, m. 10 Dec., 1868, Alvah Chapman of Ipswich, he d. 1 Sept., 1877; CHARLES A., b. 20 Dec., 1850, d. 1 March, 1879; all reside at Boston.

6. FREEMAN, son of Stephen (4), m. 20 Nov., 1832, Charlotte Lamb of Charlton, b. 15 Sept., 1811, at Charlton settled at homestead, sold 1853, removed to Ox. Centre, where he d. 27 Aug., 1853. [Ox. Rec.]; the family removed to Worcester, where she d. 5 July, 1880. . . . *Children*: ABIGAIL, b. 8 Oct., 1833, d. young; SARAH, b. 30 June, 1835, d. 17 June, 1858, at Ox., unm.; SAMUEL F., b. 1837, d. 1848; ALBERT, b. 4 July, 1839, m. S. Jane Dyke of Chelsea, Vt., no ch. He spent his boyhood upon his father's farm, and on the removal of the family to the Plain, found employment, as did most of the boys of that day, in a shoe manufactory. When the war broke out he enlisted among the first members in Company E, and became one of the best men in that body. At Ball's Bluff, in the peninsular campaign, at Antietam, Fredericksburg, the second Bull Run, the Wilderness, and later battles the regiment to which he belonged was assigned positions of honor and of danger, and he bore his full share of its hardships and disasters. As he was unassuming promotion came only as his sterling qualities were developed in the service. In Feb., 1862, he was made Lieut.; on 18 Sept., the day after Antietam battle, first Lieut.; and on 14 Nov. following, Captain, and was assigned to Co. G. On the resignation of Capt. Watson 21 Jan., 1863, he was put in command of Co. E, much to the satisfaction of its members, and continued with credit until the final discharge 28 July, 1864. Gen. Devens is reported to have said of him, "he was of the finest type of the American soldier." Another said in substance—he was a soldier of the solid and trustworthy type, resolute, faithful and stanch, one to be trusted to go anywhere in the face of danger and stay until relieved. At Gettysburg especially his courage and tenacity were put to the severest test and he endured the trial nobly. He stopped far more than his share of the enemy's bullets, having received seven wounds before he left the field. The last disabled both arms, but with grim determination he picked up his sword from the ground with his teeth and so carried it as he was borne to the rear. When on a visit home in Feb., 1864, his friends in Oxford honored him in the presentation of a sword, sash, belt and pistol. His later residence was at Worcester, where he carried for years the effects of his army life in impaired health, and died highly respected 2 March, 1881. EMILY, b. 23 Oct., 1841, m. 2 Oct., 1877, Alexander Searles, settled at Southbridge; MARY, b. 20 Jan., 1844, m. 17 Oct., 1864, Peleg F. Murray, an efficient officer in late war, residence, Worcester, had *Charles B.*, b. 6 April 1866; EDWARD, b. 30 Nov., 1846, m. Dec., 1870, Kate Robinson, she d. 25 July, 1872; ANN MARIA, b. 11 Feb., 1850, m. 24 Oct., 1871, Charles, son of Jonathan Day, merchant at Worcester, had *Alice M.*, b. 13 Sept., 1872.

PROVENDER, JOHN, of Malden 1674, in Narragansett 1675, had land granted him 1669 at "Quinsigamog," d. at Framingham (will proved 1712), had 7 ch., of these, SARAH, who m. Daniel Elliott, Jr., and JONATHAN, who was of Framingham 1710, came to Ox. 21 Sept., 1715, he was voted an inhabitant on part of the rights of Daniel Elliott, Jr., his brother-in-law. In

March, 1716, was voted land on which to set a house, near land he bought of Elliott. In June, 1716, he sold land and one-fourth the mill and we lose trace of him. He was in Port Royal expedition 16 Sept., 1710. On 23 June, 1735, JOHN, his brother, of Uxbridge, sold rights in "Narragansett lands accrued to him from his father, John Provender, deceased."

DAVID, son of John, witness 1716.

PUFFER, HENRY, son of Rev. Reuben, of Berlin, clothier, as tenant at mill at south end of Plain 1819(?) to 1823, a good man [a brother was a currier at Franklin], m. Susanna ——. . . Children: ELIZABETH, b. 16 Nov., 1815; HANNAH P., b. 16 Feb., 1818; HENRY, b. 5 April, 1820; REUBEN, b. 28 Jan., 1823.

PULSIFER, AUGUSTA, dau. of David, of Me., aged 21, d. 13 May, 1871.

PUTNAM, ISAAC, b. 4 Nov., 1734, son of Isaac, of Sutton, descendant of John, of Salem 1634, m. 28 May, 1760, Rachel, dau. of David Pratt [Sutton History says she d. aged 104, at the house of her son David, at Becket], settled on Prospect Hill, bought 1759 the homestead of Thomas Gleason, deceased, ensign in Col. Chandler's Regt. 1771, in 1777 contracted with town of Ox. to support Joseph Fellows. . . . Children: ISAAC, b. 15 June, 1763; RACHEL, b. 13 Jan., 1765; NATHAN, b. 14 Feb., 1766; LUCY, b. 24 April, 1767.

CORNELIUS, b. 28 Jan., 1782, son of David, of Sutton, m. (1) 1 Dec., 1803, Abigail, dau. of Elijah Bigelow of Douglas, she d. 5 March, 1844, aged 64, m. (2) intentions 5 Oct., 1844, Rachel Rist of Uxbridge. He d. aged 81, 2 April, 1863. He came to Ox. about 1828 at the opening of the Boston and Hartford turnpike as toll-receiver in the east part of the town, H. 8, blacksmith, a good citizen, active Freemason, Capt. of militia. . . . Children b. at Sutton: POLLY, b. 1 June, 1804, m. July, 1825, Bethuel Leonard, had ch.: DARIUS, b. 30 Sept., 1806, d. 1 Oct., 1821; LUCY, b. 3 Sept., 1808, m. 1 April, 1826, William Dudley of Douglas, had ch.; ULVA A., b. 18 Jan., 1811, m. 20 Dec., 1832, Nathan, son of John Waters of Sutton, had ch.; HARRISON B., b. 18 April, 1813, d. 1814; JERUSAH, b. 8 May, 1815, m. Reuben, son of James Davis; CORNELIUS, b. 4 July, 1819, m. 14 June, 1842, Amanda A. S., dau. of Stephen Hall of Sutton, blacksmith, resided at Webster; had Bangfield; JOSEPH W., b. 19 Sept., 1821, m. Lucy, dau. of Chandler Stockwell of Sutton, settled on the homestead and had I. Elwin, b. 11 Jan., 1841, d. 1856; Henry, b. 6 June, 1842, m. Abby E. Locke of Sutton, had ch.; Cornelius, b. 11 Sept., 1848, m. 20 Sept., 1871, A. Isabel, dau. of Sumner Moffit, settled at Ox., had Murray, b. 23 Nov., 1876, Albert W., b. 29 Oct., 1882, she d. 14 March, 1884; J. Estella, b. 29 Sept., 1850, m. Munroe Wallis of Douglas; Herbert, b. 14 April, 1837, m. 14 April, 1880, Eliza A., dau. of William T. Peters, blacksmith at Ox.; Adora, b. 15 May, 1853, m. John W., son of Perry Putnam of Sutton, had ch.; Elmer, b. 28 May, 1861, m. 29 June, 1887, Alice E., dau. of George M. Clark, stable keeper; HANNAH B., b. 8 March, 1817, m. 29 Oct., 1837, P. Holland, son of Peter H. Putnam of Sutton, where he d.

SOLOMON, b. 26 June, 1807, son of Charles and Rhoda, of Sutton, m. 23 April, 1838, Olive A., dau. of Ebenezer Rich, and had SUMNER E., b. 1841, d. 1843; JULIA A., b. 14 Dec., 1838; he d. 31 Jan., 1861, she d. 14 Sept., 1890, at Worcester.

SUMNER, twin brother of Solomon, m. 23 Nov., 1842, Betsey Thompson; he d. 21 July, 1860, aged 53; they had LUCY ANNABEL, b. 8 Oct., 1851; BLANCHE, both daughters m. and 1891, reside at Sutton.

DEXTER, son of Abner of Sutton, bought in 1846 the farm near Sutton line, now Richard L. Dodge, H. 5, sold in 1863 and 1864 removed with 12 ch. to St. Johns, Mo., m. Ruby Torrey, sister of second w. of Walter L. Rosebrook. . . . *Children*, first 4 b. at Sutton: DEXTER E., b. 25 Nov., 1840; ADELBERT P., b. 19 July, 1842; JEROME E., b. 26 Jan., 1844; RUBY R., b. 27 Dec., 1845; and at Ox.: ROSINA T., b. 21 Sept., 1847; ELLEN L., b. 14 April, 1850; ADA E., b. 10 Aug., 1852; EDGAR J., b. 18 Aug., 1854; ALICE C., b. 20 Nov., 1856; CORA L., b. 3 Jan., 1859; LEWELLYN S., b. 31 May, 1861; ADIN G., b. 17 Sept., 1863.

DENNY S., son of Jonathan, Jr., of Sutton, b. 13 March, 1817, m. 23 Nov., 1841, Catherine, dau. of John Cummings of Auburn, came to the Lot Marsh place, later Pliny Upham, in Charlton, near Ox. line, in 1845, and 1850 bought his present estate in the northeast part of Ox., H. 159, assessor. . . . *Children*: ADA E., b. 4 Sept., 1853, m. 2 Oct., 1871, George D. Watkins of Worcester; CARRIE A., b. 1859, d. 1863.

PHEBE, of Sutton, and Nathaniel Rich of Royalston, m. 25 Sept., 1766.

SARAH, and Paul Sibley, both of Sutton, m. 2 Dec., 1766.

BARTHOLOMEW, of Sutton, and Molly Putnam, m. 1 March, 1769.

BENAJAH, and Mrs. Sarah Fitts, both of Sutton, m. 13 Dec., 1770.

HNNAH, and Tarrant Sibley-of Sutton, m. 22 April, 1779.

DAVID, and Martha Waters, both of Sutton, m. 15 Jan., 1781.

MOLLY, and Josiah Wakefield, both of Sutton, m. 31 Dec., 1782.

JOSEPH, of Sutton, and Tamar Town, m. intentions 7 March, 1783.

ANNE, and Lemuel McKnight of Sutton, m. 15 Feb., 1795.

PHEBE, and Samuel Dudley of Sutton, m. 15 Feb., 1795.

NATHANIEL, of Sutton, and Charlotte Morse of Charlton, m. 5 Aug., 1804.

MARIA, of Sutton, and Aaron Elliot, 3d, m. intentions 15 Nov., 1823.

LUCY, of Sutton, and William Dudley of Douglas, m. 23 April, 1826.

REBECCA, and Samuel Waters, both of Sutton, m. 7 Sept., 1826.<sup>1</sup>

HANNAH R., of Charlton, and Clark Fitts, m. 15 Dec., 1831.

CLARK, and Louisa Hicks of Charlton, m. intentions 26 Oct., 1844.

DIANTHA T., w. of Benjamin, aged 66, d. 15 March, 1857.

CATHERINE, m. n. Cummings, sec. w. of Benjamin, a. 67, d. 3 July, 1870.

PHEBE W., widow, aged 72, d. 19 Aug., 1874.

BENJAMIN, son of Joseph, of Sutton, aged 86, d. 30 Aug.(?), 1877.

PUTNEY, MRS. ABIGAIL, Dudley, and Eleazer Bellows, m. int. 1 Oct., 1763.

SAMUEL, 38 months in Moore's Co. in the Revolutionary army.

PUREE, MARY, resided at Ox. Aug., 1766.

QUICK, JOHN, Revolutionary soldier.

QUINT, NATHANIEL W., and Diana McIntire of Charlton, m. intentions . 29 Aug., 1840.

RAMSDELL, TIMOTHY, of Boxford, bought 1723 land on Long Hill, bounded south by the Bernon farm, sold in 1730, and later resided at Leices-  
ter, in 1736 and 1738 at Lambstown, now Hardwick. No record of family.

KIMBALL, taxed 1771; March, 1783, had m. Beulah, widow of Jedediah Blaney, and then had a dau. "about 4 months old."

JOHN, and Betsey Shields, m. 19 April, 1800.

<sup>1</sup>These numerous marriages from Sutton were probably solemnized chiefly by Edward Davis, Esq.

RANGER, SARAH A., m. n. Bickford, d. 24 Nov., 1860.

ALVAN, aged 45, d. 28 Jan., 1867.

RAWSON, JOSEPH, b. 5 Sept., 1746 (son of John, who removed from Rehoboth to Uxbridge, thence to Dudley), m. Rhoda Goff of Rehoboth, blacksmith, then of Dudley, bought in 1783 100 acres in the South Gore, formerly Roger Amidown's and Abijah Kingsbury's; 5 ch. He d. 29 Nov., 1810.

2. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (1), b. 6 July, 1770, m. 18 Dec., 1788, Sylvia, dau. of Collins Moore, lived on the homestead, removed later than 1802 to Eagle, N. Y., where she d. 4 Aug., 1823. He d. 17 Jan., 1850, at Cadiz, N. Y. . . . Children: CYRIL, b. 1790, d. 1796; GEORGE, b. 1791, d. 1796; JONATHAN, b. 24 Sept., 1793, m. 24 Sept., 1815, Anna Weld, settled in Dudley, blacksmith, removed to New York State, thence to Jackson, Mich., he d. 26 Aug., 1840, she d. 1843, they had 9 ch.; RUFUS, b. 1796, d. 1803; SOPHIA, b. 1798, d. 1803; RHODA, b. 1800, d. 1803; CYRIL, b. 28 Dec., 1802, m. 30 Sept., 1829, Lydia Smith of Vt., settled at Eagle, N. Y., removed to Princeton, Ill., 4 ch.; DAVIS, b. 1813, d. 1814.

3. DEXTER, son of Joseph (1), b. 9 May, 1779, m. 28 Feb., 1803, Sally Dudley of Sutton, resided on the hill east from the mouth of Sucker Brook, now Webster. . . . Children: CYNTHIA, b. 23 Dec., 1803, m. 24 Sept., 1825, John Bates, she d. 21 Feb., 1827; they had *Elizabeth*, m. William H. Beach; RUFUS, b. 1 Nov., 1806, m. 18 Nov., 1840, Sarah M., dau. of William H. Bigelow, he d. 2 Nov., 1886, had one son d. young; RHODA, b. 17 Aug., 1808, m. 12 April, 1827, Lillebridge B. Tillinghast of Plainfield, Conn., he d. 1872, at Bellingham, 3 ch.; ABEL D., b. 19 Dec., 1812, m. 28 Nov., 1837, Hannah Smith of Douglas, resided at Webster, 2 ch., he d. 12 Jan., 1876; NANCY, b. 24 Feb., 1816, m. Emory Sibley, who d. 6 Dec., 1864, aged 48; JOSEPH S., b. 3 Nov., 1819, m. March, 1840, Lucina Cadwell, resided at Webster, 2 ch.; CHARLES, b. 7 March, 1823, m. 11 Jan., 1846, Mary Ann Codding of Attleboro', botanic physician at Ox., she d. 14 April, 1887, aged 60; ch.: *Charles I.*, b. 21 May, 1847, m. 25 Dec., 1868, Lucy A. Hervey of Ox., and had *Willie H.*, d. young; Mabel G., b. 9 Dec., 1872; Charles D., b. 13 April, 1874; Lula E., b. 30 Dec., 1875; Irving F., b. 4 June, 1878; Carroll H., b. 16 March, 1883; Florence M. A., b. 1 Oct., 1886; *Ann M.*, b. 12 Jan., 1853, m. 27 Nov., 1873, James C. Tufts, and had *Eva C.*, b. 11 Nov., 1875; SARAH A., b. 24 March, 1826, m. 9 Aug., 1852, Rufus M. Sibley of Sutton, who d. 18 June, 1870; they had *Emory E.*, b. 19 April, 1858; STATIRA, b. 2 June, 1828, m. 21 Nov., 1857, David Kingsbury.

4. DANIEL, brother of Joseph (1), b. 20 Aug., 1757, m. 27 Jan., 1782, Jemima Utter, settled in the South Gore, south from Dexter (3), where he d. 1843. . . . Children: JOHN, m. intentions 18 March, 1815, Sally Davenport, and had *Daniel F.*, *Lydia Ann*, m. Preston Cortis, *Richard D.*; SAMUEL, unm., killed by a railroad train; SUSAN, m. intentions 11 June, 1809, Ozias Cortis; HANNAH, m. 24 Nov., 1825, Ezra Wallis; LUCY, m. Godfrey Morris; CHLOE, b. 1800, m. Uriah Sears.

5. NATHAN, brother of Daniel (4), b. 18 June, 1763, m. intentions 19 March, 1789, Rebecca Kingsbury of Ox., removed to Thompson, Conn., where he d. 26 Feb., 1834, she d. 1 Oct., 1854. . . . Children: LEWIS, b. 15 Feb., 1786; PERLEY, b. 1796; WYMAN, b. 19 June, 1800.

JOHN, of South Gore, Revolutionary soldier, and Sarah Whitford of Rehoboth, m. intentions 1 April, 1775.

JOSHUA, of Upton, and Rebekah Griffith, m. 23 Oct., 1776.

HANNAH, of S. Gore, and Asa Streeter, Douglas, m. int. 22 Aug., 1790.  
 CHARLOTTE, of South Gore, and Luther Bass of Ashford, m. 25 Feb., 1808.  
 POLLY, S. Gore, and Jonathan Holbrook, Shrewsbury, m. int. 12 Oct., 1816.  
 POLLY, of South Gore, and Aldrich Green of Dudley, m. int. 26 Aug., 1820.  
 DANIEL, and Mrs. Lydia Warren of Dudley, m. intentions 5 April, 1828.

**RAY, SILAS**, aged 67, d. 4 April, 1845.

REUBEN, son of Silas of Shrewsbury, aged 36, d. 18 June, 1862.

RUTH, m. n. Mixer, aged 71, d. 10 Feb., 1866.

**READ, REED, JOSEPH**, came to Ox. from Leicester, bought 1729 the old mill at the south end of the Plain. He descended from Thomas of Colchester, Essex Co., Eng., who d. 1667, the line being THOMAS, who came to Sudbury and d. 1701; m. Mary, dau. of John Goodrich; had THOMAS, b. 1678, and JOSEPH, who removed between 1 Aug., 1725, and 9 Aug., 1727, to Leicester and thence to Ox., m. 26 Nov., 1728, Sarah Rice of Sudbury. He d. of small-pox 20 Dec., 1731, at Ox., she m. (2) Ebenezer Humphrey. . . . *Children*: JOHN, b. 1724, at Sudbury, d. young; BETHIA, b. 1 Aug., 1725, m. Moses Town; THOMAS, b. 9 Aug., 1727, at Leicester; JOHN, b. 27 July, 1729, brought up by his mother's relatives at Roxbury; KATHARINE, b. 1 June, 1731, at Ox., brought up at Ebenezer Humphrey's, m. Joseph Pratt.

2. THOMAS, son of Joseph (1), m. 2 Aug., 1749, Experience, dau. of Jeremiah Shumway, owned a part of the Peter Shumway homestead, adjoining the north common, H. 181, supposed to have been a currier at the old tanyard near his house. He d. Dec., 1750. They had JOSEPH, m. 7 May, 1775, Hannah, dau. of Isaac Larned, Jr., resided at Belchertown, left a large posterity. His widow, Experience, m. (2) John Wyman.

ISAAC, of Randolph, Vt., and Mary Blanchard, m. intentions 17 July, 1814.  
 JOSEPH, aged 40, d. May, 1837.

**REANY, ROBERT**, and Mrs. Lydia Getty, m. 23 March, 1845.

**REDDING, EBENEZER**, came from Freetown or vicinity before 1778, sea captain, a man of loose principles and habits. After the death of his wife he lived alone in a hut on the site of H. 98, North Ox., now Charles O. Wallace, d. there alone 7 Feb., 1817. He was a Revolutionary soldier and took pride in the fact. Being checked one day by a good lady for profanity he remarked, "The Lord never'll punish for swearing a man who has been through the Revolutionary war." He m. intentions 11 April, 1778, Abigail Atwood, who d. 9 Dec., 1799. After her death the children left town, removed it is said to Maine. . . . *Children*: EBENEZER, b. 22 April, 1782; RACHEL, b. 19 April, 1784; JOSEPH, b. 15 July, 1786; OTIS, b. 6 Feb., 1789; HANNAH, b. 31 Oct., 1791; SELAH, b. 29 March, 1794; SAMUEL, b. 29 May, 1798.

**REYMOND, MARY** (Canadian), aged 26, d. 2 May, 1888.

**REYNOLDS, ZILPAH**, aged 49, d. 13 Sept., 1853.

**RICCIUS, EDWARD** (German), aged 69, d. 25 Dec., 1884.

**RICE, JONATHAN**, b. 10 Feb., 1792, son of Daniel of Sutton, scythe maker, came to North Ox. 1815, remained until 1831, removed to Millbury, thence to Amherst, resided there several years and removed to the vicinity of Keene, N. H., where he d. He m. intentions 3 April, 1815, Candace Rand of

Shrewsbury. They had SUSAN C., b. 8 May, 1816; WILLIAM H., b. 7 July 1820.

MRS. CAROLINE N., aged 53, d. 18 Feb., 1874.

CYRUS, son of Uriah of Brookfield, aged 69, d. 1874.

LUKE, of Worcester, and Mary Davis, m. 5 April, 1810.

SARAH B., of Leicester, and John Andrews, m. intentions 23 Nov., 1822.

IRENA, of Marlboro', and Henry F. Hunting, m. intentions 1 June, 1834.

MICAJAH C., aged 26, d. 5 Feb., 1845.

EMILY M., of Charlton, aged 28, d. 3 Nov., 1858.

RICH, ELISHA, b. about 1717, at Bellingham, was of Sutton 1737, and at 38 Lieut. in the French war under Capt. Ebenezer Learned, m. 21 Dec., 1737, Mary, dau. of Dea. Samuel Davis, had 13 ch., a son, EBENEZER, b. 18 Nov., 1751, m. (1) Mehitable ——, m. (2) 24 July, 1785, Isabel Holton, widow of Israel, and dau. of Jacob Town of Ox., settled at Sutton, they had 7 ch., the fifth, EBENEZER, b. 17 June, 1786, m. 12 Jan., 1813, Olive, dau. of Learned Davis, settled at the Francis Sibley place, H. 19, bought in 1824 the Thomas Davis farm, H. 15, on which he spent his subsequent years. He was a man of good abilities, Capt. of militia, representative, selectman. He d. 12 Aug., 1857, she d. 11 April, 1868. . . . Children: EBENEZER D., b. 14 Dec., 1814; OLIVE A., b. 16 Aug., 1816, m. Solomon Putnam; GEORGE L., b. 23 Feb., 1825, m. 16 July, 1850, Ruth G., dau. of Amos C. Aldrich, he d. 22 March, 1858, no ch.; AUSTIN J., b. 6 Jan., 1837.

2. EBENEZER D., son of Ebenezer (1), millwright, resided at New Boston, Rockville, Conn., and Ox., owned the homestead where he rebuilt the mill, and was farmer and miller, selectman, m. (1) 29 June, 1840, Olive, Goodell of Thompson, Conn., who d. 19 Jan., 1846, m. (2) 13 Aug., 1849, Mary, dau. of Nathan Chamberlain of Thompson, who d. 6 Oct., 1871, m. (3) 1 July, 1873, Mrs. Lucinda Richardson, dau. of Oliver C. Burr of Grafton, . . . Children by first m.: ALMA O., b. 17 June, 1841, m. Alfred W. Long; HARRIET S., b. 29 Sept., 1843, d. 29 Nov., 1861; by second m.: ALLEN E., b. 14 Aug., 1856, m. 20 Nov., 1881, Jennie Barker.

3. AUSTIN J., son of Ebenezer (1), m. (1) 28 Feb., 1861, Mary Jane, dau. of John Gibson, who d. aged 19, 27 July, 1862, m. (2) 3 July, 1863, Sarah J., dau. of John Dinsmore, removed 1881 to Worcester. . . . Child by first m.: JOHN A., b. 27 July, 1862; by second m.: GEORGE L., b. 10 Sept., 1864; HATTIE M., b. 3 July, 1866; GRACE D., b. 26 Sept., 1873; MARY O., b. 20 April, 1880.

ELIJAH, b. 4 April, 1764, son of Samuel of Sutton, bought 1799 the farm near Sutton line, now Richard L. Dodge, H. 5, built the present house, where he d. 16 Nov., 1829. He m. Abigail Hicks of Sutton, who d. 11 Jan., 1845, aged 74. . . . Children: FANNY, b. 11 Oct., 1798, m. 1814, Simon, son of Simeon Carpenter of Sutton, removed to Charlton, had ch.; ABIGAIL, m. David, brother of Simon Carpenter, settled at Charlton; SAMUEL, m. Nancy F., dau. of Enoch Stockwell, resided at Sutton, no ch.; ELLIJAH, m. Prudence, dau. of Simeon Carpenter, resided at Charlton, had ch.; ESTES, settled in Michigan, m. and had ch., removed to Kansas; THOMAS.

2. THOMAS, son of Elijah (1), m. 7 Jan., 1830, Prudence L. Kenney of Sutton, settled on the homestead, repaired and enlarged the house, sold in 1849 and removed to Wisconsin. The only one of the family to settle in Ox. . . . Children, all removed with their parents: ELIJAH, b. 21 Oct., 1830;

GEORGE L., b. 10 March, 1832; SUMNER K., b. 28 Sept., 1833; THOMAS F., b. 14 Jan., 1838; HENRY, b. 6 Oct., 1839; MARY A., b. 17 March, 1842.

DAVID, of Charlton, resided in the north part of Ox., of small means, m. Polly ——. He d. 1 March, 1848, aged 74. . . . *Children:* POLLY, b. 11 March, 1806, d. 1824; GRANVILLE, b. 22 April, 1809; NANCY, b. 1 Jan., 1811; SALLY, b. 2 Feb., 1812; DAVID, b. 17 Oct., 1813; HIRAM, b. 1815, d. 1824; REBECCA, b. 29 Nov., 1816; BETSEY, b. 9 Feb., 1818; JULIA A., b. 19 May, 1819; HENRY, b. 1820, m. 1 Nov., 1846, Betsey Shaw of Auburn. JOHN, BENJAMIN, MARCUS, LAVINA, their children, were living March, 1833.

DANIEL, b. 14 July, 1821, at Charlton, son of John II., came to North Ox. about 1841, m. there 31 March, 1843, Martha C. Sanborn, b. at Vienna, Me., resided at Ox. and Charlton till about 1855, then settled at Ox., built in 1868 the house on Charlton Street where he resided. . . . *Children*, excepting third and fourth, b. at Ox.: SARAH P., b. 24 Dec., 1844, m. 1869, Russell Peters, resided at Worcester; BYRON C., b. 30 March, 1846, m. 25 Dec., 1867, Francelia, dau. of Lyman Law, resided at Brockton; ch.: *Marcia A., Clifton A., Isa;* RUTH A., b. 8 Dec., 1848, at Charlton, m. William Morris, 1 ch.; JULIA E., b. 30 Sept., 1852, at Charlton, m. Melvin W. Pierce, resided at West Medford, 1 ch.; HORATIO C., b. 30 Oct., 1857, m. 14 June, 1881, Hattie F., dau. of Marvin W. Robinson; had *Laura A.*, b. 5 April, 1887; *Ethel F.*, b. 5 Sept., 1888; *a dau.*, b. 19 Aug., 1891; ARTHUR C., b. 13 Feb., 1860, m. Nellie Lacount, resided at West Somerville, had ch.; LYMAN W., b. 22 Dec., 1863, m. Lillian, dau. of George Larned, resided at Spencer; LEON E., b. 11 Feb., 1860.

2. GEORGE, brother of Daniel (1), b. 9 May, 1828, m. 2 April, 1850, Lucy A., dau. of Calvin Stockwell, she d. 29 Nov., 1883; blacksmith. . . . *Children:* GEORGE A., b. 14 Nov., 1854, m. Nellie, dau. of Lucian Putnam of Charlton, and had *Mabel*, b. 20 July, 1879; *George E.*, b. 20 June, 1883; ELLA, b. 10 March, 1871, m. 25 Dec., 1890, Lyman E. Cortis.

PAUL, and Bethia Coburn, both of Dudley, m. 10 Feb., 1734.

ABIGAIL, and William Davidson, both of Sutton, m. 17 April, 1744.

ISRAEL, of Sutton, and Sarah Fairfield, m. int. July, 1744.

SUSANNA, and Josiah Town, both of Charlton, m. 18 Aug., 1756.

ANNA, and James Lamb, both of Charlton, m. 16 June, 1757.

JONATHAN, and Abigail Barton, both of Charlton, m. 18 Dec., 1759; resided at Ox. with family Aug., 1766.

THADDEUS, and Abiel Frost, both of Charlton, m. 19 Aug., 1760.

NATHANIEL, of Royalston, and Phebe Putnam of Sutton, m. 25 Sept., 1766.

ELIZABETH, and Stephen Bullen, both of Sutton, m. 3 Sept., 1767.

AMOS, of Sutton, and Patty Pratt, m. 18 Nov., 1789.

JACOB, of Charlton, and Ruth Rich of Sutton, m. 13 April, 1791.

SARAH, and Benjamin Fitts, Jr., both of Charlton, m. 28 Sept., 1794.

LUCY, and Christopher Willson of Canton, N. Y., m. 19 Jan., 1808.

SALLY, of Sutton, and Simeon Holman of Ward, m. 3 May, 1812.

DIANTHA, of Sutton, and David Walker of Douglas, m. 27 Dec., 1818.

POLLY, and Nehemiah Davis, m. int. 10 Jan., 1821.

EMERSON, of Millbury, and Nancy Gleason, m. 14 Sept., 1823.

NANCY, and Erastus Davis, m. int. 4 June, 1836.

DAVID, Jr., of Leicester, and Catherine Bennett, m. 7 Aug., 1842.

Mrs. SUSANNAH, aged 78, d. 31 Jan., 1869.

PAUL, of Charlton, aged 85, d. 18 Aug., 1870.

MARY, aged 49, d. 6 Oct., 1871.

ELLEN M., aged 31, d. 14 Oct., 1872.

MRS. SARAH, aged 55, d. 5 March, 1879.

EVERARD, son of John G., d. 3 July, 1883.

JACOB, son of John and grandson of Jacob, aged 70, d. 15 Oct., 1886.

JOHN G., son of John H., of Charlton, aged 67, d. 3 Nov., 1886.

RICHARDS, HANNAH, of Sutton, and Wm. Foster, m. int. 17 Nov., 1764.  
REBECCA, resided at Ox. March, 1783.

RICHARDSON, LEONARD, w. ——, had JOSEPH F., b. 13 March, 1840;  
MARY L., b. 20 Jan., 1843.

CHARLES, and Mary Roper of Westford, m. 2 Feb., 1737.

JAMES, taxed 1771.

WILLIAM, of Leicester, and Mary Smith, m. 1 March, 1792.

LOYAL J., and Mrs. Elizabeth Burgess, both of Leicester, m. 18 July, 1825.

MARY ANN, and James Chadwick, m. 29 June, 1828.

RICHMOND, CADY, resided at Ox. 1783.

RIDER, see RYDER.

RILEY, ELLEN, aged 25, d. 25 Sept., 1887.

RINDGE, JULIUS, b. April, 1805, at Bolton, Conn., son of Thomas and Ann of Marblehead, came young to Ox. Woolen Co. Mill, m. Betsey M. Ellis, b. in Southboro', removed to Connecticut, returned to Ox.; he d. 22 April, 1863, she d. 11 Sept., 1866, aged 51. . . . Children: EDWIN E., b. 2 Sept., 1834, m. Mary Barton of Millbury, no ch., soldier in late war, died of wounds 18 Oct., 1862, she d. aged 37, 19 May, 1868; VERNON F., b. about 1839, was with his brother in the army, d. 24 Feb., 1863. "Two good soldiers."

RIXFORD, ELIJAH, m. 28 May, 1793, Prudence, dau. of Nathaniel Stockwell of Sutton and sister of Nathaniel of Ox., blacksmith, lived at the south-east corner of Main Street and Sutton Avenue, had a shop south of the house; came about 1800 and was in town perhaps five or six years, removed before Sept., 1807, to Canterbury, Conn. Lightning struck the house injuring his wife so that she was an invalid for several months. Had children before coming to Ox., and b. here: JOHN, b. 9 Jan., 1801; ELIJAH, b. 3 Dec., 1802.

ROAFF, JESSE, at Ox., trader, about 1772, for a short time. In March, 1773, Ephraim Ballard, a creditor, brought suit against Thomas Fish, trustee of Roaff, the latter having absconded.

ROBBINS, EBENEZER, of Douglas [two of this name petitioned 1742 for the incorporation of D.], m. 11 May, 1780, Meribah, dau. of Ephraim Amidown, resided near the site of the Huguenot Chapel, H. 35; 37 months in Capt. Moore's company in Revolutionary war; d. 24 June, 1796; she removed 1808 to the east part of the town, where she d. 12 Aug., 1838, aged 82. . . . Children: EBENEZER, b. 1781, brought up at Thomas Davis', m. 2 June, 1811, Lucy, dau. of John Howard, lived at H. 1 till her death; he d. 4 Jan., 1848, she d. 31 Dec., 1829, aged 48; NOAH, b. 29 Sept., 1784, d. young; ROSALINDA, m. intentions 11 May, 1811, Capt. Chandler Stockwell of Sutton, she d.

30 April, 1859; they had b. at Douglas: *Azubah*, d. young, *Chandler*, *Irena*, *Sarah*, *Eunice*, *Lucy*, *Rosalinda*, *Ebenezer*; **WILLIAM**, b. 24 April, 1791, m. 11 July, 1813, *Lavinia*, dau. of Jonathan Pierce of Southboro', resided at Ox., West Sutton, West Millbury, he d. 5 Jan., 1824, at Ox., she d. 12 Sept., 1868, aged 78; they had *Lavinia*, m. 20 May, 1832, *Adolphus Morse*, had ch.; *William P.*, d. young; *Charles B.*, b. 28 Nov., 1817, at Ox., m. 4 Sept., 1839, *Martha H.*, dau. of John Hubbard of Leicester, resided at Worcester, manufacturer of medicinal goods; he d. 5 Aug., 1889, she d. 4 April, 1889; **EPHRAIM**, b. 29 May, 1793, studied medicine but did not practice, m. *Patience Powers*, resided at Northbridge, Greenwich and Fitchburg where he d. 1827; they had *Harvey P.*, farmer at DeKalb, Ill., married and had children.

**JOSEPH**, w. Elizabeth, had **MARGARET**, b. 24 Dec., 1731.

**JOHN**, w. Ruth, had **JOHN** and **JAMES**, b. 4 March, 1760; **DANIEL**, b. 15 Nov., 1761; 1766 the town sunk tax of John, he having removed from town.

**REV. LOREN**, b. 1799, son of Elijah of Wethersfield, Conn., was graduated 1821, at Yale College; 1829, at Andover; pastor at Ox. from Dec., 1832, until spring of 1835. His ministry was an uneventful one. He had average natural ability and a good education; in person was genteel and prepossessing. Little is known of him after his leaving until 1850, when he removed to Wisconsin, preaching at Fair Play, Omro, and Ripon, whence he removed to Chicago, preached for a time, and later, at Neponset, Osceola, Wethersfield, Boyd's Grove, Tiskilwa, Princeton, Granville and Peru, all in Ill. At Kewanee, Ill., he resided longest, perhaps eight years, living at a public house and going to different points in the vicinage to preach. During his later years he accepted no remuneration for his services, but having acquired the Indian language preached frequently to the natives and was highly esteemed by them and received from them many substantial tokens of regard. In the spring of 1866, at Peru, while conducting religious services, he died suddenly sitting in his chair. He m. 6 Oct. 1850, *Sarah S.*, dau. of Judge Sylvanus Jessup of Honesdale, Pa. He d. 18 April, 1866, she d. 22 Oct. 1855. . . . Children: **WILLIAM L.**, b. 6 April, 1853, m. 22 Nov., 1879, *Helen F.*, dau. of Dr. Aaron Bassett of Barre, mechanic at Kewanee; they had *Harry R.*, b. 28 Sept., 1881, at Kewanee.

**JAMES H.**, son of Samuel of Brooklyn, Conn., m. intentions 7 June, 1847, *Mary S.*, dau. of William Larkin, he d. aged 38, 27 Nov., 1865, she d. 25 June, 1884, at Central Village, Conn.; they had **GEORGE M.**, m. *Clementina Gould of Charlton*, had ch., residence, Buffalo, N. Y.; **HENRY F.**, m. (1) *Elizabeth*, dau. of Caleb F. Dudley, and had *Nathan*, drowned 1853 at Spencer; m. (2) *Lydia Rogers*, two ch., residence, Spencer; **CHRISTOPHER F.**, b. 12 Oct., 1852, m. *Mary A. Harris* of Wrentham, they had *Flora B.*, b. 17 Nov., 1880; **ADA**, b. 18 Jan., 1855, m. *Albert Barrows* of Mendon, and had *Fanny* and *Emma*; **HEPHSIBAH**, m. *Lewis H. Barrows*, brother of Albert, residence, South Milford, five ch.

**GEORGE M.**, bro. of James H., b. 14 Feb., 1835, at Brooklyn, Conn., m. *Frances A. Morse* of Dudley, residence, 1891, Worcester. . . . Children: **ELSIE A.**, b. 1 Dec., 1859, at Worcester, d. 12 May, 1885, at Ox., unm.; **JESSIE C.**, b. 24 May, 1861, at Longmeadow, m. *Bion E. Taft*; **MARY F.**, b. 1 Sept., 1862, at L.; **HERBERT M.**, b. 6 March, 1867, at Ox.; **NORMAN H.**, b. 12 June, 1879, at Ox.

**EBENEZER**, and *Jane Titus* of Douglas, m. 13 Dec., 1744.

JOSEPH, of Douglas, and Mary Chamberlain, m. 3 Nov., 1748.

MOLLY, and Nathaniel Cumins, m. 11 Dec., 1766.

EBENEZER, and Polly Curtis of Douglas, m. 6 April, 1831.

SABRA, dau. of William Needham of Charlton, aged 59, d. 20 May, 1857.

ROBE, CHRISTOPHER (German), aged 49, d. 5 March, 1862.

ROBERTS, JAMES, dau. Harriet; blacksmith in Ox. 1805 to 1809.

ROBERTSON, SAMUEL, of Sutton, and Hannah Shumway, m. 25 Nov., 1771.

ROBINSON, GEORGE, tradition says of Welsh descent, b. about 1685 at Needham, son of George, bought in 1719 of William Dudley 500 acres lying on the west side of Chaubunagungamaug Lake, which with later purchases from Josiah Kingsbury and others included most of the present East Village at Webster. He had four sons, Paul, Silas, Samuel and Ebenezer. The latter, it is thought, had no family. The first settled at Thompson, Conn., Silas in Dudley, on a part of said 500 acres, and Samuel at the north end of the same, his homestead standing on the line of Dudley and Ox., near which he and his son Asa, who was an innholder, had mills, the saw-mill having been built before 1728, and later a grist-mill. Samuel was a doctor, astrologer and innholder. He m. 25 Aug., 1748, Hannah Larned of Ox., and the same year George, the father, sold him 250 acres, part in Ox. and part in Dudley, "being the lands where I now dwell and my house and mills stand," reserving to himself half the profits of the same. In 1782 Asa succeeded his father Samuel as owner and was styled innholder, m. intentions 26 Dec., 1777, Mary Davis.

SILAS, the ancestor of the Ox. branch, was b. 9 Nov., 1721, at Needham, m. 4 Oct., 1743, Susanna, dau. of Collins Moore. He d. 4 Sept., 1801, she d. 8 May, 1792. . . . Children: RACHEL, b. 5 June, 1744, m. Timothy Foster, Jr., of Dudley, they had 5 sons and 6 daughters, she d. 20 Feb., 1839; ELIAKIM, b. 24 Oct., 1745, m. July, 1767, Deborah Brown of Thompson, Conn., tailor, from which he went to glove making, preparing his own materials from deer-skins, etc., which led to his adopting the tanning business, in which his son Samuel and grandson Solomon succeeded him. He had remarkable abilities as an artisan and excelled in mathematics, although unlearned. He d. 15 Sept., 1832; ch.: *Samuel*, father of Dea. Solomon of Webster, *Silas, Jessie, Lucy, Chloe, Solomon, Bryant, Moses, Aaron*; GEORGE, b. 28 July, 1747, m. 7 Feb., 1775, Deborah, dau. of Gen. Ebenezer Learned, Revolutionary soldier, d. in the army 10 Aug., 1776, at New York, widow Deborah administratrix, inventory £395; she m. (2) Ebenezer Pray; ch. *George*, b. 22 Sept., 1775, went young to Livermore, Me., left for parts unknown; on 30 Sept., 1796, Ebenezer and Deborah Pray gave a receipt to George Robinson of Livermore for her thirds in the estate of George Robinson, deceased; SETH, b. 1748, d. 1756; REUBEN, b. 15 Dec., 1750, m. 29 Aug., 1771, Rachel White of Charlton, was with George in the army and d. of fever 25 Aug., 1776, at New York, 3 ch.; SAMUEL, b. 1752, d. 1756; SOLOMON, b. 1754, d. 1756; SILAS, b. and d. 1756; SUSANNA, b. 12 Aug., 1757, m. Benjamin Joslin of Thompson, Conn., and had 18 ch., she d. 25 March, 1842; DINAH, b. 30 March, 1759, m. (1) Col. Moses Hill of Douglas, she m. (2) Bezaleel Gould of Douglas, second w., she d. 16 Aug., 1851; BATHSHEBA, b. 3 March, 1761, m. Bezaleel Gould, she d. 2 Nov., 1803, he m. (2) her sister Dinah; PHEBE, b. 1763, d. 1767; MICAHIAH, b. 25 March, 1765, m. 29

May, 1783, Sarah, dau. of Zacchens Ballard of Ox., removed 1792 to Hartwick, N. Y., 10 ch., he d. June, 1829; **COMFORT**, b. 18 July, 1767, m. 1790, Alanson Bates of Dudley, 12 ch., she d. 6 May, 1814; **WILLIAM**, b. 22 June, 1769; **MARY**, b. 8 Oct., 1771, m. James Whitney of Woodstock, Conn., 5 ch., she d. 18 Jan., 1805.

2. **WILLIAM**, son of Silas (1), m. 26 Feb., 1793, Molly Dudley of Douglas, b. Nov., 1768, settled at Dudley, removed 1832 to Ox., where he d. 24 Dec., 1837, she d. 20 Jan., 1849, aged 80. . . . *Children* b. at Dudley: **WILLIAM**, b. 28 Nov., 1793, m. 20 Jan., 1835, Emeline Fox of Woodstock, b. 23 Jan., 1806, bought in 1824 the farm on the hill east, H. 28, was later a trader on the Plain, he d. 19 June, 1871, she d. aged 63, 17 March, 1869; they had *Mary E.*, b. 6 Dec., 1835, m. Russell A. Davis; *Frances H.*, b. 17 Sept., 1837; *John W.*, b. 7 July, 1839, m. M. Maria, dau. of Sumner Howard, removed 1888 to Worcester, no ch.; **SYLVANUS**, b. 1 Jan., 1796, m. 23 May, 1844, Mrs. Tamer W. Stiles, m. n. Whitaker, of West Boylston, settled in Ox., he was a skillful wool carder and superintendent of that department at the Ox. Woolen Co. mill, became wealthy, he d. 9 Nov., 1883, she d. 21 Feb., 1890, no ch.; **MARY**, b. 6 Dec., 1797, m. (1) 26 July, 1821, Rev. Lewis T. Seaman, he d. 5 Nov., 1826, m. (2) William Kimball; **RUFUS**, b. 4 July, 1800, m. 5 Aug., 1828, Mrs. Nancy, widow of Ziba Angell, m. n. Luther, of Douglas, where they settled, removed to Ox., where he was a satinet manufacturer from 1830 to 1841, removed 1844 to Pomfret Landing, Conn., thence to Killingly, and 1859 to Wabasha, Minn., where he d. 20 Aug., 1866, she d. 14 March, 1883; they had b. at Ox. *William H.*, b. 4 June, 1829, resided at New Orleans, La., d. 7 Nov., 1878, at West Pearl River, La., unm.; *D. W. Clinton*, b. 16 Sept., 1830, m. 24 Dec., 1865, Margaret E. Dumm, settled at Arlington, Ill., where he d. 31 July, 1877, 4 ch.; *Adelia A.*, b. 29 June, 1833, m. 22 Dec., 1858, John Hutchins, settled at San Francisco, where she d. 27 June, 1884; she owned and edited a newspaper published at San Francisco; they had Charles S., b. 1858, d. 1872, from accidental discharge of a gun; *Mae W.*, b. 19 April, 1865, m. 19 July, 1884, Charles W. Soper, resided at Bozeman, Mont.; *George B.*, b. 1 March, 1836, d. 2 April, 1856, at Danielsonville, Conn.; *Isabella A.*, b. 30 March, 1839, m. 30 May, 1877, Silas G. Smith, settled at Wabasha, Minn., resided 1891 at O'Neil, Neb., carpenter; **NANCY**, b. 25 Oct., 1802, m. 9 March, 1826, Larkin D. Newton, b. 4 Dec., 1797, at West Boylston, where they settled, removed to Ox., where he was a farmer and shoe manufacturer, and Worcester, where he d. 23 Sept., 1873, she d. 10 Sept., 1887, at Worcester; they had *Edwin R.*, b. and d. 1832; *George L. D.*, b. 6 Feb., 1838, m. 30 Dec., 1866, Sarah J. Meacham, b. 25 March, 1844, wool merchant at Worcester; **PHEBE**, b. 2 April, 1805, m. Daniel, son of Nehemiah Davis; **LUCINDA**, b. 20 June, 1809, m. Samuel, brother of Daniel Davis.

**MARVIN W.**, b. 15 Jan., 1827, at Thompson, Conn., son of Theron, son of Amariah of Wales, m. 2 Dec., 1849, Jane M. Corbin of Thompson, had **SCHUYLER T.**, drowned aged 17, 7 Aug., 1867; **ALICE M.**, b. 24 July, 1854, m. Frederic G. Hyde; **HATTIE F.**, b. 16 Dec., 1856, m. Horatio C., son of Daniel Rich.

**JOHN**, w. Sarah, had **HANNAH**, d. 5 July, 1736, aged 18; and recorded at Ox.: **HESTER**, b. 16 July, 1723; **TIMOTHY**, b. 6 July, 1726.

**SARAH**, dau. of George, and John Thompson, m. 17 June, 1780.

**BETHIA**, and Francis Curtis, both of Dudley, m. 1 May, 1732.

**JOHN**, of Ox., had a case in court Aug., 1733.

SARAH, and John Curtis, m. 16 April, 1735.

JOHN, and Elizabeth Carpenter of Sutton, m. intentions 9 Oct., 1745.

BETTY, Killingly, Conn., and John Wight, S. Gore, m. int. 26 Aug., 1780.

LYDIA, and Justus Cabot, both of South Gore, m. intentions 24 Feb., 1787.

CHARLES, w. Keziah, had SARAH, b. 20 Aug., 1815.

JOANNA, of Thompson, Conn., and Percy Atherton, m. int. 6 July, 1819.

MARY, and Percy Atherton, m. intentions 1 July, 1821.

LORANA, and Amos Upham of Dudley, m. 4 April, 1837.

Mrs. CHLOE D., aged 76, d. 1 Dec., 1841.

WILLIAM H., of Webster, and Catherine, dau. of Aaron Stockwell, m. 13 Oct., 1845.

JOHNSON, and Sarah M. Wakefield, m. intentions 24 Nov., 1845.

Miss CHLOE, aged 62, d. 11 Aug., 1864.

**ROCKWOOD, ROCKETT, JOSEPH,** history obscure, b. 15 Nov., 1692, son of John (who lived on Bogestow Brook, East Medway, and m. Bethiah, sister of Abial Twichell, father of Benoni), was one of a company which kept garrison at the Ox. fort and "became enamored of the country," and was one of the 30 proprietors.<sup>1</sup> His home lot was at the north end of the main street, adjoining the Meeting-house lot.<sup>2</sup> The estate was many years ago incorporated with those adjoining; had care of the Meeting-house. He m. Hannah, dau. of Joseph Chamberlain, he d. 1 Oct., 1774, she m. (2) 25 June, 1792, William Lamb(?). . . . Children: SYBELA, b. 9 Feb., 1715, m. Benjamin Davis; REBECCA, b. 4 Dec., 1717, m. James Hovey; MARY, b. 11 May, 1719, m. 17 Oct., 1751, John Jones of Bellingham(?); JOSEPH, b. and d. 1721; JOSEPH, b. 7 Dec., 1723, m. 2 Feb., 1744, Mary Pratt, and had *Hannah*, b. 14 March, 1745, m. 1763, Abner Clafflin; *Rebecca*, b. 21 Feb., 1748; d. 1749, Benjamin Davis, administrator, she m. (2) Jedediah Barton; JOHN, d. 1725; SARAH, b. 16 Nov., 1726, m. Phinehas Ward; JOHN, b. 1730, d. 1735; HANNAH, b. 1733, d. 1740; JOHN, b. 7 Nov., 1735, m. 19 June, 1753, Hannah Frost, he d. 1791, administrator's account 7 Feb., 1792; they had *James Frost*, b. 24 Nov., 1754, m. 16 May, 1776, Sarah Pratt of Hopkinton, settled at Ox., removed to Ward and Worcester, where he was a cooper in 1803, Revolutionary soldier; they had Frost; Elias, b. 1 Jan., 1778, at Ward, m. 7 Feb., 1795, Polly Elliot; Sarah, b. 12 Oct., 1779, at Ward; Warren, b. 22 July, 1781, at Ward; Rebecca, b. 15 June, 1783, at Ward; Fanny, b. 12 July, 1785; Samuel, b. 24 Aug., 1787 (he had John and Samuel); Rufus, b. 27 June, 1789; John, b. 5 July, 1791; Sally; Mary; he discarded his first name, "James," was an active member of the Old South Church at Worcester, d. 9 May, 1842; Joseph, b. 5 Feb., 1757; Samuel, b. 1 Dec., 1759, settled at Fitzwilliam, N. H.; Salmon, b. March, 1762, d. young; Sarah, b. 25 Aug., 1764, m. intentions 17 June, 1788, Theophilus Hamlin of Hallowell, Me.: Mary, b. 7 March, 1767, m. — Pettengale; *Hannah*, b. 21 March, 1770, m. Amos Partridge of Augusta, Me.; Salmon, b. 9 June, 1772, m. Sally Marsh, settled and d. at Augusta; John, b.

<sup>1</sup> Morse's History of Sherborn. Possibly Rockett may have been in boyhood here in service at the fort. Ebenezer Humphrey born the same year was also one who "kept garrison," at what date is matter of conjecture. Dudley may have had a guard here to protect his property before the English settlement, but there appears no record of soldiers here after 1713, at which time these men were 21 years of age.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. George Miller in 1850 when digging the cellar of his late residence came upon the foundation of an old building, which creditable persons asserted was the site of Rockett's house. This fact is additional proof that the main road as originally laid out ran west of its present location and crossed the brook at the north end of the plateau, called "The prairie."

Francis Kidder the Son  
of Iacob Kidder Was born September  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Domini 1703;

Elizabeth Hill the Daughter  
of Jonathan Hill Was born Mar.  
the 14<sup>th</sup> Domini 1711;

Francis Kidder was Married  
to Elizabeth Hill Febr<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> A<sup>m</sup> 1733.

Francis Kidder is my Home  
New England is my Nation  
Boston is my dwelling place  
and Christ is my Salvation



27 Dec., 1774, settled and d. at Belfast, Me.; *Ruth*, b. 27 March, 1777, m. Moses Partridge of Augusta.

THOMAS, of Wrentham, bought 1747 H. 188, was of Ox. Aug., 1757, and then had a case in court at Worcester.

2. JOSEPH, b. 5 Feb., 1757, son of John and grandson of Joseph (1), Revolutionary soldier, m. 11 Nov., 1779, Martha, dau. of Jacob Shumway, lived in the southeast part of Ox., about a half-mile east of the Huguenot fort, H. 32, where both d. He d. 17 April, 1832, she d. 2 March, 1830, aged 71. . . . Children: NANCY, b. 19 April, 1780, d. 1803, unm.; ANNICE, b. 26 July, 1782, m. intentions 9 Oct., 1814, Elisha Sibley, had *Nancy*, m. —— Wood of Webster; JULIA A., m. William H., son of Lewis Shumway, and two others; LYMAN, b. 19 June, 1784, m. 4 Oct., 1805, Polly Lilley, settled at Jericho, Vt., 11 ch.; LUCINDA, b. 21 Jan., 1787, d. 23 Dec., 1863, at Ox., unm.; HULDAH, b. 31 May, 1789, m. Simeon Wood; BETSEY, b. 24 Aug., 1791, m. Ezra Davis; POLLY, b. 24 March, 1794, m. 11 March, 1813, Asa, brother of Simeon Wood of Dudley, had ch.; HANNAH F., b. 27 June, 1804, m. Larned Sears; JOSEPHUS, b. 1 May, 1797, went in young manhood to Maine, where he d.; REUEL, b. 1799, d. 1802; CHARLES, b. 21 July, 1801, m. and settled at Hopkinton, had children.

RODMAN, JOSHUA, aged 57, d. 28 Aug., 1875.

*Richard Rogers;*

ROGERS, RICHARD, first schoolmaster of Oxford of whom there is record, of whose history we would like to know more than is now possible. Much inquiry has failed to ascertain his parent-

age. A tradition gives his birthplace as Wenham. We have little by which to judge of his character or attainments. Some specimens of his handiwork, however, are extant which show him to have been a man of taste, and an expert in the line of ornamental penmanship. We first hear of him at Worcester where 14 Aug., 1732, he was appointed a schoolmaster; continued several years and removed to Ox., where he officiated (we infer from his remaining here) to the satisfaction of the people until his enlistment in the French war, 1760. In March, 1759, the town voted to accept of him as the schoolmaster. In deeds he was styled "scrivener." He m. Martha, dau. of Jeremiah Buckman of Sutton. He died early in 1761, inventory dated 3 March. It is inferred that he taught after his return from the war, as there was money due him for wages at his decease. His widow m. 28 April, 1761, Jonathan Town; she m. (3) 27 Dec., 1775, Isaac Dodge of Sutton, where she died.

When Mr. Rogers left for the scene of war he stopped at Worcester, and there made his will. From Fort Edward on 14 Aug., 1760, he writes to his wife:—

"I left my Will with Judge Chandler, who I gott to Write it and he told me he will not let you be impos'd on by any if I should do otherwise than well.

" My Kind respects to all inquiring Friends—I am in perfect health and strength, and not in any way Discouraged on any account—nor would not turn back till I have Seen more of this part of the World During the time for anything."

This letter is in the possession of Benjamin J. Dodge, of Worcester.

**ABNER**, of Millbury, and Eliza G. Davis, m. 27 Oct., 1831.

MRS. ABNER, d. 6 Oct., 1832.

MRS. ELLA, d. 18 June, 1872.

**ROOT, JUSTIN**, b. 25 July, 1799, at Middlefield, came to Ox. from Greenfield, before May, 1827, and in partnership with Josiah Moore built the house now standing directly south of the Methodist Church, fitting up in the basement a bakery. Moore soon sold out. Root was a man of energy and good abilities, and in 1833 and 1834 selectman. He sold out in 1835 and returned to Greenfield, where he filled public offices. He d. 1 April, 1863. He m. intentions 10 Jan., 1829, Susan, the sister of Israel and Josiah Moore, no ch.

**ROSE, ARTHUR** (English), aged 36, d. 2 Sept., 1867.

MRS. CORNELIA, aged 37, d. 5 June, 1863.

**ROSEBROOK, WALTER L.**, b. 5 Feb., 1807, at Union, Conn., son of Walter, m. (1) Beulah, dau. of Pliny Freeman of Sturbridge, settled 1833 near Sutton line, H. 4, where he died; she [aged 27] was killed on Sunday, 5 July, 1835, by lightning. He was in the field at the time and on hastening home found the house somewhat shattered by the stroke, and his wife who had been to the chamber to shut a window, lying on the floor dead, and their infant daughter in the cradle below nearly smothered by the plaster from the ceiling, which had fallen upon it. The same storm killed Mr. and Mrs. Solomon King of Sutton in their own house. He m. (2) 9 March, 1837, Betsey Torrey of Sutton, who d. 1 Nov., 1871, aged 59. He d. 31 Jan., 1877. . . . Children by first m.: **WALTER FREEMAN**, b. 11 Nov., 1833, m. 3 March, 1860, Ann Augusta, dau. of Lewis A. Johnson, he d. 13 Sept., 1870; they had **William S.**, b. 27 June, 1860; **Laura A.**, b. 14 March, 1862; **MARY B.**, b. 10 April, 1835, m. 21 Dec., 1859, Joseph A. Partridge of Upton, no ch.; ch. by second m.: **ELEANOR M.**, b. 9 Dec., 1837, m. 29 June, 1876, Erastus Whiting, residence, H. I.; **AGUSTA**, b. 14 June, 1839, m. Otis Larned; **GEORGE L.**, b. 8 Sept., 1841, m. 1 Jan., 1872, Louisa J. Chase, residence, Mansfield, Conn.; had ch.; **ALFRED T.**, b. and d. 1843; **CHARLES**, b. 6 Oct., 1844, m. 3 April, 1874, Julia Chapman of Mansfield, Conn., had ch.; **LOUISA C.**, b. 28 Aug., 1846, m. (1) 11 March, 1863, James E. White of Providence, R. I., who d. 26 Aug., 1876: they had **Azel E.**, b. 6 Aug., 1863; she m. (2) 1 Jan., 1879, John N. Pepper of Warren, who d. 14 May, 1883; **LUCIAN**, b. 1850, d. 1851; **CLARA L.**, b. 15 May, 1852; **WILLIS**, b. 21 April, 1854, resides on homestead.

**ROSEBUSH, MRS. HARRICA**, aged 47, d. 15 June, 1861.

**CHARLES** (Canadian), aged 27, d. 9 Dec., 1868.

**ROSS, ZOLVINA G.**, of South Gore, and Elizabeth Billings of Douglas, m. 19 May, 1825.

**ROWELL, MOSES**, Revolutionary soldier, and Elizabeth Baker of Charlton, m. 19 March, 1778.

**ROWLAND, JOHN**, of Raynham, m. 1736, Mary Robinson. A family record, partly in Welsh, gives **JOHN**, b. 29 Nov., 1736, at Raynham [m. 25 Oct., 1759, Molly Hunt of Rehoboth, d. 23 Oct., 1776, at R.]; **LUCY**, b. 23 Nov., 1738; **LEMUEL**, b. 19 Sept., 1742, at Taunton.

**WILLIAM** (son of John), b. 27 April, 1766, at Rehoboth, m. Olive Butterworth, resided 1791, at Cumberland, R. I.; 1793 and 1795 at Wrentham; came

early in the present century to Ox., resided at H. 38, on Bondet Hill; was of Sutton 1817, removed to Rochdale about 1820, d. there 23 Oct., 1838; she d. aged 84, at Rochdale, 26 June, 1841. . . . Children: PRUSIA, b. Oct., 1789, d. unm. 17 Aug., 1842, at Rochdale; LYMAN, b. 24 Aug., 1791, at Cumberland; MARY, b. 9 April, 1793, at Wrentham, m. Nathan Bancroft of Ward, resided at Calais, Vt.; tbey had *Nathan W.*, b. 12 Dec., 1812; *Clarissa*, b. 1814; *Sarah A.*, b. 1818; *Mary H.*, b. 1821; *Martha*, b. 1825; *Jane E.*, b. 1828; WILLIAM, b. 10 July, 1795, at Wrentham; ELIZABETH, b. Aug., 1799, m. Daniel Whittemore, resided at Spencer, where she d. 8 Jan., 1865.

2. LYMAN, son of William (1), m. 23 Feb., 1818, Catherine, dau. of Oliver Sibley, of Sutton. He bought, 1817, H. 6, in the southeast corner of Ox., sold 1820, removed to Ward, thence to Leicester; returned 1827 to Ox., removed 1831 and later lived at Charlton and Dudley; removed 1841 to Pelham, thence to Enfield. He d. 13 Feb., 1856, she d. aged 61, 16 May, 1858, both at Enfield. . . . Children: CALISTA, b. 30 March, 1819, unm., residence, Lee; HARRIET N., b. 21 June, 1821, at Ward, residence, Northampton; LUCY A., b. 20 Oct., 1823, at Ward, m. 28 May, 1844, George Goodale, she d. 26 Nov., 1852, at Belchertown, a son, *Henry*, resided 1890 in Illinois; CATHERINE E., b. 11 Nov., 1825, at Leicester, m. (1) 2 July, 1850, Nehemiah Aldrich, m. (2) —— Rouse, resided in Illinois, she d. in Missouri, no ch.; OLIVE, b. 25 June, 1828, at Ox., d. 1830; LYMAN SIBLEY, b. 4 Jan., 1831, at Ox., H. 125; OLIVE J., b. 20 May, 1833, at Charlton; JULIETTE, b. 8 Nov., 1840, at Dudley, with Olive J. resides at Northampton.

3. WILLIAM, son of William (1), several years tenant of Slater at H. 58, m. (1) 1820, Mary Healy of Dudley, she d. 22 Feb., 1855, at Charlton, m. (2) Lucy L. Wheelock, who d. 19 Dec., 1882, at Charlton, aged 77. He removed 1845 from Ox. to Charlton, where he d. 8 Aug., 1880. . . . Children, all by first m.: N. HEALY, b. 21 Sept., 1821, m. 10 Sept., 1849, Henrietta, dau. of Samuel Barnes of Woodstock, Conn, he d. 21 Feb., 1872, at Ox., she d. 15 Jan., 1886, at Putnam, Conn.; they had *Carrie*, b. 28 Oct., 1857, d. 16 Feb., 1872; *Bertha*, b. 17 July, 1861, m. n. Ware, of Brookfield, no ch., residence, New York; *Jennie*, b. 5 Jan., 1863, m. 2 Aug., 1883, Edson H. Rose of Waltham, Vt., residence, Worcester; *Mary*, b. 13 Aug., 1865, m. Henry F. McIntire, residence, Worcester; DANIEL and DEBORAII, b. 2 Nov., 1830, Daniel m. 18 Sept., 1855, Clarissa L., dau. of Jedediah Corbin, photographer at Worcester, went to Europe for health, d. 7 April, 1862, at Liverpool, Eng.; they had *Luella A.*, b. 30 June, 1857, m. 5 Oct., 1881, Thomas C. Taft, agent of Adams Ex. Co., Waterbury, Conn.; Deborah, the sister, d. unm. at Charlton.

4. LYMAN S., son of Lyman (2), was graduated at Amherst College 1858, tutor at Amherst two years; was graduated at Andover Seminary 1863; studied a year in Germany; Nov., 1864, settled as pastor at Bangor; 1868 to 1871 professor of Rhetoric and English Literature in Beloit College; 1871 to 1877 pastor at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; settled April, 1877, at Lee, where he, 1890, continues; degree of D.D., 1885, Amherst; 1889, elected to corporation of A. B. C. F. M. He m. (1) Tace F. Wardwell of Peabody, she d. 23 March, 1873, at Saratoga; m. (2) 6 Oct., 1875, Elizabeth M. Gould of Portland, Me. . . . Children by first m.: KATE W., b. 27 Oct., 1865, at Bangor, d. 1877, at

Saratoga; LYMAN M., b. 2 Feb., 1868, at Peabody, was graduated at Williams College, 1890, residence, 1890, Marinette, Wis.; TACE F., b. 30 May, 1872, at Saratoga; ch. by second m., b. at Lee: EDWARD G., b. 17 April, 1878; ALTHEA C., b. 10 May, 1880; ELEANOR H., b. 9 Dec., 1882.

ROY, SILAS, aged 67, d. 4 April, 1845.

RUGG, NATHANIEL, 1747 to 1756 of Marlboro', received from Abraham Rice land in Hardwick for services during that period. Probably of age 1756. April, 1760, he was of Ox., m. Hannah ——, had HANNAH, b. 15 Dec., 1760, later was at Marlboro', had REUHAMAH, b. 31 March, 1769, at Marlboro'.

RUDOLPH, ERNESTINE L., aged 59, d. 6 Oct., 1877.

RUSSELL, EPHRAIM, baptized 18 Dec., 1743, at Thompson, Conn., son of John, Jr., probably descended from Rev. Noadiah, a noted minister of Middletown, Conn., came to Ox. 1772, perhaps from Uxbridge, m. 5 June, 1766, at Thompson, Mary, dau. of Jonathan Wilson, b. 27 Oct., 1745, blacksmith, a vocation which in his day was of wider scope than at present, including the making of farming implements, cutlery and many other articles now made in factories. He was a good mechanic, and from 1772 to 1784 had a shop on the Sigourney corner, living in the old house near, now removed, H. 192. In 1784 he bought H. 225 (now Cushman's), and removed thither, had his shop at the corner by the adjoining estate on the north. He was influential and active in public affairs, and from 1781 to 1800 was almost every year either selectman or assessor. He sold in 1805 and removed to Barre where he was town clerk. His sons, excepting William, learned their father's trade. He d. 10 May, 1818, she d. 15 Oct., 1824, aged 78. . . . Children: DARIUS, b. 25 Dec., 1766, at Thompson, m. Abigail, dau. of George Fechem, b. 1784, at Newton, settled at Sutton, where he was prominent, selectman, assessor, treasurer and representative. He had more than ordinary ability, was a lover of literature and never quite forgave his father for not sending him to college, a skillful mechanic, invented and made surgical and other delicate instruments. He owned a remarkably fine parade horse, which was in great demand at military musters. His wife was a person of rare endowments, very efficient in business affairs. An able lawyer of the neighborhood once said that whenever he had a law case which was difficult and perplexing he went to her for help. He was long an invalid and d. 1843, no ch.; JOHN, b. 21 Feb., 1769, at Uxbridge, m. (1) 8 April, 1792, Sophia, dau. of Dr. Daniel Fisk, settled at Charlton, where she d.; m. (2) 4 Feb., 1822, Lucy, widow of Charles Thompson, dau. of Nehemiah Stone, b. 4 April, 1785; had by first m.: *Sally*, m. Amos Woodbury of Charlton; *Daniel F.*, b. 23 Feb., 1797, m. 10 Nov., 1817, Louisa Rider, and had Salem T., b. 18 Oct., 1818, m. 20 Oct., 1840, Adaline, dau. of Ezra Davis of Ox., banker in New York (they had Fanny L., b. 1841, Ella E., b. 1847, Anna C., b. 1853); Maria L., b. 12 Oct., 1822, m. 1840, Abraham Firth of Leicester, she d. 4 Dec., 1860, at Worcester; William P., b. 24 Aug., 1825, d. unm. 1852; George E., b. 28 Aug., 1831, m. (1) 1859, Mary A. Willis, m. (2) 1884, Helen E. Ross, he d. 8 June, 1885; Daniel F., the father, d. 11 Feb., 1883, his widow d. about three years later; John by second m. had *Mary Lucy*, b. 17 May, 1823, m. 21 Nov., 1843, Luther S. Amidown of Southbridge; Lucy, the mother, d. 12 Feb., 1873; MARY, b. 7 Nov., 1772, at Ox., m. 3 April, 1796, Ebenezer Phelps of Sutton, removed to New Boston, Conn.; they had *Sophia*, b. 3 Oct., 1796, m. Parley Jordan of

New Boston, and d. 25 Jan., 1885; *Horatio*, b. 12 July, 1798, m. 22 May, 1825, Sarah, dau. of Rufus Davis of Dudley, settled at Dudley, removed to Worcester, where he d., machinist, she d. 31 July, 1876; they had George, b. 1826, Sarah D., b. 1829, Emma, b. 1836, Mary R., b. 1840, Deborah M., b. 1842, Helen E., b. 1844; *Russell*, b. 13 Nov., 1800, d. 1873, unm.; *Fidelia*, b. 11 Sept., 1803, m. James Ormsbee of New Boston, she d. Jan., 1882, at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; *Mary*, b. 16 May, 1806, at New Boston, d. 1821; *Ebenezer*, b. 27 Dec., 1808, m. Mary A. Elwell of Dudley, resided at New Boston; *James M.*, b. 14 Oct., 1811, m. Betsey Knapp of Dudley, resided at Woonsocket, R. I., he d. May, 1885; *Liberty*, b. 23 Feb., 1816, m. Sarah Mann of Worcester, watchmaker and jeweler at Southbridge; *ANNA*, b. 10 June, 1775, m. (1) 16 Sept., 1795, Reuben, son of Reuben Lamb of Ox., m. (2) Dr. John Tucker, settled and d. at New Boston; *WILLIAM*, b. 21 March, 1777, m. 1808, Sally S., dau. of Abial Chaffee of Woodstock, Conn., settled and both d. at Barre, he d. 5 Jan., 1821. He was of slender constitution, learned the jeweler's trade at New Haven, Conn., began business in New York city, removed to Barre; they had *Mary W.*, b. 13 Feb., 1809, m. (1) Joseph Beauthorp (English), resided in Penn., where he d., m. (2) Caleb Bates of Slatersville, R. I., resided at Holden, where he d., m. (3) Charles Rugg, settled at Ashland, where he d., she resided 1885 at Cordaville, no ch.; *S. Maria*, b. Feb., 1811, m. 1839, Luther R. Graves, settled at Bennington, Vt., president of the First National Bank; *Martha A.*, b. Nov., 1814, m. (1) Reuben Sibley of Sutton, m. (2) Asahel Booth, settled at Bennington; *Charlotte A.*, b. 25 Aug., 1817, m. 1837, William B. Taber of Worcester, furniture and organ maker, 2 ch.; *CHARLES*, b. 13 Nov., 1779, d. 2 July, 1796; *RUFUS*, b. 29 Jan., 1782, m. 3 Dec., 1806, Sophia, dau. of Capt. William Moore of the Continental army, settled at New Braintree, removed to Barre, where he d. 6 Oct., 1866, she d. 10 Sept., 1838, aged 51; they had *Eliza M.*, b. 12 Sept., 1807, m. William F. Morgan [See Morgan]; *Caroline*, b. 30 July, 1810, m. 17 April, 1832, Edward Woods of Barre, she d. 6 April, 1877; they had Caroline, d., Charles E., Julius M., Clara S., d., Lura C., d., James M., Fred. H.; *Nancy L.*, b. 10 Nov., 1813, m. 27 March, 1845, Henry A. Hoyt, settled at New Braintree, where she d. 7 Oct., 1881; *Charles*, b. 4 Feb., 1816, m. 18 Oct., 1838, Harriet H. Bacon, settled at New Braintree, no ch.; *William T.*, b. 5 Dec., 1820, m. 6 April, 1847, Sarah W. Law, resided at Decatur, Ill.; they had Ella F., b. 22 Feb., 1848; *Marion L.*, b. 25 Feb., 1852; *Annie E.*, b. 3 Dec., 1856; *Lou M.*, b. 3 June, 1866.

*THOMAS*, b. 3 Aug., 1752, son of Thomas and Hephsibah (Nichols) of Lexington, who resided at Weston, whence Thomas, Jr., removed to Natick, resided there from 1782 to 1785, and before 1788 removed to Wendell, whence he came to Ox. between 1791 and 1794, first lived on the west side of Town's Pond, house now removed, resided there until about 1806, when he bought the place later occupied by his son Josiah, II. 185, where he d. 4 March, 1823. He was often called "Deacon Russell." He m. intentions 17 March, 1781, Betsey Jennison of Lexington, who d. aged 89, 23 July, 1846 [Headstone]. . . . *Children*: *BETSEY*, b. 1782, at Natick, d. 14 Dec., 1800, at Ox.; *POLLY*, b. 30 Nov., 1783, at Natick, m. 27 April, 1806, Antipas Harrington of Westboro', had ch.; *THOMAS*, b. 6 Nov., 1785, drowned in young manhood; *HEPHSIBAH*, b. 10 April, 1788, at Wendell, m. Ebenezer Guild; *LUCY*, b. 12 April, 1791, m. Peter Lewett of Franklin, resided at Westboro'; *NANCY*, b. 19 Oct., 1794, at Ox., m. 18 Nov., 1814, Nathan Bullard of Medway, where they settled; *JOSIAH*, b. 1 March, 1799.

2. JOSIAH, son of Thomas (1), m. 18 Feb., 1821, Clarissa Fisher of Franklin, organist, boot maker, an industrious, thriving man, settled on the homestead, removed the old house in 1842 and built the present one, d. there 3 Aug., 1867. She resided 1890 at Lewisburg, Pa. . . . *Children*: CHARLOTTE M., b. 1822, d. 1823; LORING F., b. 25 March, 1824, entered Amherst College, d. 11 Feb., 1842, before completing his course; CLARISSA E., b. 1826, d. 1832; T. FRANKLIN, b. 21 Sept., 1832, m. 30 March, 1858, Nancy, dau. of B. S. Bourne of Providence, R. I., settled at Wellsville, N. Y., removed to Lewisburg, Pa., where he was a merchant; they had *Annie*, b. and d. 1858, at Wellsville; *George B.*, b. 14 May, 1860, at Wellsville, d. 20 July, 1871, at Lewisburg; *Nellie W.*, b. 31 Aug., 1862, at Wellsville; *Loren B.*, b. 1864, d. 1865, at Wellsville; *Forrest F.*, b. 14 Jan., 1866; *Clarissa F.*, b. 17 June, 1878, at Lewisburg; *Lucy E.*, b. 20 March, 1836, m. R. Butler, son of Richard C. Stone; *GEORGE O.*, b. 2 Jan., 1839, m. 15 April, 1863, Margaretta, dau. of E. A. Smith of Wellsville, resided at Albion, Ind.; they had, all b. at Wellsville, *Inez J.*, b. 9 July, 1864, m. 13 June, 1883, Dr. George E. Johnson of Albion; *Butler F.*, b. 1867, d. 1870; *George O.*, b. 18 Dec., 1871; *Victor E.*, b. 24 Oct., 1874; *Sarah M.*, b. 9 Dec., 1879.

POLLY, and David Jordan, m. 25 Nov., 1790.

DANIEL N., and Sarah G. Pierce of Greenfield, m. intentions 16 June, 1832.

RYDER, RIDER, SAMUEL, of Charlton, bought 1804 the estate in the west part of the town, later Googins', H. 84, where he made brick on the west side of the river, sold in 1818 and left town. He had sons who came with him, SAMUEL, JOHN owned real estate in 1815, CHARLES, who are believed to have settled in New York State; a dau. m. Col. —— Leland of Grafton.

JOSIAH, son of Eleazer of Charlton, m. Azubah Roper of Princeton, where they settled, an ingenious mechanic and invented machinery for weaving wire cloth, which he patented and took to Canada, where he d. His w. d. about 1813. They had FRANKLIN F., b. 24 Aug., 1810, at Princeton, m. 25 Nov., 1834, Lucy A., dau. of Joseph Childs of Ox., settled at West Woodstock, removed to Springfield and thence in 1850 to Ox. He was early a "Free Soiler," several years overseer of the poor. . . . *Children*, except the first, b. at Springfield: ALBERT C., b. 1836, at West Woodstock, professional singer in Boston, member for many years of the "Temple Quartette"; HENRY F., b. 1839, m. Jennie Comstock, resided at Worcester, soldier in the late war; MARY E., b. 1844, m. John W., son of Asa H. Pope; EDWIN F., b. 1846, m. Myra Warren of Auburn, he d. 19 May, 1882, 1 dau.; LEWIS O., b. 1848, d. unm. 22 Oct., 1888; EMILY A., b. 1851, m. George H., son of Emory Davis.

BENJAMIN, Revolutionary soldier.

ISAIAH, and Pamela Town, both of Charlton, m. 6 Sept., 1801.

SABIN, DANIEL, and Margaret Nichols, m. int. 12 April, 1777: Revolutionary soldier, marched in Town's Co. on Lexington alarm.

SACCO (Indian), servant of Gen. Nelson H. Davis, a. 15, d. 10 Jan., 1862.

SALISBURY, DUTY, and Ann J. Burdett, m. 3 Dec., 1835.

SANFORD, REV. DAVID, b. 11 Dec., 1737, at New Milford, Conn., son of Elihu and Rachel, was graduated 1755 at Yale College, settled pastor at Medway 14 April, 1773. He m. 4 Aug., 1757, Bathsheba, dau. of Moses Ingersoll of Great Barrington, b. 5 June, 1738, had ten children, the fourth being ELIHU,

b. 28 Jan., 1766, m. (1) Hannah Metcalf of Franklin; m. (2) Betsey Fisher of Belchertown, b. 15 April, 1778, settled at Belchertown; he d. 15 Jan., 1839, she d. aged 74, 18 Jan., 1853, both at Ox. . . . *Children* by first m.: EMORY, b. 18 April, 1795, unm., began trade at Mouson; removed to Webster, East Village, thence to North Ox. continuing until 1844; removed to the Plain, and 1850 retired from business. He was a thoroughly systematic business man, and became wealthy; a leading democrat and considerable in public affairs, selectman, assessor, representative, and president of the Bank. He owned and occupied the old Bank house, d. there 14 June, 1876; by second m.: HANNAH M., b. 24 Aug., 1801, unm., d. 13 Feb., 1877; RICHARD, b. 12 March, 1804, m. 22 Aug. (?), 1835, Eliza King of Sutton, b. 1 Dec., 1818, skillful accountant, he d. 17 Feb., 1880; they had *Ellen E.*, m. 8 Sept., 1861, George M. Clark, and had Alice E., b. 25 July, 1862, m. Elmer A., son of Joseph Putnam; FRANCES, b. 31 May, 1806, m. William Pease; EDWARD, b. 9 May, 1808, d. 24 April, 1841; ELIZABETH P., b. 24 Feb., 1811, d. 23 Sept., 1833; JAMES M., b. 9 July, 1813, m. 12 Sept., 1843, Emily Spurr of Charlton, b. 3 Dec., 1821, no ch.; he was trader, assessor and representative at Ox. and postmaster at Charlton, she d. aged 65, 31 May, 1887, at Ox.

**SARGENT, PHINEHAS**, Leicester, and Mary Kingsbury, m. 20 Jan., 1795.—ASA, JR., and Calista Mason, m. 14 Aug., 1827.

PERSIS N., dau. of Asa, aged 18, d. 17 Dec., 1827.

OTIS L., son of Luther of Shrewsbury, aged 28, d. 4 Nov., 1876.

**SARVEY, WILLIAM**, and Polly Eddy of Ward, m. 15 Aug., 1811.

**SAUNDERS, JACOB W.**, of Smithfield, R. I., and Hannah S. Davis, m. 30 Oct., 1841.

**SAVILLE, JOSEPH** (English), aged 73, d. 22 June, 1850.

**SAYLES, MARY A.**, dau. of Cyrus, aged 6, d. 24 Nov., 1827.

**SCANNING, DAVID**, resided in Ox. 1771 and 1776; 47 months in Revolutionary army.

**SCOTT, HARVEY B.**, came to Ox. about 1807 from Cumberland, R. I., where his father resided, m. 31 Dec., 1810, Hannah, dau. of James Gleason; she d. 29 April, 1841. . . . *Children*: JAMES G., b. 28 Oct., 1811, m. 7 Sept., 1835, Julia A., dau. of Capt. Pitt Smith, no ch.; he went in young manhood into Wilde's Hotel, Boston, removed to Michigan, returned 1840 to Ox.; 1841 was taverner at the Centre, 1842 engaged in trade, 1844 was appointed postmaster, resigned 1846 and went to Boston into the old Wilde Hotel, Elm Street, continuing successfully until 1857, then removed to Walpole, where he has since resided, prominent in public affairs and much respected; CHARLES, b. 1813, d. 1823; RUFUS and SOPHIA, b. 21 June, 1815, Rufus m. 19 Nov., 1838, Eunice, dau. of Jabez Corbin of Webster, removed to Maine; they had *Julia E.*, b. 28 Sept., 1839; *Julius A.*, b. 10 Dec., 1843; Sophia m. Aaron Pierce of Millbury, removed about 1850 to New York city, where he d. 1879; they had *Flora*, m. Daniel Robinson, residence, New York city.

SAMUEL, had a case in court 1744.

DAVID, of Ward, and Betsey Trask of Leicester, m. 13 March, 1825.

**SEAVIER, JULIA M.**, aged 15, d. 12 Oct., 1850.

**SEARS, LARNED**, of Dennis, mariner, came as early as 1815 to South Ox., children employed in Slater's mill; m. Keziah Baker, he d. 29 Oct., 1822, she d. 3 June, 1857, both at Killingly, Conn. . . . *Children*: DAVID, m. Betsey Wakefield, both d. at Webster; they had *Betsey*, d. young; *Susan W.*, m. Reuben Sears, she d. 1876, at Malden, six ch.; URIAH, mariner, m. int. 31 Nov., 1819, Chloe Rawson, he d. 8 Feb., 1877, at Putnam, she d. 30 Jan., 1869; they had *Hannah R.*, b. 6 Sept., 1820, m. Orrin J. Lewis of Dighton, he d. 14 Sept., 1883, at Killingly; LARNED; LAVINIA, m. Josiah Baker, both d. at Barnstable, had *Thacher B.*, d. at Thompson, 1830; MERCY, d. unm.; ROZILLA, m. John Darling of Thompson, he d. 1876, she d. 1874, at Putnam; had *Prescott D.*, d. 1839, at Killingly; SAVILLA, d. 1835, unm.; ELIZA, m. George Geer of Griswold, Conn., he d. in California, she d. 1882, at Pomfret; had *Lucy A.*, m. George Locke, residence, Putnam, one son; *George L.*, m. Sarah Pray, residence, Putnam, four ch.; *William W.*, m. Rosetta Whitcomb, he d. in late war; two sons; *Henry H.*, m. Mary Wheaton, residence, Danielsonville, nine ch.; *Romanta J.*, m. Lucy Hoyle, no ch.; *Nelson*, m. Pamelia Anderson, four ch.; *Keziah*, m. John Bartlett of Killingly, he d. 1861, she d. 1875, both at Killingly, no ch.; OLIVE, d. 1879, unm., at Killingly; SUSANNAH, d. 1889, at Putnam, unm.; DUTEE J., m. Hannah P. Chase, he d. 1879, she d. 1869, both at Killingly; had *Rosamond E.*, d. 1859; *Sarah A.*, m. Solon Bryant of Worcester, two sons.

2. LARNED, son of Larned (1), ingenious mechanic, comb-maker by trade, bought 5 Dec., 1820, land near Nipmuck Pond, in South Gore, adjoining Ox. Sold 7 April, 1838, removed to Brockport, N. Y., thence 1855 to Wellsville, Pa., became insane on perpetual motion, d. 1864, at the asylum at Dansville, N. Y. He m. 18 March, 1821, Hannah F., dau. of Joseph Rockwood, she d. 14 March, 1880, at Wellsville. . . . *Children*, except last two, b. near Ox.: GEORGE W., b. 2 Dec., 1821, m. Aug., 1857, Mariette Butler, had one son, two daughters, residence, Wellsville. Descended on the mother's side from one of the original settlers of the town. Oxford may claim him as her son although born in South Gore, a few rods outside her limits. He has been designated as "picturesque," and was one of the most notable men the region has produced. He early formed the habits of a recluse, and spent at least one-fourth of his adult life in solitude in the woods. He was of a consumptive tendency which, as he expressed it, drove him to the wilderness. A remnant of the Nipmuck tribe of Indians lived in the vicinity of his birthplace, and between "Injun Levi," or Nessmuk, and himself there grew in his childhood a warm attachment the influence of which never left him. Of his early experiences he thus wrote:—

"He was wont to steal me away from home before I was five years old, and carry me around Nipmuck Pond and Junkamaug [Chaubunagungamaug] Lake [both near his residence] day after day until I imbibed much of his woodcraft, all his love for forest life, and, alas, much of his good-natured shiftlessness. I ran away from school and books of a dry sort to study the great book of nature. Did I lose by it? I cannot tell even now. As the world goes, perhaps yes. No man can transcend his possibilities; . . . I sometimes ask myself did the strong, healthy, magnetic nature of that Indian pass into my boyish life as I rode on his powerful shoulders or slept in his strong arms beneath the soft whispering pines of Douglas woods? . . . This will partly explain how it came about that, ignoring the weary, devious roads by which men attain wealth and position I became a devotee of nature . . . a hunter, trapper, angler and canoeist, an uneducated man withal, save the education

that comes of long communion with nature, and a perusal of the best English authors."

His educational advantages were very few and he early learned the trade of a shoemaker, and with his father and brother was employed by the Oxford manufacturers. But his restless temperament did not allow him long to continue and he sought the seaboard whence came his ancestors, some of whom were mariners, and shipped on a whaling voyage. But he could not endure the hardships of a sea life and within a few weeks he was landed at the Azore Islands, whence after a long and severe illness he returned home.<sup>1</sup>

In 1838 he removed with the family to western New York, later drifted to Addison where he worked at his trade, and in 1848 removed to Wellsboro', then surrounded by a wilderness, the haunt of the wild game he so loved to pursue. There he married and made a home, working at his trade, but spending the warmer portion of each year in the forests. In the fifties he wrote accounts of his adventures for *Porter's Spirit of the Times*, and later for *Forest and Stream*, and his productions appeared in *Harper's* and the *Atlantic Monthly*. When the war broke out he joined the "Bucktail" Regiment, but being disabled by an accident was discharged after a few months. In 1867 and again three years later he went to Brazil, spending several months at each visit. There he invented valuable helps to the manufacture of rubber from the forests. In the summer of 1880 he cruised hundreds of miles in the inland waters of the Adirondack region in his canoe "Nessmuk," and in 1884 again attempted a similar trip which was materially shortened by failing health. He spent the winter of 1886 in Florida and returned thither in 1887 when he contracted malaria, which in addition to his lung difficulty brought him down so that he was not able afterward to leave home for his wonted outings, and slowly declined until his decease 1 May, 1890. His home was in the suburbs of Wellsboro', and in accordance with his request he was buried on a knoll in front of his house, beneath a clump of his favorite hemlocks. *Forest and Stream* and the local newspapers published extended obituary notices from which we have gathered many facts of his history.

While dwelling much in solitude there was nothing of the spirit of the recluse in him. He was in touch with his fellow-man and a student of human nature. He was gifted with a superior intellect which did not stagnate in the woods. Uneducated in schools he was yet self-taught and well taught, knew the best authors and commanded the respect of intellectual men. A distinguished clergyman after spending a fortnight in his company once said, "Of all the men I have ever met, Sears is the best worth knowing." He wrote much of woods life for the press and took his rightful place among the most popular contributors.

"His abundant experience, rich store of information, familiarity with the ways of wild creatures and sympathy with wood-folk, a never-failing fund of anecdote and compactness and quaintness of style combined to win for him an interested and devoted following. Whether in the hackneyed Adirondacks, the wilds of Michigan, the forests of Pennsylvania or the swamps of Florida, each was invested with a new interest and made fascinating by the charm wrought of his personality. His little volume, 'Woodcraft,' published in 1884, is as refreshing as to inhale the perfumed air of the old woods after a June shower.

<sup>1</sup>It is related of him that in boyhood he ran away from home with another lad and coming to a bridge where there was one cent toll to pay, they found they had but one penny between

them. Here was a dilemma. But George soon plucked up courage and asked if there was any charge for luggage. On the keeper replying no, he took his chum upon his back and passed on.

"The woods-dweller in his solitude, amid the pines and the hemlocks, found time to ponder and study the great questions of human life, and in his verse he speaks to many a responsive soul, especially to those in humble walks who know the joy, love, toil and bereavements of human life. His poem 'John O'the Smithy,' published in the *Atlantic*, gave him a world-wide reputation. This volume of verse ("Forest Runes," 1887] savors of hemlock browse, of sparkling spring water, of the camp and woods, and shows ability of no mean order."

The name of his childhood friend, "Nessmuk," which he adopted as his *nom de plume*, is attached to all his works. His "Forest Runes" he dedicated to his brother Charles. The opening stanza follows:—

"Not that the gift of poesy is mine,  
Nor that I claim the poet's meed of praise,  
But in remembrance of the golden days  
Of youth, have I inscribed these simple lays  
To thee, my brother, and to Auld Lang Syne."

#### "A SUMMER CAMP."

"I leave the town with its hundred noises,  
Its clatter and whir of wheel and steam,  
For woodland quiet and silvery voices,  
With a camp of bark by a crystal stream.

"The feathery arms of firs and spruces  
Bend over the water that sleeps beneath,  
Where marish flowers by the quiet sluices  
Infold their sweets in a golden sheath.

"And a small canoe of airy lightness  
Floats silently on the limpid stream,  
Where the norland birch in snowy whiteness  
O'erhangs the ripples that glance and gleam.

"Oh, peaceful and sweet are forest slumbers  
On a fragrant couch with the stars above,  
As the free soul marches to dulcet numbers  
Through dreamland valleys of light and love."

His name is pleasantly linked with that of an honored townsman, John Mayo, in one of his pieces, which closes thus:—

"Eighty summers their blossoms had shed,  
Eighty winters had whitened his head.  
He waited his summons day by day;  
'Life is a feverish dream,' he said,  
'It does not pay.'"

#### "A FRAGMENT."

"Ah! Isabel Nye, the winds go by;  
The beard of the thistle sails out to sea,  
And the loves of old that were tried like gold  
Have gone like the thistle-down, far a-lec."

CHARLES, twice m., d. 1887, at Wellsboro', had ch.; DELIA A., m. John Burnett, resided at Olmsville, Pa., 4 ch.; EDWIN, m. Ellen Butler, 1 dau., resided at Wellsboro', soldier in the 161st Regt. N. Y. Vols., in Banks' Red River Expedition, d. 5 June, 1864, at New Orleans; FRANKLIN, unm., d. at Brockport; LORING A., m. Fanny Lockhave, resided at Wellsboro', 5 sons, one is training master in the U. S. Navy; HANNAH A., m. Charles Merrick,

resided at Laketon, Pa., 3 ch.; ELLEN J., m. Hezekiah Stowell, resided at Niles' Valley, Pa., had ch.; FREDERICK, d. young; HENRY A., in 161st Regt. N. Y. Vols. with Edwin, served his time, unm., now resides in Oregon.

**SEGARS, EPHRAIM**, bought a farm in the west part of Ox., H. 68, 1784, sold 1791, removed to Spencer, 1799 mortgaged his farm in Spencer to the town for his support, being aged and infirm. He m. Olive, dau. of Caleb Barton, he d. at Plainfield, she m. (2) Joseph Torrey of Plainfield; 5 ch., all by first m., not on Ox. Records.

JOSHUA, w. Mercy Thompson, had SARAH, b. 13 Feb., 1793.

**SEVERANCE, GILES F.**, son of William, from Abbott, Me., aged 24, d. 3 April, 1876.

**SEVERY, WILLARD**, son of Moody of Sutton, m. Rhoda, dau. of Timothy Hewett. In 1827 Mary Severy bought the place at North Ox., H. 113, on which Willard settled and d., aged 57, 15 July, 1855; his wid. m. (2) Amos P. Newton. . . . *Children*: HARRIET M., b. 8 June, 1825, at Sutton, m. Nathaniel Nolen; FREEMAN, b. 25 Nov., 1827, at Ox., m. 24 Dec., 1864, Diana, dau. of Edward H. Shumway, settled on the homestead; ADALINE, b. 17 March, 1829, m. (1) Elbridge, son of Rice Barton, m. (2) Anthony Poucher, resided at Boston; WILLARD W., b. 2 Jan., 1833, m. Mary Grayson, resided at Upton.

JOSEPH, w. and ch. resided at Ox. 1752.

JOSEPH R., of Sutton, and Eunice Fitts, m. intentions 25 Nov., 1789.

ASA, of Dixfield, Me., and Mehitable Fitts, m. 8 Oct., 1821.

POLLY, dau. of Jacob, aged 97, d. 13 Aug., 1854.

STEPHEN, son of Joseph of Sutton, aged 77, d. 3 July, 1868.

DAPHNE, widow, aged 83, d. 28 July, 1883.

**SEWALL, MARY ANN** (English), aged 21, d. 29 April, 1860.

**SHABORN, MARQUETTE**, aged 47, d. 2 Feb., 1857.

**SHADDON, JOHN**, resided at Ox. Aug., 1765.

**SHAFTER, JAMES**, m. Sept., 1751, Esther, dau. of Simon Mellen. . . . *Children*: SIMON, b. 29 Jan., 1752; LOIS, b. 13 April, 1753; MARY, b. 16 April, 1755.

**SHANNON, JOSEPH** (Canadian), aged 81, d. 11 June, 1872.

**SHARPLES, MARY** (English), aged 76, d. 28 July, 1883.

**SHATTUCK, JONATHAN**, son of Jonathan, Jr., of Groton, b. 16 March, 1746, m. 30 Nov., 1769, Hulda Curtis of Dudley, bought 1776 60 acres with house, etc., "late part of Richard Williams' 500 acres," H. 87, sold 1781. . . . *Children*: JONATHAN, b. 22 Sept., 1770(?); HULDAH, b. 24 March, —; ARETHUSA, b. 16 Aug., —. [Record defective.]

**SHAW, JAMES**, aged 63, d. 10 Aug., 1848.

**SHEA, ELLEN**, aged 35, d. 31 May, 1860.

HANNAH, aged 24, d. 2 May, 1874.

PATRICK, aged 21, d. 9 July, 1879.

DANIEL, aged 28, d. 3 Sept., 1879.

**SHEARMAN, SILAS**, in Ox. 1782.

**SHEHY, DANIEL**, and Priscilla Town, m. intentions 3 Jan., 1784.

**SHEPARD, KINSLEY**, of South Gore, and Lydia Parker of Sutton, m. intentions 4 Dec., 1817.

**SHEPARDSON, MOSES K.**, son of Moses Kenney of Richmond, N. H., was adopted by his uncle John Shepardson of Royalston, and took his name; b. 23 Oct., 1797, m. 22 March, 1819, Laura Greenwood, b. 28 Dec., 1800, at Stratton, Vt., where they settled, removed to Dummerston, Vt., thence to New England Village, Grafton, where he resided until Jan., 1843, when he purchased and occupied the brick house near the North Ox. railroad station; 1848 he lived at the south part of "Long Hill," H. 169, in 1849 bought H. 165, near Hudson's, and removed thither; was highly esteemed, deacon of the Baptist Church at North Grafton and North Ox. He d. aged 87, 9 July, 1885, she d. aged 87, 21 March, 1889. . . . Children: *AMANDA*, b. 17 Dec., 1819, at Stratton, Vt., m. 24 Sept., 1840, Otis N. Pond, resided at Auburn; they had *Orlando B.*, *O. Sumner*, *L. Jennie*, *Emily A.*, *Oscar P.*, *Ella M.*, *Abby L.*; *LAURINDA*, b. 14 April, 1822, at Stratton, m. 25 April, 1841, George W. Hastings, resided at Millbury, deacon of the Baptist Church at Grafton; they had *Mary E.*, *George H.*, d.; *ELVIRA*, b. 28 Aug., 1825, at Dummerston, Vt., m. John M. Viall; *PHILENA*, b. 11 July, 1827, at Dummerston, m. Jonathan H., son of Peleg Foster; *HENRY*, b. 6 April, 1830, at Dummerston, d. 7 Aug., 1849; *HORACE*, b. 9 Sept., 1832, at Dummerston, m. 21 May, 1857, Elizabeth A. Young, resided at Thompson, Conn.; they had *Laura E.*, b. 6 April, 1858; *FRANCES E.*, b. 25 April, 1836, at Grafton, m. 14 July, 1858, Edward E. Balcom, resided at Worcester; they had *Marion E.*, b. 4 July, 1860; *MARION E.*, b. 1837, d. 1839; *Asa B.*, b. 22 March, 1841, at Grafton, m. (1) 1 Jan., 1867, Abby E. Stockwell, who d. 8 Oct., 1877, m. (2) 10 March, 1881, Viola M. Hobbs of Sturbridge; ch. by first m.: *Henry*, b. 13 April, 1869; *Almy*, d. aged 3 years; *RUTH A.*, b. 3 May, 1845, at Ox., m. John D. Hudson.

**WILLIAM G.**, son of Jonathan, aged 7, drowned 28 Jan., 1848.

**SHERLOCK, JULIA A.**, aged 28, d. 27 June, 1881.

**Mrs. MARY**, aged 55, d. 26 June, 1885.

**SHERMAN, SILAS**, trader for a short time in Ox. James Cudworth in Sept., 1780, brought suit against him for cattle sold him.

**PETER**, of Burrillville, R. I., and Laura Marsh of S. Gore, m. Feb., 1824(?).

**TARRANT S.**, and Hannah W. Marsh, m. 6 Feb., 1837.

**LUCY**, w. of Albert, aged 40, d. 26 Sept., 1857.

**ALBERT**, aged 44, d. 2 Nov., 1857, at Uxbridge.

**MARTHA A.**, m. n. Edson, aged 22, d. 11 July, 1866.

**SHIPPY, SHIPPEE, STEPHEN**, from Plainfield, Conn., m. (1) Julia Ann Whittam, who d. aged 28, 10 Dec., 1842; ch. *SARAH*, m. N. Aiken Viall; *ELIZA*, m. James Fenner, residence, Leicester; *JULIA*, m. William Sprague of Leicester, where she d. 1870; *ADALINE*, m. John Symonds of North Adams, where they settled; he m. (2) Sarepta Fitts of Charlton, removed to Plainfield, where he d.; they had *GEORGE W.*, b. 26 Aug., 1845, and three others.

2. **HAZARD**, brother of Stephen (1), m. Philena King, and had at Ox., *ALONZO*, b. 6 Dec., 1836; *GEORGE*, d. young.

**SHIRLEY, MATILDA**, m. n. Bradford, aged 29, d. 15 June, 1864.

**SHOLES, ELISHA W.**, and Melissa, had HELEN M., b. 16 Dec., 1842.  
**EDWIN L.**, and Helen M. Carder of Sturbridge, m. int. 2 May, 1845.

**SHUMWAY, PETER**, of Topsfield, 1678; Peter of Oxford, b. 1735, is authority for the assertion that the family originated in France; the name was probably Chamois or Charmois. In the records of Essex County the name is often spelled "Shamway."<sup>1</sup> Dr. Baird says, "a Protestant family named Chamois is mentioned in a list of fugitives from the neighborhood of St. Maixent in the old Province of Poitou, France, at the time of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes." Peter came to America among the emigrants who landed before the founding of the Oxford Colony, as will be seen by the following, in the handwriting of Rev. John Campbell:—

"TO THE HONORABLE SPENCER PHIPS ESQ LIEUT GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN AND OVER HIS MAJESTIE'S PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY IN NEW ENGLAND: THE HONORABLE COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED:

"The Memorial of Peter Shumway of Oxford most humbly sheweth that whereas your humble memorialist did many years ago prefer a petition to the Honorable General Court of this Province praying that as he is the legal heir and representative of Peter Shumway of Topsfield who was a long time in the service of this Country and particularly in the Narragansett war, and taking the Indian fort there which he in said petition proved by living testimonies and which he believes the Honorable John Chandler and others worthy members of this Honorable Court do yet remember,

"And whereas your aged, decrepid and poor memorialist hath never yet received any gratuity, or reward in land or otherwise for his father's services and sufferings as many others have done, your most humble memorialist again most humbly prayeth this Honorable Court in their wonted goodness and compassion would make him a grant of some piece of Country land for said services, or otherwise as in their great wisdom they [see] fit: which will oblige your most humble memorialist—as in duty bound will ever pray.

PETER SHUMWAY.

"(Signed)  
 "March 28, 1749-50."

—Mass. Arch., XLVI., 212.

We find no record of action on this memorial.

Peter of Topsfield was progenitor of all of the name in the country, so far as known. His son PETER, b. 6 June, 1678, at Topsfield, m.(1) 11 Feb., 1701, Mariah Smith of Boxford; was not an original proprietor at Oxford, but voted in on the rights of Joshua Chandler 13 Sept., 1713. The home lot embraced the Josiah Russell place, H. 185. Mariah d. 17 Jan., 1739; he m. (2) 28 Feb., 1740, Mary Dana. . . . Children: OLIVER, baptized 10 May, 1702; JEREMIAH, baptized 21 March, 1703; DAVID, baptized 23 Dec., 1705; MARY, baptized 9 May, 1708, m. Caleb Barton; SAMUEL, baptized 22 April, 1711; JOHN, baptized 15 Aug., 1713; all at Topsfield; and at OX: JACOB, b. 10 March, 1717; HEPHSIBAH, b. 1 April, 1720, m. 12 Nov., 1741, Obadiah Walker of Sutton; AMOS, b. 31 Jan., 1722.

2. OLIVER, son of Peter (1), m. 3 Sept., 1724, Sarah Pratt, lived on Long Hill, H. 164. She was probably dau. of Jonathan of Framingham and sister of the first Jonathan of Ox., and b. 18 Oct., 1704, at Framingham. . . . Children: OLIVER, b. 12 Oct., 1724, m. 15 April, 1747, Elizabeth Holman of Sutton, had Abner, b. 9 Jan., 1749, m. 19 April, 1770, Lucy How, and had David.

<sup>1</sup> It is well known that in several other instances in Ox. names, the French termination *ois* has been changed to *way*. A letter of William H. Shumway, Esq., lawyer at Syracuse, N. Y., May, 1871, says: "I understand from an attaché

of Joseph Bonaparte that our name Shumway is a corruption of 'Chamois,' a person bearing it was Compte De Chamois, a member of the court of Louis XIV."

b. 30 March, 1771; *Rufus*, b. 1 April, 1774; *LEVI*, b. 8 April, 1727, m. 30 June, 1752, Priscilla, dau. of Thomas Gleason; they had *Levi*, b. 21 Oct., 1752; *Amasa*, b. 1 March, 1756; *Jonathan*, b. 26 Jan., 1759; *Asa*, b. 7 Sept., 1761; *Thomas*, b. 21 Oct., 1764; *KESIAH*, b. 25 May, 1729, m. 26 Aug., 1755, David Town; *NATHAN*, b. 21 April, 1731, m. 7 Feb., 1754, Judith Whitney; *SUSANNA*, b. 21 Aug., 1733, m. Hezekiah Eddy; *STEPHEN*, b. 25 March, 1736 soldier in French war; *SARAH*, b. 28 June, 1738, m. David Pratt, Jr.; *REUBEN*, b. 2 Feb., 1741, soldier in French war, 1761; *EBENEZER*, b. 25 June, 1743; *JONATHAN*, b. 8 Nov., 1745; *LUCY*, b. 18 July, 1749, m. Micah Pratt.

3. EBENEZER, son of Oliver (2), Revolutionary soldier, marched on Lexington alarm, m. 24 Sept., 1765, Comfort White of Charlton, settled at Ox., removed to Leicester, and before Oct., 1824, with son Daniel to Oxford, N. Y., where both d. He d. 1833, aged 90, she d. 1840, aged 97; she was dismissed from Church in Ox. to Church in Oxford, N. Y., Oct., 1824. . . . Children: *EBENEZER*, b. 26 Jan., 1766, m. intentions 12 March, 1791, Abigail Pettes of Brooklyn, he d. 1795; they had *Polly*, b. 26 Aug., 1792; *Willard*, b. 16 June, 1794; *POLLY*, b. 26 Feb., 1768, m. intentions 3 Nov., 1790, Samuel Parker of Charlton, they had *Mary*, b. 1 July, 1792, only child, m. 3 Nov., 1816, Charles Whittemore of Leicester, she was over 80 years old at her death; *JOHN*, b. 5 Dec., 1770, m. intentions 16 Aug., 1794, Sarah Gale, he d. 7 Aug., 1797, leaving a son and daughter, who after his death removed with their mother to Allegany Co., N. Y.; *DAVID*, b. 9 March, 1772, m. 4 Sept., 1796, Ruth Prince, and had *Sindia*; *Charles*, b. 12 Aug., 1798; *Sanford*, b. 2 Dec., 1799; *Sumner*, b. 24 Oct., 1801; family removed to Indiana; *COMFORT*, b. 6 June, 1775, m. 2 Jan., 1799, John Parker of Leicester, cousin of Samuel, she d. 1859, at Troy, N. Y.; they had *Cynthia*, b. 1 March, 1800, m. 29 Nov., 1826, Oliver Rice of Millbury, b. 29 Sept., 1793, d. 23 June, 1867, she d. 3 Nov., 1839; they had *Henry C.*, b. 22 Aug., 1827, lawyer in good standing at Worcester, d. 16 July, 1891, and *Leander P.*, b. 1830; *Esther*, b. 3 March, 1810, m. 7 April, 1830, Sibley Converse of Spencer, she d. 1880, at Worcester; *Urania*, m. Chester Williams of Charlton, removed to Hartford, Pa.; *John*, m. Sophia Woodbury, Universalist preacher, removed to California; *Daniel*, m. Elizabeth Cass of Worcester, 1883 shoe manufacturer at South Weymouth; *Thomas*, m. Minerva —, settled at Stoughton; *MERCY*, b. 6 April, 1778, m. 14 Nov., 1799, Abijah Tainter of Sutton, she d. Sept., 1815; *DANIEL*, b. 10 June, 1780, learned hatting of Peter Butler, went in young manhood to Oxford, N. Y., remained until his four sons and a daughter came to maturity, removed to Addison, Steuben Co., and again in a few years to Nelson, Pa., d. 1848; his son, *George R. H.*, was a talented Presbyterian clergyman, settled at Newark, Wayne Co., N. Y., and later at Paterson, N. J., and d. about 1874, at Lawrenceville, Tioga Co., Pa.; *CHARLES*, b. 6 Feb., 1782, d. young; *JUDITH*, b. 14 July, 1785, m. at Oxford, N. Y., Peleg Glover, removed after many years to Wisconsin, where she d. about 1870; *SALLY*, b. 12 Dec., 1787, m. 25 June, 1809, Amariah Bemis of Brookfield, lived in Connecticut and Massachusetts, she d. 1861, at Springfield; *OLIVER*, b. 24 Jan., 1790.

4. OLIVER, son of Ebenezer (3), m. intentions 19 May, 1810, Sally, dau. of David Lamb of Oxford, settled at Ox., removed Oct., 1826, to Oxford, N. Y., thence 1828 to Addison, N. Y., she d. 7 Feb., 1839, at Addison. He married twice afterward. He d. 11 April, 1876, at Addison. . . . Children, all by first m.: *SYRENA*, b. 28 Nov., 1810, at Ox., m. John Thompson, d. 13 July, 1848, at Woodhull, N. Y.; *ADALINE*, b. 23 Dec., 1811, m. 1839, Isaac

Boyd, d. 7 May, 1844, at Addison; BRADFORD, b. 19 Oct., 1813, residence, Grafton, Dak.; OLIVER W., b. 15 Aug., 1815, accidentally killed at the raising of a barn at Addison 28 Aug., 1836; STEPHEN L., b. 8 Dec., 1818, living in Wisconsin(?); SALLY, b. 18 Feb., 1821, residence, Addison; LOREN, b. 22 Aug., 1823, d. 30 June, 1865, at Addison; JOHN, b. 4 Oct., 1825, last child recorded at Oxford, residence, Addison; ELIZA, b. 17 March, 1828, at Addison, m. 1847, Robert Harder, d. 26 Aug., 1861, at Woodhull; AMANDA, b. 21 Feb., 1830, m. 1851, James Cornelison, she d. 15 Nov., 1859, at Elmira, N. Y.; EMMONS, b. 4 July, 1832, residence, Troupsburg, N. Y.; URI, b. 23 Nov., 1834, residence, Otsego, N. Y.; MELISSA, b. 23 Oct., 1838, m. 1858, Rufus Fairbanks, she d. 15 Dec., 1860, at Addison.

5. JEREMIAH, son of Peter (1), m. 13 Nov., 1729, Experience, dau. of Isaac Larned, settled at Ithiel T. Johnson place, H. 185, with his father, remained there until 1755; exchanged farms with his brother-in-law, Isaac Larned, Jr., and removed to the Shumway place, near the site of the Johnson house, H. 64. This he sold 1773 to his son Peter, and bought H. 172, on Long Hill, where he d. . . . Children: JEREMIAH, b. 12 Sept., 1731, m. 4 Dec., 1758, Abigail, dau. of Elijah Moore, soldier in French war, he d. 13 April, 1769 [she m. (2) Jacob Pierce]; they had *Perley*, b. 1760, d. 1769; *Jeremiah*, b. 9 Aug., 1762, *Henry*, b. 1764, d. 1769; *Abigail*, b. 1766, d. 1770; *William*, b. 1768, d. 1769; EXPERIENCE, b. 28 March, 1733, m. Thomas Read; PETER, b. 29 April, 1735; MARY, b. 28 March, 1737, d. young; MARTHA, b. 27 Nov., 1738, m. 17 Aug., 1758, Joseph, son of Jacob Willson; ELIZABETH, b. 3 Nov., 1740, m. Amasa Kingsbury; ISAAC, b. 11 Nov., 1742, m. 14 Nov., 1769, Rebeckah Groo of Douglas; WILLIAM, b. 4 Dec., 1744; SOLOMON, b. 19 Feb., 1747; SAMUEL, b. 18 April, 1749; BENJAMIN, b. 27 Nov., 1752, Revolutionary soldier, m. 4 April, 1775, Eunice Putnam of Sutton, and had *Jeremiah*, b. 22 March, 1779; *Mutilda*, b. 16 March, 1781, removed to Rowe; MARY, b. 5 Aug., 1757, m. Jonathan Coburn.

6. PETER, son of Jeremiah (5), soldier in the French war, m. 4 June, 1759, Rebecca Leavens, b. 29 June, 1743, resided on the homestead. From 1772 to 1796 had an innholder's license and kept a public house, d. 30 Aug., 1828, aged 93, she d. aged 82, 11 March, 1826. . . . Children: MARTHA, b. 20 Jan., 1760, m. Amasa, son of Josiah Kingsbury, second w.; ZEVIAH, b. 18 Jan., 1762, d. young; ELLIAH, b. 6 Feb., 1764, m. Chloe Griggs, settled at Pomfret, Conn. [In 1830 his heirs were *Leavens*, *Mary*, both of Auburn, N. Y., *Elijah*, of Sennett. *Lucinda*, m. John St. John of Hornby, *Sally*, m. Jesse Underwood of Hornby, *Nancy*, of Hornby, *Clarissa*, m. Samuel Hunter, *Betsey*'s dau. Louisa Ware who resided at Bloomfield], he d. 2 July, 1821, she d. 8 Feb., 1859; they had *Betsey*, b. 1788, d. 1818; *Clarissa*, b. 1790, d. 1870; *Sally*, b. 1793, d. 1873; *Alfred*, b. 1795; *Lucinda*, b. 1798; *Elijah*, b. 1800; *Leavens*, b. 1802, d. 1862; *Camilla*, b. 1806, d. 1811; *Polly*, b. 1808, d. 1811; *Nancy*, b. 1812; *Mary*, b. 1815; REBECCA, b. 4 June, 1766, d. young; ELIZABETH, b. 3 Aug., 1768, m. (1) Jonathan Kingsbury, m. (2) 29 Nov., 1798, Samuel Coburn; NOAH, b. 4 Oct., 1770; LEAVENS, b. 25 Aug., 1772, m. Thankful, dau. of Comfort Johnson of Sturbridge, settled and d. at Monson, he d. 12 April, 1830, she removed to Ox. and d. aged 79, 21 June, 1856; they had *Clementina*, b. 5 June, 1799, m. John Lilley; *Casendiana*, b. 5 Sept., 1801, m. Samuel Dowse; *D. Leavens*, b. 28 March, 1803, m. 16 July, 1831, Elizabeth M. Donald of Cincinnati, O., settled at Dunlapsville, Ind., trader, d. 24 Nov., 1849, at Dunlapsville, had ch.; *Loriston*, b. 30 Nov., 1806; *Lueretia*, b. 20

July, 1809, m. George Miller; *Thankful J.*, b. 31 Jan., 1812, m. 7 Nov., 1833, Henry Boyden of Sutton, b. at Guilford, Vt., son of James, resided at Wilkinsontown, Wales, removed 1849 to Ox., he d. 18 March, 1885, she d. 4 July, 1867; they had Ervilla, b. 1 Oct., 1845, at Wales: *Rebecca*, b. 6 Sept., 1814, m. (1) Jesse Low of Bloomington, Ind., m. (2) 10 Dec., 1850, Seth W. Field of West Brookfield, m. (3) 17 Nov., 1883, Paul A. C. Rogers of Groton, Conn.; no ch.; *Muria L.*, b. 19 May, 1816, m. Lewis K. Perrin; *Martha K.*, b. 17 Feb., 1820, m. Joseph Pelton; *PARLEY*, b. 12 Nov., 1774, m. —— Johnson, dau. of Comfort of Sturbridge, to which place he removed, late in life, was employ'd in a mill at Southbridge, had a large family, he d. 1853; *PETER*, b. 6 Dec., 1777; *REBECCA*, b. 6 Nov., 1780, m. David Prince; *ZEVIAH*, b. 1 July, 1785, d. 20 June, 1817, unm.; *POLLY*, b. 21 Feb., 1790, d. 8 April, 1808.

7. *SOLOMON*, son of Jeremiah (5), m. 17 Nov., 1768, Dorothy Howard of Killingly, Conn., where they settled; among their ch. were: *WILLIAM*, settled in Genesee Co., N. Y., descendants resided there; *JOHN*, settled in Medfield, near Dover, descendants resided there; *DOLLY*, m. Timothy Vinton, settled in Woodstock, Conn., near Southbridge; *JEREMIAH*, b. about 1780, m. about 1803, Huldah, dau. of Luke Upham of Thompson, Conn., he d. 10 Nov., 1825, at Thompson, she d. 7 Feb., 1824; they had *Hammond*, m. Roby T. Newell, settled at Thompson, where he d. 8 June, 1844, she d. 15 June, 1844, parents of William T. of Webster, merchant; *Sherman*, m. Huldah Elliott, settled in Thompson, d. 1875; *John*, m. Sophronia Alton, resided at Webster, he d. 1854; *Lucy*, m. Welcome Joslin, resided at Thompson, where he d. about 1860; *Harriet*, m. William Joslin, resided at Webster, where he d. 3 Nov., 1882; *Solomon*, well known deputy sheriff at Webster; *Huldah*, m. John E. Williams, resided at Odell, Ill.; *Jeremiah*, resided at Norwich, Conn.; *Dolly*, m. Elijah Perrin, resided at Thompson.

8. *LORISTON*, son of Leavens, and grandson of Peter (6), m. 18 Jan., 1832, Clarissa, dau. of Parley Eddy, trader, shoe manufacturer and farmer at Ox., d. 14 May, 1884, she d. 6 July, 1891. . . . Children: *CLARISSA L.*, b. 13 April, 1833, at Cincinnati, O., m. 29 Sept., 1887, Charles A. Jackson; *HENRY L.*, b. 26 Feb., 1835, residence Worcester, many years assistant editor of the *Spy* and later of the *Gazette*, removed about 1885 to Boylston, thence 1890 to Boston, journalist; m. (1) 15 Sept., 1857, Mary E., dau. of Jeremiah Upham of Dudley, b. 1 Nov., 1837, d. 9 Dec., 1858, no ch., m. (2) 19 May, 1863, Lucy J. Hall of Millbury, and had *Everett W.*, b. 29 March, 1867; *Marion H.*, b. 27 Aug., 1869; *LUCRETIA*, b. 14 June, 1837, m. Allen L. Joslin; *ISSACHAR*, b. 30 Oct., 1839, m. 27 Nov., 1861, Emma L., dau. of Charles Lamb, and had *Emma Louise*, b. 3 July, 1876, he d. 11 Feb., 1878; *JANE*, b. 2 May, 1844, d. 10 Feb., 1863; *ABBY A.*, b. 12 July, 1846, m. Albert E., son of Ira Merriam.

9. *NOAH*, son of Peter (6), m. (1) Lucy(?) Dike of Thompson, Conn., m. (2) 4 April, 1816, Melicent, dau. of Jonathan Pratt, she d. 4 March, 1826, m. (3) 1 July, 1827, Pamela, dau. of Calvin Aldrich, widow of Billings Hayward, settled on a part of his father's farm at H. 63, built the house burned 1882, removed late in life to Burrillville, R. I., and thence to Wilmington, Minn., near the Iowa line, where his son Jeremiah resided, d. 15 June, 1859. . . . Children by first m.: *THOMAS DIKE*, b. 18 Feb., 1801, m. Mary Blackstock, resided at the homestead many years, removed to Danielsonville, Conn., where he d. 6 May, 1878, no ch.; *JEREMIAH*, b. 27 March, 1802, d. 25 Jan., 1849; *LUCY D.*, b. 20 Feb., 1804, m. Pitts Sayles, manufacturer at Burrillville, had *Thomas*; *NOAH*, b. 3 April, 1806, m. 18 April, 1831, Elizabeth H. Stinners

of Smithfield, R. I., settled at Danielsonville, Conn., had ch., a son was postmaster at Danielsonville; *Thomas D.*, another son, resides at Plymouth, m. Mary Anna, dau. of Seth Morton; **DANIEL S.**, b. 11 April, 1809, m. 6 May, 1839, Rebecca Stinners of Smithfield, R. I., sister of Elizabeth H., resided at Dayville, Conn.; **LEAVENS**, b. 19 June, 1811, d. 1858, at Pascoag, R. I.; ch. by third m.: **JEREMIAH**, b. 15 Oct., 1827, settled at Wilmington, Minn.; **NANCY M.**, b. 1 Dec., 1829, d. unm.; **RUFUS E.**, b. 1 June, 1833; **RUTH E.**, b. 6 Aug., 1835; **GEORGE T.**, b. 30 Oct., 1840; all these younger ch. settled at Wilmington.

10. **PETER**, son of Peter (6), m. 8 March, 1803, Sarah, dau. of Peter Spaulding of Townsend, b. 23 Oct., 1782, removed 1804 to Townshend, Vt., resided there until 1818, returned to Ox. and took the place of his brother Parley on the homestead, having the care of his parents; in 1841 removed the old house and built that now standing. Sarah d. 20 May, 1842, aged 59, m. (2) 15 Jan., 1845, Mary Newhall, widow of Rufus Harris. She d. 31 Jan., 1882, he d. 25 Oct., 1873, both at Groton, whither they had removed. A thrifty farmer and generally respected, had no son who remained at home, and when he left the farm it went out of the possession of the family which had held it for 99 years. . . . *Children*: **STEPHEN**, b. 3 March, 1804, m. Dec., 1832, Martha Holmes, settled at Thompson, Conn., d. 8 Feb., 1849; ch.: *Sarah*, m. Munroe Nichols, once principal of Dudley Academy, removed West, Lieut.-Col. 18th Conn. Regt. in the late war, d. at St. Paul, Minn., 17 Jan., 1868, aged 34, she d. 8 Sept., 1879; *Martha*, d. 1883; *Elizabeth*, m. Hammond Shumway, settled at Webster; *Oscar*, m. Emma Kelsey, flour and grain dealer, prominent citizen at Webster; *Emma*; **NELSON**, b. 15 Nov., 1805, m. (1) Elizabeth Andrews, resided at Boston, provision dealer, she d. 25 March, 1857, no ch., he removed to Groton, m. (2) 26 June, 1862, Mary Humphrey; had *Harry* and *Alice*; he d. at Leominster, 28 Oct., 1867; **MARY H.**, b. 23 Aug., 1807, d. 1808; **ELIEL**, b. 29 Sept., 1809, m. (1) 2 Oct., 1833, Eliza Ball, resided at Groton, where he was prominent; no ch., she d. 1 Dec., 1864, m. (2) May, 1868, Mrs. Emma S. Perry, he d. 1891; **MARY H.**, b. 14 Nov., 1811, m. John C., son of Dea. John Hurd; **NANCY S.**, b. 31 March, 1814, m. (1) 13 Aug., 1850, Walter P. Rockwood of Groton, no ch., m. (2) Ephraim Sawtelle of Groton, she d. 30 April, 1880, at Groton; **BENJAMIN S.**, b. 11 Jan., 1816, m. 3 Nov., 1847, Caroline E., dau. of Jonas Bacon, no ch., settled in Boston, marketman, he d. 31 March, 1877, she d. 7 Nov., 1878; **ZEVIAH L.**, b. 12 Dec., 1817, m. 20 Oct., 1845, Rev. William Walker, son of Aaron, and b. at Vershire, Vt., went as missionary to Gaboon, Africa, where she d. 23 April, 1848, he m. again and continued in the missionary work until 1883, when he came to America; **PETER**, b. 20 Dec. 1822, d. 1824; **FRANKLIN PETER**, b. 8 Dec., 1824, m. 30 Oct., 1848, Lucy Howe of Boston, merchant in Boston, removed to Leominster, and thence to New York city, where he resided 1889.

11. **DAVID**, son of Peter (1), lived for a time at Ox., bought 31 Dec., 1733, one-fiftieth of the grant, and was among the pioneers at Sturbridge where he was an influential and useful citizen. He m. (1) Esther ——, m. (2) Alice ——, she d. 12 Jan., 1810, aged 88, he d. 10 May, 1796. . . . *Children* by first m.: **ESTHER**, b. 3 April, 1736, m. 1 June, 1757, James Walker; **ASA**, b. 16 Oct., 1739, at Sturbridge; **MARY**, b. 25 June, 1741, m. 30 May, 1764, John Cheney, Jr.; **DAVID**, b. 12 May, 1743; **SOLOMON**, b. 1 April, 1745, removed early to Belchertown, and was the progenitor of the numerous families of the name there, had a son, grandson and great-grandson named Solomon, the latter was 1885 teacher at Belchertown, and father of Edgar L.,

professor in Rutgers College, N. J.: ch. by second m.: **CYRIL**, b. 14 May, 1752, m. 11 Jan., 1771, Sarah Harding; **ELIJAH**, b. 24 July, 1753, Revolutionary soldier(?), m. (1) intentions 10 Feb., 1776, Zilpah Gilbert of Easton(?).<sup>1</sup> m. (2) 25 June, 1783, Lucy Weld, m. (3) 6 Oct., 1784, Beulah Dunton, she d. 1803, m. (4) 21 Jan., 1812, Mrs. Susanna Rice, she d. 17 March, 1815; **ALICE**, b. 14 Dec., 1754; **ABIGAIL**, b. 8 July, 1756; **LAVINIA**, b. 26 Aug., 1759, m. 3 July, 1777, Nathan Cheney; **CHLOE**, b. 4 Nov., 1761; **JEMIMA**, b. 9 Aug., 1763; **DANFORTH**, b. 18 July, 1768.<sup>2</sup>

12. **SAMUEL**, son of Peter (1), m. 19 Feb., 1736, Sarah, dau. of Isaac Learned, removed with David, his brother, to Sturbridge; Lieutenant. He d. 2 Sept., 1800, she d. 26 Dec., 1809, both at Sturbridge. [In his will dated 20 May, 1786, he names wife Sarah, only son Abijah, daughters, Sarah Faulkner, Lucy Clark, Lois Hill, and Prudence Blanchard]. . . . *Children*: **SARAH**, b. 9 April, 1737, at Ox.(?), m. 12 June, 1758, Daniel Faulkner of Sturbridge; **ABIJAH**, b. 2 Jan., 1739, at Sturbridge, m. Lucy ——, Captain, d. 25 July, 1808; **LUCY**, b. 21 Jan., 1741, m. 6 March, 1760, Moses Clark, Jr.; **LOIS**, b. 22 Oct., 1743, m. 16 Feb., 1786, John Hill; **PRUDENCE**, b. 26 Feb., 1745, m. 27 March, 1771, William Blanchard; **SAMUEL**, b. 10 June, 1748, d. 11 Feb., 1757; **HANNAH**, b. 11 Oct., 1750, d. 2 Feb., 1757; **MIRIAM**, b. 8 Oct., 1755, d. 4 Feb., 1757; **MOSES**, d. 6 Feb., 1757; **AARON**, d. 6 Feb., 1757.

13. **JOHN**, son of Peter (1), m. 19 May, 1737, Mary Dana, perhaps sister of Phinehas, settled southwest of North Common in the field, H. 183, sold in 1793, later lived at North Ox. with his son Josiah and removed thence to Thomas Parker's, his son-in-law, H. 98, where he d. 13 Jan., 1810, aged 96, she d. aged 88, in 1809. . . . *Children*: **JOHN**, b. 29 July, 1738, settled at Dorset, Vt., had ch.; **RUTH**, b. 23 March, 1742, m. Ebenezer Humphrey; **JOSEPH**, b. 25 Oct., 1743, resided at Mansfield, had ch.; **POLLY**, b. 12 July, 1746, m. James Brown, tailor; **EUNICE**, b. 13 March, 1749, m. Philip Amidown, removed to Chesterfield, N. H.; **ABIGAIL**, b. 17 May, 1755, m. Thomas Parker; **JOSIAH**, b. 17 May, 1758; **PETER**, b. 1752, d. 1754.

14. **JOSIAH**, son of John (13), Revolutionary soldier, m. 7 March, 1791, Freek, dau. of Josiah Wolcott, settled in north part of Ox., H. 97. He d. 24 Sept., 1842, aged 90. . . . *Children*: **EDWARD H.**, b. 1 March, 1791, m. 20 Oct., 1820, Sophia Whittam, b. 9 March 1801, he d. 13 March, 1875, she resided 1890 at North Ox.; they had *Sophia* and *Sophronia*, b. 31 March 1821, Sophia m. 25 Nov., 1840, John Marsh of Dudley, she d. 30 July, 1843, no ch.; *Sophronia* m. Ira Sibley; *Diana*, b. 17 Jan 1826, m. Freeman Severy; *Emily A.*, b. 12 Aug., 1830, m. George W. Davis; **SAMUEL**, b. 1792, m. Hannah Holman of Auburn, removed to Auburn, and d. 1864; they had *Willard*, residence, Sutton; *Susan*, m. —— Holman, residence, Cherry Valley; *Samuel*, d. unm. 3 April, 1868, aged 42; *Almira*, m. George Peiton, residence, Warren; *Lonisa*, m. —— Campbell, residence, Paxton; *Brigham*; **ISABEL**, b. 1793, m. Oliver Witt; **JOSHUA**, b. 1795, m. 4 Oct., 1820, Olive Holman of Ward, settled at Ward, where he d. 1846, she d. at Worcester, a son *Stephen*, d.; **FRANKLIN**, b. 1797, d. in Ox., 1846, unm.; **MEHETABLE**, b. 1799, m. 30 Nov., 1829, Josiah Battles of Boxborough, where they settled, three sons, she d. at Boxborough, he d. at Ox.; **NAOMI**, b. 1801, m. (1) 12 Nov., 1826, Ebenezer Learned, no ch., m. (2) Erastus Evans.

15. **JACOB**, son of Peter (1), m. 14 Jan., 1742, Martha Walker of Sutton, settled south of Hudson farm on Long Hill, H. 170. He d. 15 April, 1801.

<sup>1</sup> It is a question whether this Elijah or the son of Jacob of the same name m. Zilpah Gilbert.

<sup>2</sup> Danforth Shumway, physician, was of Saratoga, N. Y., June, 1798.

. . . Children: JACOB, b. 2 Oct., 1742; MARIAH, b. 25 Sept., 1745, d. unm. 15 Sept., 1819, the mother of Thomas Wolcott b. 16 Dec., 1791; HANNAH, b. 31 Aug., 1748, m. 25 Nov., 1771, Samuel Robertson of Sutton; MARTHA, b. 1751, d. 1756; ELIJAH, b. 24 April, 1754, Revolutionary soldier, m. intentions 10 Feb., 1776, Zilpah Gilbert of Easton;<sup>1</sup> PETER, b. 13 Feb., 1757, 45 months in Capt. Moore's Company in Revolutionary war, m. (1) intentions 19 Feb., 1785, Lydia Sleeman of Charlton, widow of Peter, m. n. Drury of Framingham, had *Silas*, b. 16 Sept., 1785; m. (2) intentions 16 Feb., 1787, Dorothy Nichols, had *Alven*, b. 27 July, 1787; *Lydia*, b. 15 Feb., 1789; he d. 21 Oct., 1824; MARTHA, b. 17 May, 1760, m. 11 Nov., 1779, Joseph Rockwood; OBADIAH, b. 9 July, 1764; JONATHAN, b. 14 July, 1771; A DAU., m. Ebenezer Gould.

16. JACOB, son of Jacob (15), m. 16 June, 1773, Chloe, dau. of Capt. William Hancock, resided on the north side of the old road to Dudley near Grassy Pond, H. 60; d. 10 Oct., 1819, she d. 15 March, 1807. . . . Children: FRED. W., b. 6 March, 1774, settled in Vermont, m., had ch.; ALPHEUS, b. 16 March, 1776, settled at Middletown, Conn, where he d. 18 Aug., 1840, m. 7 May, 1800, Lucy Ann, dau. of William Jepson, b. 18 Aug., 1782, d. 24 Jan., 1846: they had *Alpheus H.*, b. 29 May, 1801; *William S.*, b. 18 April, 1803; *Edwin*, b. 16 March, 1805; *Henry C.*, b. 4 July, 1807, Colonel, portrait painter in New York city, and in 1883 the only survivor of the family; *Lucy Ann*, b. 18 Aug., 1809, d. 24 Nov., 1816; *Samuel A.*, b. 20 Aug., 1811; *Harriet L.*, b. 29 Aug., 1813; *Charles P.*, b. 14 Aug., 1815; *Robert G.*, b. 13 Aug., 1818; *George*, b. 9 Feb., 1821; *Stanley N.*, b. 4 Jan., 1824, d. 26 Feb., 1851; SYLVANUS, b. 29 June, 1780, settled South, in 1824 his widow Sarah resided at Baltimore, Md.; CHLOE, b. 7 Nov., 1782, m. intentions 18 Nov., 1803, Simeon Wood of Dudley, killed while digging a canal at Dudley factory, two ch.; ELLIS, b. 12 March, 1785, m. 1 May, 1808, Anna Cain of Hingham, b. 5 June, 1791, settled at Hingham, captain of a fishing vessel, and later expressman between that place and Boston; he d. 13 Dec., 1835, she d. 11 June, 1852, both at Boston; had *Chloe*, b. 1809, m. John Underwood of Quincy, she d. 1870; *Nathaniel H.*, b. 1811, at Boston; *Alexander G.*, and *Allen H.*, b. 1812, at Boston, Alexander was drowned in Pensacola harbor, Allen H. m. Mary Campbell of East Medway; *Seth B.*, b. 1815, at Hingham, d. at sea 1845; *Sally A.*, b. 1818, at Hingham, m. 1834, William Hupp, lived, 1882, at South Boston; *Lydia M.*, b. 1820, at Hingham, d. 1865, at South Boston; *Hiram*, b. 1823, d. young; *Jane G.*, b. 1825, m. Horatio G. Swasey, 1845; *Hiram P.*, b. and d. 1828; HARVEY, b. 5 April, 1787, d. 7 Oct., 1807; SOPHIA, b. 20 Aug., 1789, m. (1) John P. Nichols, m. (2) Jotham Merriam; RUFUS, b. 7 May, 1793, lived at Millbury and Worcester, where he d.; JACOB, b. 1795, d. 1798; JACOB, b. 3 Nov., 1799.

17. JACOB, son of Jacob (16), m. 25 April, 1825, Matilda Ward, b. 6 Aug., 1804. He d. 31 Aug., 1854, at Medina, O., she d. 27 July, 1880. He was hotel keeper at Shrewsbury and Sudbury, removed 1827 to Rochester, where his first six children were born, began butchering business and in two years entered the manufacturing of shoe pegs, continuing to Aug., 1840, when he was burnt out and lost all. He then removed to Wayne Co., O., and in 1845 to Medina, O. . . . Children: ALONZO J., b. 1827, d. 1829; CAROLINE M., b. 1828, d. 1829; ADELIA A., b. 20 May, 1830, d. 18 July, 1850; WILLIAM H., b. 1832, d. 1835; CARYDON D., b. 6 Feb., 1837, stove dealer at Berea, O.;

<sup>1</sup> See note under Elijah, son of David.

ASENATH A., b. 1839, d. 1840; HARVEY H., b. 22 Jan., 1843, at Mehickinsville, O., resided 1883 at Trinidad, Colo.; LEONIDAS M., b. 15 Jan., 1847, at Medina, O., residence, Cedar Lake, Montcalm Co., Mich.

18. AMOS, son of Peter (1), m. 29 May, 1745, Ruth Parker of Shrewsbury, settled on the hill east from the North Common, adjoining his brother Jacob on the west. H. 171; d. 2 May, 1818, aged 96, she d. 3 Oct., 1792. . . . Children: JABEZ, b. 4 Aug., 1746; DORCAS, b. 29 March, 1748, m. 10 Nov., 1768, Ebenezer Coburn, Jr.; AMOS, b. 11 Sept., 1750; NEHEMIAH, b. 16 July, 1752, d. 1760; ABISHAI, b. 30 Oct., 1754, Revolutionary soldier, m. about 1784, Abiel Stone, had *Lucinda*, b. 1785, m. Samuel Cobb of Westminster, d. 1818; [they had *Melezcinda*, b. 1808, recently living at Brattleboro', Vt.]. Abishai, it is said, received a liberal education, and studied medicine, removed 1787 to Westminster, where at first he taught in public schools and singing schools, meantime practicing his profession which he followed over 40 years, being very successful and became wealthy. He was of a social turn and given to humor. It is said that in his younger days his brother Amos was engaged to be married to Miss Stone, and on leaving home for school, committed her to the care of Abishai during his absence, who was so faithful in his stewardship that he won the heart and at length took the hand of the lady. Amos never visited his brother while she lived. The doctor was an ardent politician of the Democratic school. His wife died in 1814, and he soon after lived with his only son *Nehemiah*, b. 24 Dec., 1790. In 1830 they removed to Gardner and a few years later the son died; the doctor lived with his daughter-in-law until Jan., 1845, when he died at the age of 88 years. Nehemiah studied medicine, practiced but little; was a chair manufacturer at Gardner. He had Handel M., was (1883) living at Cleveland, O.; Charles A., living at Gardner. RUTH, b. 15 Oct., 1758, m. William Hudson, Jr.; NEHEMIAH, b. 26 Aug., 1761, was graduated 1790 at Brown, among the first in his class, teacher, farmer, and musician; principal of Freehold Academy, N. J., soon removed to Albany, N. Y., and about 1800 to Schenectady, 1806 returned to Albany; in 1820 went to Lyme, Jefferson County, where he took up wild land, and resided a few years, lost his farm from defect in title, and returned to Freehold, N. J.; he m. about 1795, Sarah Tice of Freehold, he d. July, 1843, at Freehold, she d. 6 May, 1831, at Lyme, N. Y.; ch.: John T., b. 10 Nov., 1796, at Albany, went to New York on business, took yellow fever, d. 1 Sept., 1819; Jacob, b. 4 Feb., 1798, at Albany, unm., clerk in store, captain of steam-boat on Hudson; 10 years inspector of beef and pork at New York, became wealthy; went about 1850 to California, where he d. 20 June, 1868; William H., b. 29 Dec., 1802, at Schenectady, unm., lawyer, studied at Albany and Watertown, and with his father admitted to bar 1831, settled in business at Oswego 1848, and 1866 at Syracuse, where he resided 1871; Sarah A., b. 5 Oct., 1808, at Albany, m. Isaac B. Blauvelt of Essex Co., N. Y., together taught Kingston Academy, N. Y., till 1846, removed to Morristown, N. J., into same position, she d. Aug., 1848, at Morristown, no ch.

19. AMOS, son of Amos (18), Revolutionary soldier, m. intentions 7 June, 1788, Miriam, dau. of Daniel and Content Hovey, lived on the homestead, where he d. 18 Dec., 1816, she d. 2 Aug., 1842, aged 74. . . . Children: URANIA, b. 15 Nov., 1788, m. 1 Jan., 1817, Josiah Stone of Windsor, Vt., settled at Petersham, where he d. 10 Feb., 1823, aged 34, she d. 10 Feb., 1880, at Ox., aged 91; ch.: *Melezenda*, b. 26 Jan., 1819, m. Lament B. Corbin; SOPHIA, b. 1 Nov., 1790, m. Peter Kidder; LEWIS, b. 20 Nov., 1792; PEREZ, b.

3 Dec., 1794, m. Catherine Daniels of Conn., no ch.; BETSEY, b. 26 Sept., 1796, m. 15 Feb., 1818, Josiah McFarland; RUTH, b. 13 Feb., 1799, m. 19 April, 1819, Richard Gleason; POLLY, b. 28 Aug., 1801, m. 12 April, 1845, Dr. Erastus Richardson of Eastport, Me., b. 3 April, 1794, where they lived many years, second w., no ch.; she d. 13 April, 1885, at Augusta, Me.; he d. several years before; AMOS, b. 23 June, 1805, m. 28 Feb., 1833, Rosalinda, dau. of Ezekiel Davis, settled at Webster; had *Mary E.*, m. Francis Bugbee, no ch.; *Charles N.*, m. Mary L. Morehouse, resided at Webster, had ch.; *Amos*, m. (1) Eleanor M. Green of Webster, had ch., m. (2) Ellen Ray; these sons were both soldiers in the late war, Charles was wounded at Gettysburg; PHILA, b. 6 Nov., 1807, m. 24 Jan., 1827, James D. Tourtellotte of Pomfret, Conn., settled at Tolland, Conn., removed to Willimantic, Conn., where he d. May, 1889, had ch.; CELIA, b. 29 Nov., 1813, m. 18 May, 1841, Jared Lilley of Woodstock, Conn., removed to Rockford, Ill., had ch.

20. LEWIS, son of Amos (19), m. 23 May, 1819, Harriet B., dau. of John Torrey, b. 28 Sept., 1799. He d. 17 March, 1874, she d. aged 82, 9 July, 1882. . . . Children: WILLIAM H., b. 29 Oct., 1820, m. 18 April, 1848, Julia A., dau. of Elisha R. Sibley of Sutton, resided in Ox. and Worcester, where she d. 14 Dec., 1884; they had *Harriet B.*, b. 21 May, 1849, d. 10 April, 1884; *Lowell H.*, b. 14 March, 1851, d. 9 April, 1880; *William H.*, b. 1 Feb., 1857, d. 19 Nov., 1879; SUSAN T., b. 1823, d. 1825; JOHN W., b. 15 Aug., 1825, m. 1 Feb., 1852, Margaret Raney, b. 12 June, 1826, in Ireland, resided at Epworth, Ia., farmer; they had *Lillie*, b. 27 Jan., 1859; *Charles W.*, b. 1 April, 1861; GEORGE E., b. 10 June, 1827, m. 14 April, 1852, Mary A. Wetherby, b. 26 April, 1830, at Westminster, resided at Brookfield; they had *Addie M.*, b. 29 Sept., 1856; *Fannie W.*, b. 18 April, 1867; SARAH M., b. 23 Sept., 1829, m. 16 June, 1852, Truman Marsh of Dudley; CHARLES L., b. 2 June, 1831, at Sutton, m. 22 Nov., 1860, Achsah Ward of Sutton, b. 25 Nov., 1832, resided at Webster; they had *Charles L.*, b. 23 July, 1863; MARY JANE, b. 6 June, 1833; MARTHA ANN, b. 8 May, 1836, m. William, son of Ebenezer Foster; AMOS H., b. 8 Oct., 1839, sergeant in the late war, killed at Antietam, 17 Sept., 1862; RUFUS A., b. 22 Nov., 1843, m. 13 Aug., 1865, Mary J., dau. of Willis Humphrey, no ch.

21. JABEZ, son of Amos (18), Revolutionary soldier, m. 29 March, 1775, Olive Penniman, b. 24 Feb., 1751, settled at Medway. He d. 30 June, 1821, she d. 17 Sept., 1823. . . . Children: OLIVE, b. 22 Nov., 1777, d. young; ABIGAIL, b. 20 Feb., 1780, d. 31 March, 1820, unm.; OLIVE, b. 28 Feb., 1783, m. 9 Sept., 1803, Thomas Adams of Medway, she d. Oct., 1881; they had *Sibyl*, b. 6 July, 1804, d. March, 1844; *Amos*, b. 25 March, 1810, d. 15 June, 1834; *Amos*, b. 27 March, 1787, m. 1810, Patience Adams, settled at Medway, he d. 22 Aug., 1871; they had *Willard A.*, b. 20 March, 1811; *Amos P.*, b. 31 Oct., 1812, d. 1849, in Mexico; *Olive*, b. 15 Jan., 1815; *Lowell*, b. 5 Sept., 1817; *Abigail*, b. 29 Aug., 1820; *Albert*, b. 22 Jan., 1824; *Edmund*, b. 22 Jan., 1826; *William W.*, b. 26 Sept., 1830; *Asahel A.*, b. 3 June, 1833, resided at Philadelphia, Pa., shoe dealer, genealogist of the family; *Caroline P.*, b. 28 May, 1836; RUTH, b. 4 Feb., 1793, m. William Adams, settled at Medway, she d. 29 July, 1872; they had *Almira*, b. 13 April, 1816; *Abigail*, b. 1820, d. 1824; *Charlotte*, b. 1823, d. 1843; *Lucy A.*, b. 14 April, 1825, d. 1859; *Laura A.*, b. 7 Aug., 1830; *William M.*, b. 22 June, 1831.

NATHAN, and Hannah Chubb of Belchertown, m. intentions 7 Sept., 1771.

ELIZABETH, and Samuel Carroll of Sutton, m. 31 Dec., 1778.

JOHN, and Sarah Gale of Sutton, m. 19 Sept., 1795.

MRS. NABBY, and Joseph Waters of Sutton, m. 2 April, 1807.

SALLY, and Amariah Beinis, m. 25 June, 1809.

BETSEY, and Elisha Ware, both of Wrentham, m. 14 March, 1810.

NAOMI, and Charles Martin, m. intentions 27 April, 1823.

HIRAM, d. 8 May, 1875.

**SIBLEY, BENJAMIN**, b. 19 Sept., 1703, son of Joseph of Sutton, m. Priscilla Rich; they had in Sutton PRISCILLA and BENJAMIN; removed to Ox., where they had ZERUIAH, b. 31 Aug., 1729; family removed to Union, Conn.; ch. b. after leaving Ox.: JOSEPH, EZEKIEL, SAMUEL, JONATHAN.

GIDEON, son of Jonathan of Sutton, b. 20 Nov., 1750, Revolutionary soldier from Sutton, m. (1) 28 April, 1772, Tamar Fitts, who d. 22 Aug., 1806, aged 59, m. (2) 11 Jan., 1809, Zipporah Cummings of Sutton, no ch., she d. 25 Dec. (?), 1829, aged 73, settled in Sutton, removed 1785 or 1786 to Ox., built a large farmhouse and out-buildings on the hill east of the present Slater's reservoir, H. 11, where he d. He was a hard working, thriving farmer, of iron constitution, and "never knew what it was to be tired," or had a sick day. He was among the minute-men who marched at the Lexington alarm, was but a short time in the service. He built for his son Peter a house near his own on the hill, not long occupied by him. All these buildings were removed about 1865, and the farm has since been divided. He d. 21 Aug., 1846, aged 96. . . . Children b. at Sutton: GIDEON, b. 3 May, 1773, d. 1799; PERLEY, b. 17 July, 1774, m. 17 Dec., 1798, Polly Harwood, scythe maker at Athol; TAMAR, b. 9 April, 1776, m. 28 June, 1795, Capt. Reuben Waters of Sutton, where she d. 25 Dec., 1803; SIMON, b. 12 Jan., 1778, m. intentions 9 Jan., 1805, Nancy Rice of Brimfield; ch. recorded at Ox., Freeman, b. 16 July, 1812; Mary, b. 15 Nov., 1813; Simon II., b. 22 Dec., 1816, family removed to Sutton, where his w. d., he removed to Warren to live with a son, d. there; PETER, b. 29 Feb., 1780, m. 17 Jan., 1804, Hannah, dau. of John Mayo, she d. a widow, aged 85, 29 Aug., 1866; they had at Ox.: Dolly, b. 21 Nov., 1804; Myra, b. 5 Dec., 1808; removed to Orange, where he d.; LUCY, b. 5 May, 1782, m. 31 May, 1812, Nahum Lackey of Sutton, removed to Brookfield, he d., she m. (2) —— Wakefield, she d. at Fitchburg; AMOS, b. 19 Oct., 1783, m. 1 Oct., 1809, Prudence, dau. of Solomon Harwood, removed to Athol, resided 1821 at Troy, N. H., had a large family, scythe maker.

2. JONATHAN, son of Reuben, who was brother of Gideon (1), b. 4 Feb., 1772, at Sutton, m. 8 April, 1798, Tirzah, dau. of Ebenezer Lamson, no ch. Came to Ox. 1810 from Spencer, having bought H. 225, prosperous farmer, had fine stock, and was a great lover of horses, owned the finest parade horse in the region, in demand far and near for annual musters. He d. aged 67, 24 May, 1843, she d. aged 89, 21 Feb., 1869.

3. FRANCIS, son of Tarrant, who was brother of Gideon (1), b. 1 Jan., 1786, at Sutton, m. (1) 9 Aug., 1811, Sally, dau. of Learned Davis, settled on her father's homestead in the east part of Ox., H. 19, she d. 24 May, 1822, m. (2) intentions 8 Jan., 1826, Mary Plummer of Barre, who d. 22 Oct., 1827 [Headstone], m. (3) 13 April, 1829, Susanna, dau. of John Davis. He d. 4 (?) Aug., 1848, she d. 16 Sept., 1885, aged 94. Millwright, paper manufacturer at Hamden, Conn., representative in 1838 and 1839. . . . Children by first m.: SUMNER, b. 1813, d. young; SALLY D., b. 22 Dec., 1816, m. 9 Jan., 1850, Dr. Dean Towne of Worcester, no ch., she d. 30 March, 1851; by second m.:

FRANCIS F., b. 22 Oct., 1827, m. (1) 15 Jan., 1857, M. Malvina Richardson of Douglas, settled in Ox., removed to Sutton; they had *Kate R.*, b. 1858; *Edward F.*, b. 1860; m. (2) Mrs. Harriet Putnam, m. n. Sibley, no ch.; ch. by third m.: *SUSAN W.*, b. 24 Sept., 1831, resided on the homestead.

4. ISRAEL, brother of Francis (3), b. 11 Feb., 1795, at Sutton, m. intentions 14 Jan., 1816, Tirzah Davis of Ox., settled in the east part of Ox., bought in 1827 H. 205, east side of Main Street; millwright and thriving farmer; he d. 28 March, 1886, she d. 16 June, 1885, aged 89. . . . *Children*: TIRZAH, b. 27 May, 1816, m. Orson E., son of Thaddeus Hall; PERSIS, b. 8 June, 1818, m. 20 April, 1848, Addington Barnes of Thompson, Conn., no ch., she d. 23 Jan., 1875; LORING, b. 13 Dec., 1819, unm., resided on the homestead; ISRAEL, b. 5 April, 1822, m. 7 May, 1848, Pauline Heath of Willington, Conn.; had *Herbert H.*, b. 25 Oct., 1855; HANNAH E., b. 1824, d. 1828; EMILY E., b. 1 Dec., 1827, m. 5 Oct., 1852, Jacob Baker of Dudley, Universalist minister at Weymouth, no ch.; MARCUS J., b. 1833, d. 1836; JULIA A., b. 1834, d. 1836; JULIA P., b. 4 Oct., 1837, artist.

5. NAHUM, brother of Francis (3), b. 5 June, 1800, at Sutton, m. 14 June, 1823, Susanna, dau. of Andrew Sigourney. He d. aged 80, 26 Dec., 1880, she d. aged 78, 13 June, 1876. . . . *Children*: GEORGE W., b. 4 May, 1829, m. 11 Dec., 1848, Lydia C. Morrill of Stanstead, C. E., b. 18 April, 1827; they had *Josephine E.*, b. 7 Dec., 1852, m. Cornelius, son of Peter Westervelt of Jersey City, N. J., where they settled, no ch.; *Luther W.*, b. 11 July, 1857, m. Ella Smith of Charlestown, had ch.; ROCHELLE N., b. 18 July, 1832, m. Josephine J. Ingalls of Cherry Valley, N. Y., he d. 22 Oct., 1882.

AARON, resided at Ox. 1808 [Court Rec.], owned a grist-mill at North Ox., had a son LYMAN who was a millwright and owned a mill near Charlton City, d. there.

ALMON, son of Elijah of Sutton, m. 30 Nov., 1817, Nancy Fuller, resided at H. 6. He d. 29 Oct., 1849, at Ox. . . . *Children*: NANCY, b. 28 Feb., 1820, m. Benjamin Dudley, no ch.; MARY ANN, b. 4 April, 1823, m. Ethan Brown of Ox., had ch.; SUMNER, b. 1 Jan., 1829; FRANKLIN, b. 12 Oct., 1832, residence, Sutton; RUFUS, settled at Windham, Conn., had ch.

2. SUMNER, son of Almon (1), m. (1) 1 May, 1862, Maria Miller; m. (2) 14 Aug., 1876, Ruth Hoyle. . . . *Children* by first m.: HATTIE MINERVA, b. 10 Oct., 1863, at Uxbridge, d. young; ALMON, b. 28 July, 1866, at Oxford; FRED H., b. 24 June, 1872, at Ox.; ch. by second m.: FLORENCE E., b. 18 Sept., 1881, at Sutton; CHARLES H., b. 26 Dec., 1884, at Ox.

IRA, m. 4 July, 1843, Sophronia, dau. of Edward H. Shumway; he d. aged 37, 10 Dec., 1857, she m. (2) Henry L. Abbott, residence, Webster. . . . *Children*: ANN S., b. 3 Dec., 1844; GEORGE H., b. 14 May, 1846; ELLEN A., b. 14 April, 1849, m. Edward I. Willis; EDWARD E., b. 15 Sept., 1853; BELLE M., b. 8 March, 1858.

IRA T., son of Tyler of Sutton, m. 25 March, 1850, Eliza Hill of Sutton, and had R. EDMUND, b. 21 Nov., 1853.

ABEL, of Sutton, and Abigail Nichols, m. 12 May, 1766.

ABNER, of Sutton, and Betty Lillie, m. 28 May, 1766.

PAUL, and Sarah Putnam, both of Sutton, m. 2 Dec., 1766.

LYDIA, and John Harwood, Jr., of Sutton, m. 28 Aug., 1777.

JUDITH, of Sutton, and Nathan Taft of Northbridge, m. 1 Oct., 1778.

DANIEL, and Phebe Prince, both of Sutton, m. 14 April, 1779.

TARRANT, of Sutton, and Phebe Putnam, m. 22 April, 1779.

BENJAMIN, and Zilpah Davis, m. int. 16 April, 1791, parents of Hiram of Rochester.

SALLY, and Tyler Marsh, m. 7 Feb., 1793.

POLLY, and Abner Cummins of Sutton, m. 14 Sept., 1794.

CATHERINE, and Nathaniel Jennison, both of Ward, m. 2 Jan., 1800.

LEAVENS, of Sutton, and Betsey Livermore of Ward, m. 11 April, 1802.

POLLY, and Jesse Kenney, both of Sutton, m. 18 May, 1809.

JOHN, of Sutton, and Betsey Stockwell, m. int. 9 Oct., 1814.

ELISHA, and Annis Rockwood, m. int. 9 Oct., 1814.

HANNAH, and Aaron Mowrey, m. 25 Nov., 1818.

AARON Sibley and Sarah Gleason, both of Ward, m. 14 April, 1822.

RUTH, and Chester Fitts, m. 23 Nov., 1825.

DAVID, and Anna Aldrich of Uxbridge, m. 4 Sept., 1828.

ABIGAIL, and James Davis, m. int. 30 March, 1834.

REUBEN, Sutton, a. 32, killed by railroad train at Centre, 26 Feb., 1846.

MARY, aged 44, d. 18 July, 1847.

MARY M., m. n. Richardson, aged 28, d. 24 Jan., 1860.

MRS. MARIA F., aged 42, d. 20 Dec., 1874.

ELVIRA, m. n. Yates, dau. of Amos of Douglas, aged 52, d. 18 June, 1876.

SICILIANO, NATALE, aged 30, killed on railroad 12 Sept., 1883.

**SIGOURNEY, ANDREW**, constable of the French Colony, m. Charlotte Pairan, he d. at Boston, 16 April, 1727, aged 89, they had five children. **ANDREW**, a son, b. 1673, in France, m. Mary Germaine, b. 1680, in France. **SUSAN**, a dau., m. (1) John Johnson, who was killed by the Indians 25 Aug., 1696, at Ox., she m. (2) Daniel Johomot of Boston. **BARTHÉMY**, youngest, b. in London, baptized 16 April, 1682. Andrew and Mary (Germaine) Sigourney resided at Boston, where he was a distiller; he d. 1748. They had with others **ANTHONY**, b. 17 Aug., 1713, m. 10 April, 1740, Mary Waters of Salem; m. (2) Elizabeth Breed, m. n. Whittemore; he d. 1761, his widow d. 18 May, 1804, at Ox., aged 88. . . . *Child by first m.:* **MARY**, b. 23 March, 1742, m. James Butler; ch. by second m.: **ANTHONY**, b. 12 May, 1751; **ANDREW**, b. 30 Nov., 1752. These three children of Anthony of Boston were the first of the Sigourney family to return to Ox., Anthony, Jr., buying property here in 1774, and Mr. Butler and wife and Andrew coming toward the close of the Revolutionary war.

2. **ANTHONY**, son of Anthony (1), Revolutionary soldier, marched on Lexington alarm, m. 23 June, 1774, Ruth Chase of Sutton, settled at Ox., bought 1774 a farm on Long Hill, H. 163, and 1778 the estate lying between the old mill near the Hawes place and the place late Jennison Adams', H. 174, where he resided. In 1783 he "taught a school in a private house near north common," perhaps this place; removed 1797 to Stratton, Vt., where his wife Ruth d. 17 Jan., 1802; m. (2) —— Phillips and removed to Watertown, N. Y., where he d. 10 July, 1825. . . . *Children, all by first m., b. at Ox.:* **ANTHONY**, b. 29 Oct., 1775, m. Betsey Gloyd of Lowville, N. Y., d. 21 April, 1847, at Watertown; **RUTH**, b. 7 Dec., 1777, m. in New York State, d. 1832, at Rochester; **ANDREW**, b. 16 Dec., 1779, m. 1810, Hannah Stevens of Sheffield, d. 1819, at Watertown; **ELIZABETH**, b. 22 Dec., 1781, m. in New York State, d. 1827, at Alexandria, N. Y.; **CHARLES**, b. 29 Feb., 1784, m. 1806, Sally French of Orange, d. 1852 at Hammond, N. Y.; **PETER**, b. 14 May, 1786, m. 19 Aug., 1812, Weltha Bates, d. 1832, at Fowler, N. Y.; **SARAH**, b. 14 June, 1789, m. in

New York State, d. 1834, at Watertown; JOHN, b. 9 May, 1792, m. 29 Sept., 1819, Clarissa Caldwell of Adams, settled at Watertown.

3. ANDREW, son of Anthony (1), m. 26 July, 1787, at Dudley, Elizabeth, dau. of Josiah Wolcott, Esq., of Ox. "He was apprenticed to a sailmaker in Boston, went to Newfoundland and worked at his trade till the Revolutionary war broke out, and came then to his uncle (?) Holman in Sutton. He, with his brother Anthony and cousin (?) Jonathan Holman, entered the army, were in the battle at White Plains and other engagements. He obtained a commission as commissary with the rank of Captain. In 1784 he settled in Oxford and became wealthy in trade." [Sig. Gen.]. He began business in partnership with Mr. Butler, his brother-in-law, opposite the north common, and several years later removed his business to the Plain and there continued until the infirmities of age obliged him to relinquish active life. He bought the estate on the southeast corner of Main and Sutton roads in 1792, and probably removed to the Centre about that time; built the present brick house about 1816; d. 16 April, 1838, she d. aged 67, 20 March, 1829.

. . . Children: WILLIAM, b. 1 May, 1788, m. 23 May, 1819, Mary E. Morgan, she d. 27 April, 1827, aged 24; m. (2) 3 Sept., 1839, Eliza H. Sherman of Brimfield, no ch.; he d. 6 Dec., 1863, she d. aged 55, 28 Jan., 1866; ELIZABETH, b. 31 Dec., 1789, m. Daniel Stone; CLARISSA, b. 18 Aug., 1791, m. John Wetherell; MARTIN, b. 9 Nov., 1793; SUSANNA, b. 13 Jan., 1797, m. Nahum Sibley; ANDREW and MARY, b. 20 Nov., 1799; Mary m. (1) Benjamin F. Town, m. (2) Stephen Hunt.

4. MARTIN, son of Andrew (3), m. 14 May, 1821, Susan, dau. of Henry B. Morgan, sister of wife of William, farmer. He d. 2 Jan., 1862, she d. aged 83, 29 Aug., 1885; she had remarkable business talent, and for 50 years conducted successfully a dry goods and millinery store in Ox. . . . Children: CHARLES A., b. 9 Nov., 1823, m. 6 May, 1846, Sarah A., dau. of Stephen Hutchinson of Sutton, b. 10 Nov., 1825, he d. 28 March, 1888; they had *Charles H.*, b. 29 July, 1847, m. 22 Nov., 1876, Mary E., dau. of John Booth of Providence, R. I., carpenter and builder, at Worcester, had ch.; *Isabel H.*, b. 24 Jan., 1850, m. William E. Bardwell; *Herman H.*, b. 10 March, 1856; GEORGE W., b. 26 Sept., 1826, m. Dec., 1858. Olive, dau. of Willard Fisher of Killingly, Conn., and had *Myrtis S.*, b. 23 Dec., 1860, m. 15 Sept., 1886, Gilbert H. Harrington of Worcester; *Andrew Wolcott*, b. 17 Oct., 1880.

5. ANDREW, son of Andrew (3), m. 14 Aug., 1826, Lucy L., dau. of Peter Butler, merchant, lived at the homestead. He d. 28 Aug., 1850, in California, she d. 14 March, 1876, at Ox. . . . Children: ELLEN E., b. 1 May, 1830, m. 3 Sept., 1867, Rev. William F. Lloyd, b. 18 Nov., 1822, at Dublin, Ire., his father was Welsh, born in London, and his mother French. He was graduated at Trinity College, Dublin, in 1849, studied two years in the Divinity School of the University, came to America in 1852, and was ordained by Bishop McIlvaine at Gambia, O., settled first at Clifton near Cincinnati in 1856. Came to Ox. in 1863; after his marriage removed to Fort Washington, N. Y., and thence to Weymouth, and later to Milford, and April, 1877, to Ox., thence 1885 to Worcester, where she d. 11 March 1887. He with sons removed 1889 to California; he d. 22 July, 1890, at Los Angeles. They had *Irwin S.*, b. 18 Oct., 1868, at Fort Washington, N. Y., civil engineer; *William P. B.*, b. 11 Feb., 1872, at Weymouth. ANNE M., b. 18 July, 1833, d. 7 Aug., 1851; LUCY M., b. 18 Sept., 1842, d. 5 Sept., 1864.

**SIMPSON, WILLIAM**, of Sutton, Revolutionary soldier, m. 3 Oct., 1749, Susanna McKnight, and had a son **LOT**, b. about 1766, m. Hannah Pulsifer of Sutton, removed to Ox. 1814, returned 1817 to Sutton, where he d. 1850, she d. 1861 at Oakham, aged 90; they had **HANNAH**, b. Nov., 1798, m. Richard Winslow of Millbury, had ch., she d. 1877 at Petersham; **WILLARD**, b. June, 1800, removed West and not heard from; **SARAH R.**, b. 24 Jan., 1803, m. July, 1833, George W. Martin from Albany, Vt., he d. 16 Jan., 1837, she resided 1890 at Ox.; they had *Sarah M.*, b. 21 Nov., 1833, d. 13 Feb., 1860, unm.; *Hannah A.*, b. 4 Jan., 1835; *Edwin A.*, b. 15 Dec., 1836, corporal in the 36th Mass. Regt. in the late war, killed at Cold Harbor, 3 June, 1864. The *Massachusetts Spy* a few days after his death contained the following: "On his family and friends a severe blow has fallen. He was a person of more than ordinary integrity of character, and of a noble, generous disposition. He enlisted from principle. Although advised that it might not be his duty, he said 'Some one must go. My mother and sister I leave in the care of God, whose I trust I am.'" **FANNY W.**, b. Feb., 1805, m. Orlando Russell, resided at Grafton, had ch., removed to Phillipston, where he d. Oct., 1880, she resided at Paxton; **ANN M.**, b. Feb., 1807, m. Peter Stockwell; **LOT FOSTER**, b. Aug., 1809, d. 1862, at Sutton; **CHARLOTTE**, b. Aug., 1811, d. 14 Sept., 1856, at Oakham, unm.; **ORRA L. (son)**, b. Nov., 1813, m. and resided at Hartford, had ch., d. 1866, at Sutton.

MISS ELEDESIA, aged 86, d. 13 Feb., 1887.

**SINGLETARY, JOHN**, b. 17 March, 1745, at Sutton, son of Amos and Mary Curtis (dau. of Samuel of Topsfield, who in 1748 settled in North Gore), m. 15 April, 1767, Sarah Jennison. [Sutton History.] On 16 April, 1767, Elijah Moore deeded to John Singletary a 60-acre lot in the northeast part of Ox., bounded north on the south line of Worcester, now in Auburn. Here he settled and had ch.: **MARY**, **SARAH** and a posthumous dau. who d. soon. He d. between 20 July, 1771, the date of his will, and 8 Oct., the same year. In March, 1789, Mary and Sarah, then of Ward, the latter being under age, brought a successful suit against their grandfather Amos to recover their portions of their father's estate.

**SKINNER, ABRAHAM**, one of the 30 English proprietors, supposed to have been of the Malden family, but there having been several of the name it is difficult to fix his parentage. [P. Corey, Esq., the historian of Malden, writes "That our Malden Abraham went to Colchester, I am very sure, whether he stopped at Oxford on the way I do not know, I should think from your letters that he did."] He was a blacksmith, grandson of Benjamin Chamberlain, took up his 40-acre lot at Augutteback Falls, sold in 1722 and removed to Colchester, Conn. On 3 March, 1721, Benjamin Chamberlain "for love and affection" to his grandson Abraham Skinner deeded to him a 60-acre lot on Prospect Hill, which Abraham Skinner of Colchester deeded 20 May, 1724, to Samuel Eddy of Watertown. [The names Skinner and Chamberlain were prominent in the early history of Colchester. In Oct., 1745, Abraham Skinner with others, resident on the borders of Colchester and Hebron, petitioned to be set off as a parish.] His signature upon the Ox. proprietors' book is in good style and indicates an uncommon degree of culture for those times. He was evidently a man of influence, and was a constituent member of the Church, selectman five years and one year constable. He m. Abigail ——, who from the fact that her name does not appear with his in the formation

of the Church, we conclude d. before Jan., 1721. . . . *Children*: THOMAS, b. 14 Feb., 1715, d.; THOMAS, b. 8 Sept., 1717. [The name Abraham Skinner, *Senior*, appears on the town records, which indicates there were father and son resident here, and this fact adds to the complication of the family history.]

ABIGAIL (sister of Abraham?), and Joseph White of Mendon, m. 15 April, 1718.

ELIZA, widow of Daniel of Thompson, aged 70, d. 22 July, 1873.

SLATER, JOHN, m. 9 Nov., 1827, Sarah J. Tiffany of Boston, had SARAH, b. 20 Jan., 1829.

—, wife of George, d. 1823.

GEORGE B., and Mrs. Lydia Haskell, m. n. Robinson, m. 19 April, 1825.

SMELLIDGE, SOLOMON, b. about 1734, at Boston, soldier in the French war, d. 1756.

SMITH, JESSE, b. 1714, m. Elizabeth —, was of Sturbridge 1738, in Oct. his father, Nathaniel Smith (wife Elidea) of Medfield deeded to him land in Sturbridge and also "one-half of my right in the first lot in number of the 10,000 acres in the Country Gore." He in 1742, being then of North Gore, sold his Sturbridge land. His farm was bounded south on Ox. line and east on Ebenezer and Joshua Merriam, according to the record of division in 1763 among his heirs. Jesse, his son, succeeded him as owner and in 1811 deeded the same to his kinsman, Jesse Smith Warren, a minor. He d. probably 1763. . . . *Children* b. in North Gore: NATHANIEL, b. 18 Nov., 1742, probably d. young; ELIZABETH, b. 22 Nov., 1745; MARY, b. 22 May, 1748, m. Elisha Hamilton; SARAH, b. 28 Oct., 1750; SYBELLA, b. 16 July, 1753; ABIGAIL, b. 16 Aug., 1755; JESSE (Gore then set to Charlton), Ebenezer Hammond was his guardian. These, excepting Nathaniel, are all named in the division referred to. The estate embraced land in several other towns.

SAMUEL, son of Samuel, b. 5 Oct., 1778, at New Marlborough, came to Ox. 1802, m. (1) 12 May, 1802, Nancy, dau. of Levi Lamb, she d. 12 Dec., 1820, m. (2) 19 Aug., 1821, Senath, widow of Richard Moore; shoemaker and later for many years deputy sheriff, doing at times a very large business and was well known in all the towns adjoining, town clerk from 1820 to 1824, d. aged 79, 21 June, 1858, she d. aged 94, 21 Feb., 1883. . . . *Children*: ALMIRA, b. 1 Dec., 1803, m. Lewis Eddy of Ward; DANIEL W., b. 2 Nov., 1805, d. 18 Oct., 1827; ERLUNIA, b. 13 July, 1813, unm.; ch. by second m.: SAMUEL W., b. 22 Nov., 1823, m. Jan., 1848, Elizabeth, dau. of John Haskell of Dudley, no ch., he d. 28 Nov., 1872, a man of integrity and moral worth, filled important positions.

JOHN A., son of John and Nancy, b. 28 Jan., 1802, was brought up at Lot Marsh's in Dudley, went South in young manhood and was many years teacher of dancing at Baltimore, later in New York State, m. 28 Jan., 1826, Eliza N., dau. of Peter Stockwell. He d. at Watertown, N. Y., she d. aged 47, 24 Nov., 1848, at Ox. . . . *Children*: JOHN A., b. 3 Nov., 1826, resided at St. Louis, Mo.; ELEANOR W., b. 20 April, 1829, d. unm.; ADA; GEORGINA, m. — Endicott, resided at Oswego, N. Y., where she d., he m. (2) ELIZA, another daughter in the family; D. W. CLINTON, b. 1831, d. 16 Dec., 1848.

HIRAM, son of Thomas of Sutton, m. 1 July, 1819, Borodel, dau. of Francis Blandin, settled at Ox. . . . Children: MARY, b. 1819, d. 1820; SARAH W., b. 26 Nov., 1820, d. young; HIRAM, b. 10 Oct., 1823, d. young; THOMAS BRIGHAM, m. his cousin, the dau. of Martin Blandin, soldier in the late war.

ANDREW, m. (1) 15 July, 1812, Ruth, dau. of James Gleason, m. (2) intentions 18 July, 1830, Eunice Chaffee; shoemaker, Capt. of Cavalry Co., removed after second m. to Woodstock, Conn. . . . Children by first m.: SIDNEY, b. 25 July, 1814, last known residence Worcester; CELIA B., b. 1820, d. 1825; by second m.: CELIA B., b. 7 March, 1831.

SIMEON, b. about 1778, son of Oliver, m. 28 March, 1802, Polly Jones of Charlton. He d. aged 70, 25 April, 1848. She d. aged 81, 13 Dec., 1863. . . . Children: POLLY, b. and d. 1803; HARRIET, b. 15 July, 1804, m. 3 Nov., 1824, John C. Hall of Millbury, removed about 1834 to Millbury; had at Ox.: Caroline C., m. Wilson B. Robbins of Woonsocket, R. I., soldier in the late war; Mary A., d. aged 14; William H., m. Lucy Howe of Grafton; Samuel P., resided at Upton; Harriet M., m. A. Burrill Yeomans; John W., lost at sea; Charles A., musician in the late war; WILLIAM AUGUSTUS, b. 2 Nov., 1806, drowned 17 Oct., 1834; CATHARINE T., b. 9 Aug., 1810, m. (1) 15 Nov., 1825, Sanford Sibley, 4 ch., m. (2) Hiram, brother of her first husband, 5 ch., she d. about 1872, at Westboro'; SANFORD J., m. Mary M. Johnson of Grafton, he d. 3 Feb., 1884, she d. March, 1885; they had Cynthia A., b. 16 Aug., 1841, m. (1) William Blodgett, soldier in the late war, killed in the battle of Fair Oaks, they had Franklin, she m. (2) William Flynn of Worcester, and had Minnie, m. Joseph Barber; William A., b. 21 Aug., 1844, soldier in the 26th Mass. Regt., d. in service.

NATHAN, wife Elizabeth. . . . Children: SUSANNA, NAMA, EUNICE, NATHAN, Jr., resided at Ox. March, 1783.

JACOB, of Deering, N. H., m. 1 Aug., 1791, Ruth, dau. of John Larned, owned from 1791 to 1793 the Lyman Wetherell farm, H. 68, removed from town. . . . Children: POLLY T., b. 26 Jan., 1792; MIRIAM, b. 21 July, 1794.

JOSEPH, m. 25 March, 1802, Sally Pray of Ward, he d. April, 1828. . . . Children: HARVEY, b. 16 Aug., 1803, d. 29 March, 1853; PHILENA, b. 25 July, 1807.

ROBERT, of Leominster, and Susanna Gould, m. 28 Feb., 1744.

NATHANIEL, soldier in the French war, 1761.

JONATHAN, Warwick, and Elizabeth Harbridge, Dudley, m. 30 Nov., 1769.

DAVID, Revolutionary soldier, w. Abigail, had Jeremiah, b. 17 Feb., 1781.

WILLIAM, and Esther Delany of Ward, m. 30 Dec., 1778.

WILLIAM, and Rachel Lewis, m. 11 Oct., 1781.

ELIZABETH, S. Gore, and Thomas Barrett, Woodstock, m. 13 Feb., 1782.

MRS. MARY, and William Richardson of Leicester, m. 1 March, 1792.

BENJAMIN, and Penelope Holley, both of South Gore, m. 8 Feb., 1800.

CATHERINE, dau. of Oliver, and Jacob Town, son of Jacob, m. 30 Oct., 1808.

JACOB W., and Martha Conant of Charlton, m. intentions 1 Jan., 1824.

JOSEPH, d. April, 1828.

PERSIS, and William Mellen, both of South Ox., m. int. 22 Aug., 1829.

NANCY, aged 30, d. 23 Sept., 1830.

BETSEY ANN, of Douglas, and Oliver C. Emerson of South Gore, m. intentions 24 April, 1831.

ELISHA, of Northbridge, and Mahala Underwood, m. 20 Jan., 1833; she d. aged 50, 4 Feb., 1859.

**ABNER**, and Emeline Lewis of Grafton, m. intentions 22 March, 1837.

**ELISHA**, and Charlotte Cutting, m. intentions 18 March, 1849.

**REV. JOSEPH** [Baptist], aged 58, d. 26 April, 1866.

**FARALD** (Irish), aged 67, d. 28 Sept., 1872.

**Mrs. ANN** (English), aged 68, d. 7 Oct., 1873.

**EDWARD**, son of Timothy, aged 23, d. 4 April, 1876.

**MARY**, m. n. Hamilton, aged 75, d. 6 Jan., 1881.

**ELLEN** (Irish), aged 62, d. 8 Sept., 1881.

**EUGENE**, aged 38, d. 24 March, 1883.

**HONORA** (Irish), widow, aged 32, d. 16 Aug., 1883.

**Mrs. MARY**, aged 87, d. 29 April, 1889.

**SNELL, JOSEPH**, of Ashford, and Abigail Barton, m. int. 10 Jan., 1783.

**PEREZ**, husbandman, of Ox. Dec., 1790.

**SNOW, LAWSON**, of Millbury, son of Warren and Polly [Waters], m. Hannah, widow of Ira Trask of Millbury, dau. of Nathan Thurston of Ox.; removed to Ox. before May, 1837; bought 1848 the house now John Turcott, II. 184, where both d.; he d. aged 78, 31 Jan., 1878, she d. aged 72, 29 Nov., 1870. He was a harness maker, a good citizen and known as "Captain". . . Children b. at Millbury: **FRANKLIN T.**, b. 29 Dec., 1826, m. 29 Oct., 1850, Sophia S., dau. of Peter Kidder, she d. Nov., 1876, at Roxbury, Vt.; they had **Charles F.**, b. 21 Dec., 1851; **William P.**, b. 19 May, 1854; **Nellie**; **SARAH C.**, b. 8 Feb., 1829, m. Lorenzo, son of Nathan Morgan; **ALEXANDER T.**, b. 6 Dec., 1830, m. (1) 1 Jan., 1853, Mary Eliza Cummings, and had **Fred L.**, b. 31 May, 1854, m. 31 May, 1875, Annie E. Wilson, marketman and farmer at Ox.; **Chloe A.**, b. 1858, d. 1861; Mary E., the mother, d. 12 April, 1863, he m. (2) 1865, Elizabeth, dau. of Horace Pope, who d. aged 27, 11 Dec., 1870; **ELIZABETH D.**, b. 1832, d. 1835; **H. WILBUR**, b. 11 Feb., 1836, m. 1859, Angenette Bacon of Southbridge, he d. 4 April, 1876, at Worcester, no ch.; she m. (2) R. M. Reynolds of Monson, where she d. 1 Sept., 1888.

**WILLIAM**, was of Oxford 1771, and in 1777 bought land on Prospect Hill, bounded in part on his own.

**ALDEN**, of Millbury, and Emily Ward, m. 8 May, 1834.

**CYNTHIA W.**, dau. of Abner of Spencer, aged 83, d. unm. 24 July, 1868.

**SOUTHWICK, SAMUEL**, from Vermont, shoe manufacturer, m. Lucretia, dau. of Frederick Faulkner, no ch.; she d. aged 52, 22 July, 1860, he d. aged 67, 25 April, 1882.

**SOUTHWORTH, SALLY**, aged 22, d. 5 April, 1824.

**CHILD OF STEPHEN**, d. Nov., 1823.

**SPARHAWK, NATHANIEL**, Cambridge 1638, had **NATHANIEL**, b. in England, m. 3 Oct., 1649, Patience, dau. of Rev. Samuel Newman of Rehoboth; had **SAMUEL**, b. 5 Feb., 1665, m. Sarah, dau. of Rev. Samuel Whiting, resided at Cambridge, he d. 2 Nov., 1713, she d. 1752, aged 84; they had with others **JOSEPH**, b. 2 April, 1708, and **SAMUEL**. [Samuel Sparhawk bought in July, 1729, 100 acres of land in Sutton. Joseph, then of Sutton, had a case in court Aug., 1741.] Joseph m. (1) —— Cook, m. (2) —— Sibley, settled at Sutton; removed to Prospect Hill in Ox. having, in 1758, exchanged estates with Edmund Town, son-in-law, who removed to Sutton. He sold within

about two years after coming to Ox. and we find no later trace of him.  
 . . . Children: TIMOTHY, b. 13 March, 1751; JOSEPH, b. 16 Aug., 1754; ELIZABETH; HANNAH, m. Edmund Town, resided at Sutton.

2. TIMOTHY, son of Joseph (1), brought up at Ebenezer Locke's, Revolutionary soldier, marched at Lexington alarm, was in Saratoga battles, an active participant in the "Shays Rebellion," lived to a hearty old age, and when over 80 years old walked to New Lebanon, N. Y., to visit relatives. He occupied the homestead of his father-in-law, Asa Conant (II. 119), and cared for him and his wife in their old age. Later, lived at H. 121, near the Lamb mill, house removed many years ago. He m. (1) 4 Feb., 1778, Mary, dau. of Asa Conant, she died in middle life; m. (2) 17 Oct., 1817, Mrs. Nancy Williams; he d. aged 90, 24 Dec., 1838, she d. 18 May (17 July, *Massachusetts Spy*), 1823. . . . Children, order of birth unknown: SALLY, m. William Story, settled at Ashford, Conn., had Fitch, William, both settled in Ohio; Miner, railroad contractor, d. many years ago; Stephen; Danforth; Irene; Sally; SAMUEL, d. at New Lebanon, N. Y.; DANFORTH, m. at New Lebanon, N. Y., Abigail Harwood of Cavendish, Vt., had three daughters, all had died 1885; SYLVANUS, m. 20 Sept., 1824, Arvilla Riggs, settled at New Lebanon, and had Esther E., b. 25 Oct., 1826, m. Feb., 1849, J. T. Pettibone, and d. 30 March, 1874, at Algonaquin, Ill.; William Henry, b. 11 April, 1829, at Hancock, d. 28 Dec., 1857, at Lanesboro'; Edwin O., b. 13 Nov., 1837, at Pittsfield, d. 1 April, 1856, at Lanesboro'; Beman K., b. 13 Aug., 1833, at Pittsfield, m. 22 Jan., 1868, Emma S. Hamilton, at Algonaquin, Ill., where they resided 1885; they had Walter, b. 1868; Lizzie, b. 1872; Edna A., b. 1879; MARTHA, b. 1797, m. Thomas Kendall of New Lebanon; HANNAH, b. about 1801, m. Sept., 1821, Elijah Rich, who d. 1 May, 1860, she resided 1885 at New Lebanon; they had Oscar F., b. 7 Feb., 1823, m. Electa Goodell of Pittsfield, residence, Lebanon Springs; M. Adela, b. 7 Feb., 1825, m. Servilius Bailey of Higganum, Conn., residence, Lebanon Springs; Martha A., b. 18 March, 1827, d. 16 Oct., 1853; Jane M., b. 18 April, 1829, m. John Shumway of Lebanon Springs, she d. 20 June, 1855; Eliza J., b. 25 Sept., 1832, m. James Fuller of Lee, residence, Pittsfield; George F., b. 30 Sept., 1835; Lucy A., b. 30 Jan., 1838; MARY, m. 20 Dec., 1810, Joseph Childs of Ox.; ELIZABETH, d. at Ox., unm., 28 Feb., 1854.

3. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (1), lived in youth at Capt. Isaac Hartwell's, Revolutionary soldier, m. 12 May, 1772, Patience Lamson (perhaps sister of Ebenezer), who was also living with Capt. Hartwell. [His account book gives, "25 May, 1771, Patience Lamson began her service with me," and "12 June, 1771, Joseph Sparhawk went to Cambridge."] He d. aged 53, 7 Nov., 1807, she d. 23 Feb., 1825, at Ward, aged 70. . . . Children: EZRA, b. 5 Nov., 1773; SARAH, b. 30 Sept., 1776; HANNAH, b. 20 Dec., 1778, m. —— Fisher, a sea captain, no ch.; LUCINDA, b. 17 April, 1780, m. intentions 2 April, 1806, James Baldwin of Leicester, had Lucy; John; JOSEPH, b. 17 June, 1782, m. 1 Jan., 1809, Rebecca, dau. of Ebenezer Davis, he d. 10 April, 1825, no ch.; JOHN, b. 7 Sept., 1787, unm., drowned 31 July, 1805, at Worcester; ELIZABETH, b. 4 May, 1789, m. 20 May, 1807, Timothy Kimball of Douglas.

4. EZRA, son of Joseph (3), m. 1 March, 1798, Betsey Robinson, settled in the fields northerly of the Norwich and Worcester railroad station at North Ox., H. 150, house removed. His father lived with him. [Betsey Sparhawk, widow, aged 75, d. 28 Feb., 1854, at Auburn]. . . . Children: LYDIA, b. 2 July, 1800, m. Phinehas Parker, Jr.; LUTHER, b. 7 Jan., 1803,

m. (1) Sally, widow of his brother Ezra D., resided at Ox. and Auburn, she d. 18 May, 1849; m. (2) Mary L., dau. of Manasseh Tucker of Charlton, he d. 1867; ch. by first m.: *Elsie*, m. (1) George, son of William Larned, and had Lillian, Georgianna; m. (2) Joel, son of Simon Larned; *Elizabeth*, m. Marshall, son of John Rich of Charlton, and had ch.; ch. by second m.: *Adella*, m. George Davidson; *Ada*; *Lydia*; *Nora*; all resided with their mother at North Ox.; *EZRA D.*, b. 5 Feb., 1806, m. 10 July, 1825, Sally, dau. of Timothy Davis of Sutton, he d. 1830, had *Mary*, m. James Harrington of Thompson, Conn., had ch.; *JAIRUS*, m. 16 April, 1840(?), *Elsie*, dau. of Timothy Davis of Sutton, settled in Auburn, where he d. aged 50, 23 May, 1860, no ch.; *SUMNER*, b. 10 Sept., 1823, m. 14 May, 1845, Mary A., dau. of Joseph Jennison of Auburn, resided at Ox.; they had *Orison S.*, b. 27 May, 1848, m. Nelly, dau. of James Green, had ch.; *Emma F.*, b. 5 Oct., 1850, m. George Mowry of Charlton, residence, Ox., had ch.; *Charles E.*, b. 1854, d. 1857; *Almy E.*, b. 1859, d. young; *Eva A.*, b. 9 Dec., 1861, m. Elmer H. Larkin.

**MRS. ———**, d. 19 Nov., 1838.

**SPAULDING, PETER**, b. 10 June, 1769, at Townsend, son of Benjamin, descended from Edward of Braintree [his sister Sarah m. Peter Shumway], m. 1 May, 1794, Tamar, dau. of Stephen Bartlett of Sutton, he being then of Charlton, bought in 1794 10 acres on Johnson's Plain at the fork of the Webster road, H. 62, where he resided till he left town; cooper, an enterprising man, Capt. of militia; removed 1809 to Rowe and thence to Montague, where he d. 26 Oct., 1858, she d. 29 Jan., 1847. . . . Children b. at Ox.: **MARY**, b. 6 April, 1795, m. Ebenezer Glazier of Everett; **SUSAN**, b. 24 Oct., 1797, m. Dea. Elisha Bisbee of Chesterfield; **PETER**, b. 1800, d. 1803; **STEPHEN**, b. 1802, d. 1803; **PETER**, b. 7 Nov., 1803, m. 18 Jan., 1829, Lucy P., dau. of Daniel Larned, residence, Montague, he d. about 1880, 5 ch.; **SALLY**, b. 1 May, 1805, unm., residence, Montague; **EDWARD** and **ERASTUS**, b. 18 April, 1806, Edward d. 1808, Erastus m. 6 Aug., 1833, Lucy, dau. of David Locke of Ashby, she d. 10 May, 1867; he was a prominent Methodist; stove and hardware merchant at Webster; they had *Cyrus*, b. 17 April, 1835, m. 18 April, 1855, Elizabeth Harrington of Lunenburg, hardware and stove dealer at Webster, no ch.; *Andrew*, b. and d. 1838; *Mary Elizabeth*, b. 6 Sept., 1839, d. 1890, unm., at Webster; *Emma*, b. 3 Jan., 1842, m. Capt. Amos Bartlett of Webster, 3 ch.; **ADALINE**, b. 15 April, 1808, born after leaving Ox.; **ELIZABETH**, b. 8 Dec., 1809, unm., at Montague; **STEPHEN**, b. 28 May, 1815.

**HENRY C.**, and Clarissa Hutchinson, m. 9 Nov., 1845.

**SPRAGUE, ELIAS H.**, son of William, drowned 28 Jan., 1848.

**SPRING, MARY** (Canadian), aged 19, d. 22 Dec., 1857.

**HARRY** (Canadian), aged 24, d. 20 May, 1873.

**SQUIER, SARAH B.**, m. n. Burns, aged 40, d. 18 April, 1860.

**STAFFORD, JOHN**, of Warwick, R. I., m. Olive Whitman, she d. aged 51, 10 April, 1833, at Ox. Of their children, four sons came to North Ox., were employed in a cotton mill when first operated. The eldest, **JOSEPH**, came before May, 1824, and for several years was partner with Asa Cutler, a skillful manufacturer, m. intentions 1 April, 1826, Mary Ann Starr; ch. born at Ox.: *Sally Ann*, *Homer C.*, *Sarah*, *Fanny*, and later *Joseph*; removed to

East Village, at Webster, and thence soon to Lonsdale. R. L. was, with his son Homer C., employed to put in operation two large steam mills near Philadelphia, Pa., and while there was taken ill and died; the son returned to Lonsdale and died soon after; *George*, resided in Ox. 1825, removed to New York city, d. there; *John*, m. (1) 3 Feb., 1839, Elizabeth W., dau. of Dea. William Copp, she d. 7 April, 1860; m. (2) June, 1862, Mrs. Clarissa D. Lamb, he d. 4 Jan., 1888, aged 72, she d. 6 Sept., 1889; ch. by first m.: *Mary E.*, b. 21 May, 1842; *Sarah F.*, b. Jan., 1845; *Frederie A.*, b. Nov., 1847; *John H.*, b. 15 Dec., 1849, m. 22 March, 1870, Mary Anna, dau. of David Barton, and had Stephen S., b. 3 Dec., 1881; *Anna Gertrude*, b. 11 May, 1882: *Melissa*, b. Sept., 1852, m. Henry S. Brady, Jr., ch. Alice M., b. 16 May, 1876; *Frances C.*, b. 24 Aug., 1883; *Benjamin*, b. 20 Oct., 1818, m. 19 May, 1844, Sabra Esten of Dudley, settled at Ox., she d. aged 57, 19 Aug., 1884; they had *Frank H.*, b. 22 Nov., 1848, m. Ednah Starkey of Ox., settled at Chicago; *Charles H.*, b. 1852, d. 1854; *William J.*, b. 18 Jan., 1854, m. 7 Feb., 1878, Emma, dau. of Ebenezer S. Williams, shoe cutter; *Clara M.*, b. 14 April, 1856, m. Luman W. Humphrey; *Harriet E.*, b. 23 Nov., 1858, m. Mellen Wilbur, settled at Putnam, Conn.; *Mabel*, b. 1870, d. 1877.

2. *ALLEN*, brother of John (1), m. (1) Roby Randall of Rhode Island; m. (2) Hulda Smith of Warren, R. I., where they settled; removed to Plainfield, Conn., and thence about 1845 to North Ox., machinist for Edward Cutler; he d. Aug., 1863, she d. Sept., 1863. . . . Children by first m.: *CHRISTOPHER*, b. 14 Dec., 1808, m. Amanda Newcomb of Windham, Conn., resided on Prospect Hill, he d. aged 64, 28 Jan., 1874; they had *Henry*, m. Ellen Merritt, residence, Pawtucket, R. I., 4 sons; *Albert*, residence, North Ox.: *Caroline*, m. Henry Walker, residence, Central Village, Conn., 2 ch.; *Frederick*, m. Ellen E., dau. of Amos P. Newton, resided on Prospect Hill, had ch.; by second m.: *HENRY S.*, b. 3 Jan., 1814, resided at Plainfield, unm.; *LYDIA*, b. 8 Nov., 1815, m. Joseph Preston, she d. at Plainfield, 6 ch.; *ELIZA*, b. 7 Oct., 1818, m. Joseph Preston, second w., resided at Plainfield, no ch.; *ALBERT*, b. 23 Jan., 1821, m. Martha Lucas, residence, Poquetannock, Conn., machinist; *RHODES*, b. 7 Dec., 1823, enlisted in the late war, went as far as Washington, D. C., d. there 21 Oct., 1864, unm.; *WILLIAM A.*, b. 28 July, 1826, m. 26 Nov., 1848, Hepzibah H. Larkin; had *Charles A.*, b. 1851, d. 1852; *Ruth A.*, b. 29 April, 1853, m. Charles S. son of Jonas Bacon; *Susan J.*, b. 1855, d. young; *Susan H.*, b. 1860, d. young; *Anna B.*, b. 20 Sept., 1863; *Albert W.*, b. 10 June, 1871; *Hiram*, b. 2 Sept., 1829, at Plainfield, m. 26 April, 1849, Clarinda S. Stevens of Charlton; they had *Emily F.*, b. 19 May, 1854; *William D.*, b. 11 Nov., 1858, d. 20 April, 1883; *Edwin H.*, b. 3 Feb., 1863, m. 27 June, 1888, Ella F. Sprague of Providence, R. I.

**STEARNS, SARAH**, resided at Ox. Aug., 1765.

**STEBBINS, WILLIAM E.**, and Sabrina C. Gibbs of Dana, m. intentions 8 March, 1827.

**STEERE, JOHN C.**, and Mary Lyon, m. 16 Aug., 1848.

**STEVENS, JOSEPH**, of Petersham, m. Mary, dau. of Rev. Joseph Farrar of Petersham, b. 1 Aug., 1791, settled at Guilford, Vt., she m. (2) Josiah S. Prentice. . . . Children b. at Guilford and came to Ox. with their step-father: *Reuel F.*, b. 24 Sept., 1816, unm., resided in Boston, where he d. 24 Feb., 1870; *JOSEPH*, b. 4 May, 1818, resided on the homestead at Ox., unm.; *MARY*, b. 22 Oct., 1820, m. Nathaniel, son of Joel Eddy.

MARTHA, of Worcester, and Dr. John Campbell, m. int. 16 Nov., 1776.

MARY, of Charlton, and Jesse Lamb, m. intentions 10 Sept., 1815.

JONATHAN, aged 28, d. 2 Oct., 1842.

LABAN B., and Mary Joslin, m. 6 Oct., 1842.

WILLIAM H., and Ella B. Edwards, m. 17 April, 1844; they had GEORGE H., d. aged 39, 9 June, 1884.

THOMAS, wife Catherine, had THOMAS, b. 4 July, 1844.

JERUSHA, aged 92, widow, d. 31 Aug., 1852.

RUFUS, son of Willard, aged 46, d. 25 Feb., 1884.

ST. GERMAINE, MRS. EMILY (Canadian), aged 50, d. 25 Aug., 1875.

MRS. SALAUME, aged 40, d. 24 July, 1886.

STILES, WILLIAM, m. Polly, dau. of Abram Briggs, resided at the southeast corner of the town, soldier in the war of 1812, d. in the service, she m. (2) Luther Foster. . . . *Children*: DAVID, b. 19 Jan., 1804, at Cornwall, Vt., indentured by the selectmen to Joseph Stone, 21 March, 1814, later Stone apprenticed him to Gideon Walker, blacksmith; WILLIAM, b. 18 March, 1807, at Sutton; BARNEY, b. 28 April, 1808; SALLY, b. 10 June, 1809.

STIMPSON, THURLO, scythe maker, came to Ox. with James and Josiah Moulton from Hopkinton, m. (1) 12 April, 1820, Betsey, dau. of David Larned, m. (2) 1828(?), —— Smith of Southbridge, lived at North Ox., where he was employed by Jonathan Rice and at other places in town. He was fond of sport and once on a wager ran over the snow barefoot from the tavern on the Plain to the North Common. He d. in Conn. at the home of his son Lovet. Family once resided at Greenville, Leicester. . . . *Children* by first m., b. at Ox.: LOVET, b. 14 Aug., 1820, settled in Conn., superintendent of a scythe factory; SALLY, b. 11 Feb., 1822; JOHN, b. 8 April, 1824; EDWIN, b. 19 Nov., 1825; LOREN, b. 1827, d. 1830; and by second m.: GEORGE, b. 4 Oct., 1829; A DAU.

STOCKWELL, ICHABOD, son of John and grandson of Capt. John, one of the first of the name in Sutton, m. 2 Feb., 1748, Experience, dau. of Thomas Gleason, settled on Prospect Hill, soldier in the French war, d. 26 Nov., 1756, she m. (2) 9 Dec., 1764, Joseph Aldrich of Bellingham. On 10 Sept., 1771, Ichabod Stockwell, son of the former, sold to Joseph Gleason one-half of two lots in the north part of Ox., "one from my mother Experience Aldrich late of Oxford, the other the gift of my grandfather Thomas Gleason, with a dwelling house." . . . *Children*: ICHABOD, b. 6 April, 1749, m. 17 Sept., 1770, Mary Snow; PETER, b. 26 Jan., 1751; ELEAZER, b. 22 June, 1752, m. 3 Nov., 1772, Ruth Alger; THOMAS G., b. 13 Aug., 1755.

JOHN, b. 6 Nov., 1764, son of Nathaniel of Sutton, m. 13 Oct., 1785, Elizabeth Walker, came to the north part of Ox. from Sutton about 1795. Had a large family the record of which is in Sutton History. His child SALLY, b. 19 Aug., 1795, m. Dorrance Sibley, is the only one recorded here. He was of Ox. 1808, cabinet maker. POLLY, his dau., b. 15 March, 1792, m. 7 April, 1811, Charles H. Learned.

2. NATHANIEL, brother of John (1), b. 20 Oct., 1766, m. Susanna, dau. of Daniel Greenwood, settled on the old Charlton road, H. 86. He d. 22 April, 1840, she d. aged 87, 18 Nov., 1856. . . . *Children*: CLARISSA, b. 1793, m. 13 April, 1820, Sylvester McIntire, he d. 11 Nov., 1843, she d. 22 Nov., 1882, no ch.; SUSAN, b. 1795, m. Jeremiah Learned; CALVIN, b. 1797; LEWIS,

b. 1800, m. Lydia Slocom of Northbridge, and d. 1870, at Hartford, Conn.; they had *Emeline*, m. 1856, George Dunham, resided at Hartford; *Lucy J.*, m. Henry S. Coles, resided at Hartford; *LYMAN*, b. 1802, d. 10 June, 1845, drummer in the militia, unm.; *JERUSHA*, b. 1805, m. Solomon S. Walker; *CYNTHIA*, b. 1808, d. young.

3. *CALVIN*, son of Nathaniel (2), m. 17 Sept., 1820, Lucy, dau. of Elisha Livermore, settled at the Livermore place, near the Gore and Auburn line, H. 110. He d. 1 April, 1841, she d. aged 80, 9 Oct., 1882. . . . *Children*: *TIRZAH*, b. 9 March, 1822, m. 1845, Marcus Bond, he d. 28 April, 1879, no ch.; *LUCIAN*, b. 2 Feb., 1825, m. (1) 1845, Ruth Comstock of Charlton, m. (2) Abby Williams of Sutton, he d. 1888; ch. by first m.: *Melissa*, b. Sept., 1845, m. Spencer Jenks, settled at Worcester, where she d.; *Mary L.*, b. 1847, m. 1882, —— Hall, settled in Boston; *Fred L.*, d. young; *ALBERT*, b. 24 Jan., 1827, m. 13 June, 1847, Olivia A., dau. of Smith Bruce, settled in Providence, R. I., and had *Ella*, b. Oct., 1851; *LUCY ANN*, b. 23 April, 1830, m. George Rich.

4. *SIMEON*, brother of John (1), b. 29 Sept., 1770, m. 11 July, 1793, Deborah Stockwell, came to Ox. probably about 1800, had 11 ch., chairmaker, settled on the Plain, returned to Sutton about 1807. . . . *Children* b. at Ox: *LUCY*, b. 27 March, 1801; *LUCY*, b. 29 Aug., 1803; *MARY*, b. 31 Dec., 1805.

*JOSEPH*, probably son of David of Sutton, one of the five brothers who came early to that place, m. intentions Nov., 1754, Isabel Titus of Douglas. . . . *Children*: *REUBEN*, b. 10 May, 1755; *LEAH*, b. 11 Jan., 1757; *RACHEL*, b. 30 Jan., 1758; *SIMEON*, b. 30 Jan., 1760; *LUCY*, b. 10 Aug., 1761; *LEVI*, b. 16 Jan., 1763; *REBEKAH*, b. 29 June, 1765; *JUDAH*, b. 4 Oct., 1767; removed to Sutton where were b.: *MOLLY*, b. 10 Aug., 1769; *DANIEL*, b. 20 March, 1773.

*WRIGHT*, from Sutton, m. (1) 13 Feb., 1803, Amy Ormsbee, m. (2) 17 Oct., 1814, Nancy, dau. of Samuel Davis. . . . *Children*: *LEEMAN*, b. 25 Aug., 1804, m. Oct., 1824, Ruth N., dau. of Abijah Campbell, settled at Eddington, Me.; by second m. b. at Eddington, *DAVIS R.*, b. 18 Feb., 1817.

2. *JOSHUA*, m. 28 March, 1793, Ruth, dau. of Samuel Davis; with his brother Wright (1), made nails, hoes, etc., with their father-in-law, Samuel Davis, in the east part of the town, H. 17. Removed about 1800 to Eddington, Me. . . . *Children*: *CALEB D.*, b. 11 Oct., 1793, m. at Eddington; *JARVIS*, b. 24 Aug., 1800, d. aged 21, while at Brown University.

*PETER*, of Thompson, Conn. (grandson of the first William of Sutton), b. 1744; had *PETER*, b. about 1778, came to Ox., d. here aged 52, 2 May, 1830, he m. *Millia* ——, she d. aged 62, 3 April, 1838. . . . *Children* b. at Thompson: *ESTHER*, m. 28 May, 1818, Daniel King of Ludlow; *ELIZA N.*, m. 29 Jan., 1826, John A. Smith; *SOPHIA*, m. 18 March, 1827, Turner Brown, and d. 13 Nov., 1857; *MILLIA*, m. Peter E. Nichols; *PETER*; *MARY*, m. 30 March, 1834, Elliot Marsh; *CATHARINE*, m. A. H. Blood of Harvard; *GEORGE*, d. 2 May, 1840.

2. *PETER*, son of Peter (1), m. 30 Jan., 1833, Ann M. Simpson, he d. 5 June, 1878, she d. aged 67, 26 April, 1874. . . . *Children*: *SAMUEL*, b. 10 Nov., 1833; *MARY*, b. 22 July, 1835, m. Merrick Nichols of Sturbridge, she d. 7 May, 1865, no ch.; *PETER*, b. 1838, d. young; *WILLIAM K.*, b. 9 Nov., 1842.

*JONAS C.*, son of Stephen of Sutton, m. 9 April, 1827, Mary A. Waite, and had *ALONZO E.*, b. 7 Sept., 1829, at Ox.

**LEWIS**, son of Enoch of Sutton, b. 17 July, 1805, m. 12 April, 1833, **Laura**, dau. of John Hudson, settled at Sutton, leading member of Baptist Church; carpenter, removed 1849 to Ox., built soon his late residence near the common; ch.: **LAURA D.**, b. 24 July, 1838 at Sutton; he d. 4 July, 1882.

**JABEZ**, and Grace Eddy, m. 20 Feb., 1746, and had **SARAH**, b. 13 June, 1748. **MARY**, and Caleb Davis, both of Sutton, m. 20 June, 1802.

**NANCY**, of Sutton, and Harvey Stoddard, m. intentions 30 March, 1805.

**CHLOE**, and Asa Waters of Sutton, m. intentions 27 Oct., 1810.

**CHANDLER**, of Sutton, and Rosalinda Robbins, m. int. 11 May, 1811.

**BETSEY**, and John Sibley of Sutton, m. intentions 31 Oct., 1812.

**SEWALL**, of Douglas, and Roxa Stockwell, m. 4 Dec., 1817.

**LEWIS**, w. Lydia, had **BETSEY E.**, b. 28 April, 1829.

**CHLOE**, and Reuben Cummings of Millbury, m. 28 April, 1833.

**CHANDLER, JR.**, and Eliza Hutchinson, m. intentions 2 Sept., 1835.

**GEORGE**, d. 6 May, 1840, aged 41.

**MRS. AARON**, d. aged 53, 19 Dec., 1845.

**AARON**, and Eunice Merriam of Auburn, m. intentions 21 Feb., 1846.

**CHANDLER**, of Sutton, aged 90, d. 11 Oct., 1881.

**STODDARD, HARVEY**, and Nancy Stockwell of Sutton, m. intentions 30 March, 1805.

**STONE, URIAH**, descended from **GREGORY** the emigrant, of Cambridge 1636, proprietor at Watertown. **JOHN**, his son, b. about 1619, proprietor and an elder at Sudbury, had with others **DANIEL**, b. 1644, deacon at Sudbury and selectman at Framingham. He m. 1667, Mary Ward, and had with others **JOHN**, who was youngest and administrator of his father's estate. He m. 1707 Anne Tileston of Dorchester, and had with others **URIAH**, fourth child, b. 16 May, 1713. [Barry.] On 10 Jan., 1745, he, then of Framingham, bought 100 acres, the west third of the lot bought 1721 of the State by his mother. [See North Gore.] Was largely engaged in potash manufacturing, and from 1752 for about 30 years kept a public house, and at the water privilege on the eastern border of his farm built and operated a saw-mill. In 1787 sold to his son Samuel one-half his homestead, saw-mill and potash works. Soldier in the French war. He m. 22 Nov., 1739, Mary Blount (or Blunt). She d. 1 Sept., 1792, aged 71, he d. 24 Oct., 1797. . . . Children: **MARY**, b. 25 July, 1740, m. William, son of Rev. John Campbell; **URIAH**, b. 27 Feb., 1744; **ELIZABETH**, b. 15 Feb., 1748, m. John Campbell; **JOHN**, b. 17 May, 1750, m. Elizabeth Leonard of Springfield, where they settled, removed to Chesterfield, where he d. A tradition runs that he bought largely of soldiers' land claims and became proprietor of two townships. There being some doubt as to validity of title he compromised with the government and accepted 1,500 acres on the Genesee River, N. Y., at or near the site of Rochester. He had a son **Samuel**, in high standing, city librarian at Chicago, Ill. **KATEY**, b. 15 Nov., 1752, m. 26 Sept., 1771, Daniel Whitney of Shrewsbury, removed to Madison, N. Y., where they d. 12 ch.; **SAMUEL**, b. 15 Sept., 1754, m. 10 July, 1792, **Hannah**, dau. of Robert Craig of Leicester, settled on his father's homestead. He was an energetic, successful business man, one of the leading men of the region, built the large mansion, late Liberty Lamb's, overlooking Rochdale, H. 102, was largely instrumental in procuring the building of the Worcester and New Haven turnpike which passed through Rochdale, and which in those days of scarcity of money was a great undertaking. Commissary in the U. S. army in 1775 and in the Saratoga campaign in 1777, and

a warm friend of Gen. Learned. He built the hotel at Rochdale and put his nephew Hezekiah in it as landlord. He d. 23 May, 1820. His ch. were: *Mary*, b. 1794, a person of remarkable endowments, unm., d. 4 Aug., 1884, at Leicester; *Aaron*, d. young; *Samuel*, m. Mary Newell of Leicester, resided at the homestead, where were b. to them 11 ch., removed with his family to New York State, where other ch. were b.; *Hannah*, killed 1807 by a mill wheel falling upon her in her father's barn; *John*, d. 4 May, 1827, aged 25, unm., at Leicester; *Harriet A.*, b. 3 Sept., 1804, m. Liberty Lamb; *James Madison*, b. July, 1811, resided at Leicester; *SARAH*, b. 14 July, 1757, m. 16 Feb., 1791, John Gillett, resided on the homestead with her father, where Gillett kept a small store, removed to Lancaster, where he resided 1798, and thence before 1800 to Groton, where he was in trade and burned out, removed to Weare, N. H., where he d.; *ABIJAH*, b. 19 Aug., 1759, d. 13 May, 1782; *ISAAC*, b. 26 Aug., 1763, d. 1765; *ANNA*, b. 5 Dec., 1766, d. 1768.

2. *URIAH*, son of Uriah (1), m. 25 July, 1769, Lois, dau. of Hezekiah Stone. In 1772 bought the Curtis place, so called, II. 108, the same being a part of the 200 acres originally sold to Gibbs. His father had in 1754 bought 50 acres of this plot and Uriah, Jr., became owner of the whole; kept a tavern, d. 1796. . . . Children: *ANNA*, m. intentions 5 April, 1798, Simeon Southworth of Ward, had ch.; *LUTHER*, b. 22 July, 1774; *HEZEKIAH*, b. 20 Nov., 1777, m. 14 Aug., 1815, Charlotte, dau. of Samuel Lamb of Charlton, hotel keeper and merchant at South Leicester, he d. 3 March, 1838, she d. 29 Sept., 1871, aged 81; ch.: *Edward L.*, b. 1816, paymaster in the late war, 1884 in government office at Washington, D. C.; *Josiah Q.*, b. and d. 1819; *Charlotte A.*, b. 1820, d. 1835; *Joshua L.*, b. 1822, d. 3 July, 1857; *Caroline M.*, b. 1825, m. Samuel Firth, resided at Rochdale, and had Charles, b. 1855, Samuel L., b. 1858; *ABIJAH*, d. 1782; *SALLY*, b. 28 Oct., 1782, m. 9 March, 1807, Col. Eber Gage of Orford, N. H., b. at Pelham, N. H., he d. 12 April, 1823, she d. 17 Feb., 1865; they had *Luther S.*, resided at Orfordville, N. H.; *ABIJAH*, b. 13 May, 1784, m. Mehitable, sister of Col. Eber Gage, successful business man at Orford, d. 14 Dec., 1869, she d. 28 June, 1846; *MARY*, b. 17 March, 1787, m. Benjamin Vassall; *RUTH*, b. 19 July, 1790, m. 1 Jan., 1815, Isaac, brother of Col. Eber Gage, settled at Orford, he d. 10 April, 1852, she d. 4 Aug., 1864, at Ox., 8 ch.; their dau. *Louisa*, b. 20 Jan., 1823, m. 1855, Josiah Barnes of Ox., no ch.; *CANDACE*, b. 17 Feb., 1793, m. 29 March, 1818, Simeon Holman of Ward, he d. 2 Sept., 1829, she d. 6 May, 1861; they had *Sumner*, *Simeon D.*, *Sarah R.*, *Candace S.*; *URIAH*, b. 14 June, 1794, m. 9 April, 1822, Laura Haynes, removed to Worcester, where he d. 11 Feb., 1880, she d. 26 Sept., 1864; they had *Nathan H.*, *Erasmus H.*, *Laura L.*, *Lucian B.*, *William U.*, *George E.*

3. *LUTHER*, son of Uriah (2), m. 28 May, 1800, Abigail Bemis of Charlton, b. 29 Oct., 1779, settled at the homestead, built soon after m. the large house now standing on the site of a former one which was burned, sold 1884 by his son Lewis, who removed to Worcester. Luther operated the mills and cultivated the farm till near his death. Soon after the water-power was sold to Fields and Shaw. He d. aged 78, 19 Nov., 1852, she d. 30 July, 1818. . . . Children: *PAMELIA*, b. 6 April, 1801, m. John Stone of Ward, she d. 5 Aug., 1850, had ch.; *LOOMIS*, b. 17 Nov., 1803, m. 18 April, 1830, Elizabeth Wilson of Charlton, he d. 1 Oct., 1889, at Worcester, settled at Ward, and had *Elizabeth E.*, m. 1 March, 1863, Moses Bemis of Worcester; *JULIA ANN*, b. 20 April, 1809, m. (1) 5 July, 1829, Leonard Rice of Caroline,

N. Y., he d. in New York State, she m. (2) Robinson Smith, she d. 27 July, 1846; **SALLY**, b. 24 April, 1811, m. Isaac B. Hartwell; **LUTHER** and **LEWIS**, b. 26 Sept., 1815; Luther graduated 1839 at Brown University, 1842 at Newton Theological Institute, went West in 1845, preaching in various places in the Mississippi Valley, soon settled at Rockford, Ill., continuing until 1847, when he removed to Chicago and established the *Watchman of the Prairie*, which he sold in 1853. This paper under the name of *The Standard* is 1890 the leading Baptist paper of the Northwest. He continued preaching at Chicago at the First Baptist and other churches until 1861. During the war he preached at Soldiers' Rest, Marine Hospital, Camp Douglass, and at jails and different missions. In 1864 he was invited to the presidency of Central University at Pella, but declined. He was active in the formation of Immanuel Baptist Church, of which Dr. Lorimer is minister. He m. 1854, the widow of the late O. L. Jacobus, his only dau. m. L. J. Certhell, he d. 9 July, 1890, at Chicago; Lewis, unm.

**HEZEKIAH**, son of Nathaniel of Framingham (descended from Gregory of Cambridge), b. 5 March, 1711, m. Ruth How of Sudbury, settled at Framingham, was selectman two years, bought 25 Nov., 1761, land and buildings in Ox., now Auburn, removed thither, Capt. of militia; d. 18 July, 1771, aged 60. His widow m. Dea. —— Bancroft of Ward. . . . *Children*: **ELIPHALET**, b. 5 Dec., 1735, m. Lydia Goddard, removed to Marlboro', N. H.; **JESSE**, b. 28 Sept., 1737; **HEPHSIBAH**, b. 8 July, 1741, m. Jeremiah Belknap; **RUTH**, b. 10 Feb., 1743, m. John Eames; **SARAH**, b. 24 Feb., 1746, m. —— Davis of Ox.; **LOIS**, b. 3 Aug., 1749, m. Uriah Stone of Ox.; **ISRAEL**, b. 2 Jan., 1752, resided at Ward; **HEZEKIAH**, b. 27 May, 1755.

2. **JESSE**, son of Hezekiah (1), m. Elizabeth Livermore, settled in Framingham, came to Ox. probably before 1763, lived on Prospect Hill, now in Auburn, taxed here 1771, sold in 1777 land on said hill, Capt. in the Revolutionary war, marched on Bennington alarm, 1777. . . . *Children*: **WILLIAM**, b. 3 May, 1760, at Framingham; **JOHN**, b. 15 May, 1763, probably at Ox., lived at Worthington; **JESSE**, b. 11 Nov., 1765, an early settler at Livermore, Me., Col. of militia, tanner and innkeeper, a prominent man, selectman, justice of peace and postmaster, d. 28 Feb., 1857; **ELIZABETH**, b. and d. 1768; **ISAAC**, b. 8 Sept., 1769, settled in Ward, [Lydia, w. of Isaac Stone, aged 60, d. 3 Oct., 1834. Ox. Rec.]; **ELIZABETH**, b. 20 April, 1772; **JEREMY**, b. 10 Sept., 1776.

3. **ISRAEL**, son of Hezekiah (1), m. 4 July, 1776, Tryphena Boyden, and had **CALVIN**, b. 3 March, 1777, m. Sally, dau. of Dr. Thomas Green of Auburn, resided at H. 112, d. 5 Oct., 1823.

**WILLIAM**, of Waltham, m. Mrs. Esther Haven, m. n. Gale, of Watertown, she had a son David by first m., b. 6 Dec., 1750, at Waltham, who after her second m. took the name of **STONE**. William and David came 1775 from Waltham to Ox., settled on Prospect Hill, resided about two years and removed to Rocky Hill, H. 92, bought by William. David was a soldier in the Revolutionary war under Gen. Learned, and present at Burgoyne's surrender. The house, built about the time of the war, was taken down in 1879, and two large barns near it were burned in March, 1861; it is not now a home-stead. He m. 25 July, 1776, Sarah Treadwell of Sutton, b. at Rowley, 1751, d. aged 86, 25 Feb., 1837. He d. aged 77, 9 Dec., 1827. . . . *Children*: **DAVID**, b. 6 April, 1777; **JOSEPH**, b. 24 Aug., 1780; **SARAH**, b. 13 Nov., 1783, m. Capt. Stephen Barton; **ANNA**, b. 27 Oct., 1787, m. 1 Jan., 1814, Amos Eddy, settled

at Millbury, where she d. 15 Sept., 1857; they had *Emerson*, b. 10 Oct., 1814, d. 10 Oct., 1859, unm.; *Mary*, b. 11 Nov., 1818, m. Aug., 1852, Stephen A. Severy, she d. 31 May, 1866, no ch.; *Sarah*, b. 18 Aug., 1820, d. 21 Sept., 1851, unm.; *Emory*, b. 29 June, 1822, m. 31 March, 1844, Mary Lawrence of Ox., and had Emeline S., m. 3 Oct., 1871, Martin L. Phillips of Worcester, had ch.; Anna E., m. 1879, Charles A. Howe of Auburn, and had ch.; *Emory*, the father, d. 24 Sept., 1848; *JEREMIAH*, b. 21 March, 1791.

2. DAVID, son of David (1), m. 1 April, 1808, Betsey, dau. of William Hall of Sutton, b. 4 March, 1778, settled on the homestead. Capt. of militia, d. 29 Aug., 1828, she d. 18 Dec., 1843, at Worcester. . . . Children: DAVID, b. 21 June, 1810; *JEREMIAH*, b. 12 March, 1812; *BETSEY*, b. 18 April, 1813, m. Danforth Brown; *ABIGAIL*, b. 19 Sept., 1814, m. March, 1859, Philander Pond of Hubbardston, she d. 20 Jan., 1860; they had *Caroline M.*, successful teacher at Ox.; *MARY*, b. 19 Feb., 1818, m. Nov., 1864, Buckley W. Snow of West Millbury, she d. 15 Nov., 1873, no ch.

3. DAVID, son of David (2), m. April, 1836, Persis Farrar of Princeton, b. 12 Nov., 1812, resided at North Ox., H. 125, now Nathaniel Ide. He d. 1 April, 1876, she d. 30 March, 1851, aged 38. . . . Children: ALBERT D., b. 24 Oct., 1837, m. Mary Cordelia McCullough, b. 5 April, 1844, at Willsboro', N. Y., merchant at Decorah, Ia., served in the late war in the 40th Wis. Regt. from 4 June to 16 Sept., 1864; had *Gertrude A.*, *Grace L.*, *Emory*; LUCELLA W., b. 19 Nov., 1839, m. James Prince of Webster, no ch.; *EMORY F.*, b. 4 Dec., 1841, student at Wisconsin University, Madison, 1859 and 1860 in preparatory course, in 1861 in freshman class, residence Sun Prairie, Wis., in catalogue of 1862 reported "in the National Army." He enlisted for three years in Co. B, 20th Wis. Regt., commissioned Lieut. 11 Aug., 1862. Capt. 23 Oct., 1863, led his company in an attack on Spanish Fort, near Mobile, Ala., on 27 March, 1865, received a wound from which he d. at New Orleans, La., 1 April, 1865. "He died for his country." [Headstone.] *MARY ELIZABETH*, b. 4 June, 1846, m. 1 Aug., 1872, Edmund Converse of Worcester, second w.; they had *Eva M.*, b. 2 Oct., 1873; *Edith L.*, b. 1875, d. 1876.

4. JEREMIAH, son of David (2), m. 12 Oct., 1834, Zurilla, dau. of Ashbel M. Hawes, resided in New York State. He d. 13 Oct., 1842, at Woodhull, N. Y. [She m. (2) 17 April, 1855, Hiram Dwinnell, he d. 1874, no ch.] . . . Children: ALFRED H., b. 19 Dec., 1835, m. 1 Jan., 1857, Hannah M. Morse of Charlton, resided at Gardner, had ch.; CHARLES, b. 4 April, 1837, at Addison, N. Y., Ord. Serg. Co. F, 42d Regt. Ill. Vols., d. in the service 10 Sept., 1862, at Juka, Miss.; *SARAH A.*, b. 3 March, 1839, m. (1) 31 March, 1859, James A. Muzzy of Winchendon, he d. 1866, m. (2) 14 Nov., 1876, William Barrett of Gardner; EMMA M., b. 19 Nov., 1840, m. 11 Nov., 1868, Francis Conant of Gardner.

5. JOSEPH, son of David (1), m. 18 April, 1813, Martha, dau. of Jeremiah Learned, resided at North Ox., prominent business man; Quartermaster Sergeant of 5th Regt. Militia in 1806, Quartermaster with rank of Lieutenant 1808, resigned 1815; land surveyor; one of the pioneers of cotton manufacturing, and did much to foster the interests of the north part of the town. He d. 21 Feb., 1862, she d. 4 Aug., 1835. . . . Children: *JEREMIAH L.*, b. 16 Feb., 1815; *MARTHA E.*, b. 13 Sept., 1816, teacher for 19 years, school committee 3 years, postmistress since 1857, in 1891 the longest in this service of any woman in the country; *JOSEPH L.*, b. 21 May, 1822, was graduated from Hamilton Medical College, Cincinnati, O., 1855, removed to Missouri, in practice near St. Louis.

6. JEREMIAH L., son of Joseph (5), m. 31 Oct., 1849, Emeline, dau. of Peter Kidder; he d. 8 Oct., 1864. . . . Children: BYRON, b. 2 March, 1851, was graduated 1877 from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., settled in practice at North Ox.: COURTLAND, b. 1852, d. 1855; HORTENSE M., b. 7 Aug., 1854, m. May, 1872, Henry G. Corey of Brookline, residence, Northboro', had ch.; JEREMIAH L., b. 6 Sept., 1856, m. 13 April, 1881, Jennette M. Tucker of Northboro', and had *Herbert J.*, b. 18 Oct., 1882, residence, Northboro'; EVA E., b. 4 April, 1859; JOSEPH, b. 11 April, 1860, d. young; HELEN E., b. 3 June, 1861, d. young.

7. JEREMIAH, son of David (1), m. 16 Nov., 1814, Vashti, dau. of Nehemiah Chase of Sutton, b. 14 April, 1793, settled at Ox.; removed 1818 to Elizabethtown, N. Y., gunsmith, ingenious and skillful, and carried on business many years at Elizabethtown, making many useful inventions; stood high as a citizen and many years storekeeper at the U. S. Arsenal with the rank of Captain. He d. 7 Feb., 1867, she d. 7 Aug., 1860. . . . Children: TWINS, unnamed, b. and d. Aug., 1820; JEREMIAH, b. 8 Dec., 1821, d. 1823; NEHEMIAH, b. 8 April, 1824, drowned 19 July, 1827; LOVINA S., b. 22 May, 1827, m. 20 Dec., 1849, Robert S. Hale, b. 24 Sept., 1822, at Chelsea, Vt., was graduated from University of Vermont 1842, studied and practiced law at Elizabethtown, N. Y., from 1844 till his death 14 Dec., 1881; he was eminent in his profession, judge, LL.D., for several years member of Congress, and occupied important positions in the affairs of the State and town: his son Harry succeeds to his law business; ch.: *Abby Laura, Harry, Mary Eddy, Elizabeth V., Marcia E.*

AMBROSE, of Sutton 1768, m. (1) 12 May, 1768, Mary, dau. of William Everden of Ox., m. (2) 12 Dec., 1776, Mercy Hovey; Revolutionary soldier; bought land on Long Hill "on the road to Daniel Hovey's" in 1772, and later three acres in the same locality, which from the consideration in the deed must have included a house, probably that which stood on the site of the present Ward B. Clark house, H. 166, burned while owned by Harvey Burnett. Later his father-in-law Everden sold him the John Eddy homestead which adjoined the premises on the north, and was originally a part of the same estate. He d. 12 Aug., 1813, aged 69. . . . Children: AMBROSE, b. 4 March, 1769, m. (1) Lydia, dau. of Elias Pratt, removed about 1794 to Whitingham, Vt.; he d. 23 June, 1815, she d. 7 June, 1810; they had *Elijah P.*, b. 6 May, 1792, at Ox.; *Lydia*, b. 12 Aug., 1793, at Ox., d. unm., at Ox.; *Celia*, b. 7 Sept., 1795, at Whitingham, m. Samuel Mayo; *Sophia*, b. 16 Feb., 1798; *Ambrose*, b. 9 Nov., 1799; *Miriam*, b. 14 Aug., 1801, m. Eleazer Bartlett; *Jeremiah*, b. 16 March, 1803, d.; *Roxana*, b. 25 March, 1804, m. Samuel Jennison of Ward [see Jennison]; *Jeremiah*, b. 16 March, 1808, m. Sarah McGee, and settled at Ward; *Willbury*, b. 1810, d.; Ambrose, the father, m. (2) Lydia Lamb, and had *Emily*, b. 9 Jan., 1814, d.; WILLIAM, b. 30 Aug., 1770, m. 8 March, 1795, Ruth, dau. of Elias Pratt, twin sister of Lydia, settled at Whitingham near his brother Ambrose; ch. b. at Whitingham: *Pamelia*, b. 21 Sept., 1795; *William*, b. 1 April, 1798; *Ruth*, b. 13 June, 1800; *Mary*, b. 15 June, 1805; *MIRIAM*, b. 18 April, 1773, school teacher at Ox. Centre, d. unm., 22 Sept., 1808; by second m.: *MARY*, b. 5 Oct., 1777, m. intentions 3 Nov., 1810, Davis Larned; *MEHETABLE*, b. 15 March, 1780, d. unm., at Ox.; *RUTH*, b. 12 March, 1782, m. 10 April, 1806, Prentiss Bugbee, physician, settled at Montpelier, Vt.: *DANIEL*, b. 29 April, 1784, m. intentions 30 Dec., 1809, Betsey, dau. of Andrew Sigourney, settled on the homestead, where he d. 7 Nov., 1819, she d. 9 June, 1821; they had

*Andrew S.*, b. about 1810, d. 18 Oct., 1832; *Betsey*, b. 27 March, 1813, m. 19 Aug., 1834, Leonard Craig of Auburn, he d. 11 Nov., 1848; they had Mary, b. 29 June, 1838, m. 20 Feb., 1872, Dea. John P. French of Candia, N. H., no ch.; Daniel A., b. 21 Sept., 1844, m. 8 Oct., 1868, Emma, dau. of James M. Alger of Auburn, settled at Leicester, and had ch.; *Betsey*, m. (2) 19 Dec., 1855, John Stone of Auburn, he d. 30 Sept., 1877; *Mary*, b. about 1818, d. unm., 8 Oct., 1836.

REV. ISAAC, of Douglas, b. 17 March, 1748, at Shrewsbury, son of Dea. Jonas and Rachel of Framingham, later of Shrewsbury, descended from Dea. John of Cambridge; studied at 15 years of age with Dr. Sumner of Shrewsbury, was graduated from Harvard College in 1770, preached at Temple, N. H., Ashburnham and Franklin; ordained 30 Oct., 1771, at Douglas, dismissed 28 Oct., 1805; while residing at Douglas preached at Whitingham and Reeds boro', Vt. "Mr. Stone's ministry was characterized, not by striking and brilliant exhibitions, but by quiet, steady, unobtrusive labor," which was efficient. [His Mendon Association]. Removed to Ox. in 1817, where he resided till he d. aged 89, 22 Feb., 1837. He m. Susanna Goddard of Shrewsbury, she d. aged 92, 28 April, 1837.

2. LUKE R., son of Isaac (1), b. 10 Aug., 1778, came with his father to Ox. in 1817, settled in north part of the town, near Norwich and Worcester railroad station, H. 153, deacon, m. (1) 24 June, 1804, Abigail, m. n. Taft, widow of his brother Moses who had d. at Douglas, she d. 17 Dec., 1832; m. (2) 10 June, 1833, Hannah, m. n. Grout, widow of —— Baldwin of Spencer, she d. aged 73, 7 Sept., 1861; he d. 9 April, 1862. . . . Children by first m.: MOSES, b. 2 May, 1805, at Douglas, m. (1) 14 Nov., 1833, Maria H., dau. of Luther Kingsbury of Sutton, b. 9 Dec., 1804, d. aged 63, 4 Feb., 1868, no ch.; m. (2) 13 Dec., 1871, Deborah, m. n. Snow, widow of Emerson Fales of Uxbridge, she d. aged 74, 17 May, 1881; he d. at Sutton while on a visit 30 Sept., 1882; universally esteemed, representative in 1862, school teacher, deacon, benefactor of the Church; ABIGAIL, b. 2 Sept., 1809, m. June, 1838, Matthias Rice of Millbury, she d. 21 May, 1843.

RICHARD C. (descendant of Hugh of Warwick, R. I., 1659), grandson of Samuel of Cranston, son of Rufus and Sarah (Lewis), b. 18 July, 1798, at Scituate, R. I., m. Sept., 1817, Alma Stone, a distant relative, settled at Coventry, R. I.; removed to Charlton, bought 1826 the tavern at North Ox., kept a public house, later was teacher and land surveyor, Lieut.-Col. of 5th Mass. Militia. In 1829 bought the house at the site of the Episcopal Church, H. 202, fitted up a school-room and taught until 1834; sold and began preaching at West Bridgewater, 1842 removed to Sherborn, laboring both as minister and advocate of temperance six or eight years; removed to Boston about 1849, and thence in 1853 to Piscataquog, near Manchester, N. H.; was instrumental in remodelling the old church building and strengthening the society. In the winter of 1855-6 his health failed, and in the spring of 1856 he gave up his work there. Having two sons engaged in lumber business in western New York he went in Feb., 1856, as agent of his son Hollis and partner, to St. Louis, Mo. His health improving, in about two years began preaching again, supplied a pulpit in a suburb of the city and also preached occasionally in the city churches. During this time he began paper trade in St. Louis with a partner. In 1868 he accepted a call to Bunker Hill, Ill., and was pastor there until 1872. After his dismissal from the pastorate there he preached only occasionally. He was offered during his active life several educational financial agencies

which he declined. In 1874 he published an autobiography, giving "Life incidents of Home, School and Church," in which he said the years of his ministry were about forty. He also published a genealogy of the Stone family and other works. He d. 9 April, 1887, at Bloomington, Ill. . . . *Children*, first two b. at Coventry: J. LEWIS, b. 5 June, 1818, m. 1842, Elmira Lothrop of West Bridgewater; taught at 14 years of age, was graduated from Brown University, ordained 1840; was pastor of the Unitarian Church at Mansfield, and later at Brewster, in 1857 went to Foxboro' as principal of the high school, continuing until his health failed in 1859; was thereafter an invalid, residing at Taunton until 1875, where he d., no ch.; S. HOLLIS, b. 6 April, 1821, m. 1845, Betsey Copeland of West Bridgewater, teacher and farmer at West Bridgewater, for a time in sash and door business at Olean, N. Y., where he was burned out; later was an extensive and prosperous farmer near Hamburg, on the Mississippi river north of St. Louis; a valuable citizen and active in Christian work; he d. March, 1881; had a son, a physician, and a dau.; G. BURRILL, b. 30 Nov., 1823, at Charlton, was graduated at 18 from Brown University; principal of high school at Fall River, Indianapolis, Ind., and Minneapolis, Minn., and later, for about twelve years, professor in Washington University, St. Louis. He was for many years in precarious health but able to travel and at times to receive private pupils; he m. June, 1844, Lucy Edson of West Bridgewater, present residence, St. Louis; they had a son, a graduate of Washington University, m. and resides at Denver, Colo.; SARAH, b. 27 March, 1826, at Charlton, teacher, m. Stephen C. Arnold of Providence, R. I., where she d. May, 1867, 5 ch.; ALMA, b. 24 Jan., 1828, at Ox., m. 1850, Thomas Metcalf of Wrentham, principal of high school at St. Louis, and later many years professor in Normal University, Ill.; they had *Herbert C.*, merchant in Chicago; *Merton P.*, a graduate of Normal University, in business at St. Louis; and one *dau.*; R. BUTLER, b. 11 Dec., 1829, at Ox., m. 10 Nov., 1853, Lucy E., dau. of Josiah Russell of Ox., teacher, was in sash and door business at Olean, N. Y., for a time; removed to Chicago, Ill., where he built up a large and profitable trade in lumber; he d. 23 April, 1886, at Madison, Wis.; they had *Inez A.*, b. 22 Sept., 1854, at Olean, m. 22 Sept., 1875, Alexander Agnew of Chicago, secretary and treasurer of R. B. Stone Lumber Co.; *Willie L.*, b. and d. 1856, at Ox.; *Ella E.*, b. 29 May, 1857, at Chicago, m. 23 June, 1881, Prof. A. D. Conover of Madison, Wis.; *Frank B.*, b. 15 Oct., 1860, at Chicago, m. 3 Oct., 1883, Carrie L. Rounds; vice-president of R. B. Stone Lumber Co., Chicago; *Mae Alice*, b. 14 Dec., 1862; *Richard R.*, b. 1 March, 1871, at Chicago; *MARTHA*, b. 27 Oct., 1832, at Ox., teacher, m. 1856, Robert C. Metcalf of Wrentham, teacher in Boston, residence, Winchester, 4 ch.; *MARY*, b. 15 Feb., 1836, at West Bridgewater, teacher, m. Thomas Slade, lawyer at Bloomington, Ill., had ch.; C. HENRY, b. 21 Jan., 1840, at West Bridgewater, m. Maggie M. Barbee, residence, St. Louis, soldier in the late war, and later in St. Louis post-office and mail agent; for several years in charge of the preparatory class at Washington University; Captain of a militia company; had ch.

AARON, b. 7 April, 1801, m. 10 June, 1828, Caroline, dau. of John P. Nichols, he d. 13 Feb., 1864; she m. (2) Stephen Moulton, she d. 12 Oct., 1880, at the West. . . . *Children* by first m.: RUSSELL, b. 1829; HENRY D., b. 1835, d. 1861; CAROLINE S., b. 1845; EDMUND G., b. 1849.

JOHN, of New Marlborough, and Mary Dike of Sutton, m. 12 Oct., 1745.

- JOHN, of Palmer, and Esther Spencer, m. 19 June, 1753.  
 JONATHAN, of Dudley, and Elizabeth Groo, m. 29 Nov., 1768.  
 JOHN, taxed north part of Ox. 1771.  
 EBENEZER, Revolutionary soldier.  
 MRS. ESTHER, and John Todd of Ward, m. 19 Sept., 1780.  
 STEPHEN, blacksmith, and w., resided at Ox., Feb., 1792.  
 HANNAH, and Alvan Brown, m. int. 7 Jan., 1804.  
 ANNA, and Amos Eddy of Millbury, m. int. 15 Oct., 1813.  
 MARY, of Thompson, Conn., and John Corbin, m. int. 3 April, 1815.  
 ALVAH, of Summerville, Vt., and Tammy Cudworth, m. 13 Feb., 1817.  
 INDEPENDENCE, and Eliza Coy, m. 19 March, 1828.  
 JOHN, of Providence, R. I., and Mary Caldwell, m. 9 June, 1828.  
 OLIVER, of Auburn, and Mary Cudworth, m. 13 April, 1842.  
 NEHEMIAH, aged 95, d. 7 March, 1855.  
 MARY ELIZA, m. n. Adams, aged 21, d. 18 July, 1857.  
 WILLIAM R., son of William Foster, R. I., aged 54, d. 30 June, 1862.  
 IRVING E., son of Otis P., aged 24, d. 8 April, 1887.
- STOW, ITHAMAR**, b. at Grafton, son of Ithamar, m. 29 April, 1829, Diantha, dau. of Ebenezer Meriam, she d. 16 Dec., 1829; they had AMASA M., b. 2 Dec., 1829, at Millbury. The father m. (2) Lucy Bigelow of Marlboro', residence, Millbury, had ch.  
 2. AMASA M., son of Ithamar (1), brought up at Rufus Eddy's, m. 21 Nov., 1835, Mary E. Emerson of East Thompson, Conn., settled at Ox. where he was 1889 in trade as partner with Daniel R. Cortis. . . . *Children:* ELIZABETH P., b. 29 Aug., 1856, m. 17 Oct., 1883, George T. Robbins, residence, East Thompson; they had *Harold M.*, b. 28 Oct., 1884; MARTHA L., b. 1 Nov., 1863, m. 21 Nov., 1889, C. Fred. Bennett of Millbury.
- ABEL F., from Millbury, currier, son of Aaron of Sterling, b. 8 March, 1811, m. (1) Sarah Whitney, who d. at Ox., aged 39, 11 Nov., 1846; m. (2) intentions 3 July, 1847, Lucy J. Wilder of Millbury, who d. aged 73, 1 Sept., 1888, he d. 2 Feb., 1871; his dau. SARAH b. 23 Sept., 1840, d. 21 May, 1868.
- MIRIAM, and Ebenezer Bartlett, m. 3 Jan., 1835.  
 ESTHER, aged 56, mother of Abel F., d. 29 Aug., 1848.  
 LOUISA J., aged 29, sister of Abel F., d. 3 Sept., 1848.
- STOWELL, ELEAZER**, Revolutionary soldier.  
 WILLIAM, Revolutionary soldier.  
 JOSEPH, had FRANCES E., b. 27 Sept., 1843; SARAH E., b. 2 March, 1845.  
 ELIZA, of Boston, and Willard Brown of S. Gore(?), m. 22 April, 1827.  
 GEORGE H., aged 29, d. 22 March, 1860.  
 RUTH B., widow, aged 75, d. 24 Oct., 1886.
- STRATFORD**. [There is a tradition in the family that the name was originally Strat, and that one of the name lived on the Avon at the ford, hence Stratford.] CHARLES J., b. 13 Aug., 1795, at Boston, son of Samuel (b. 1749, at London, Eng., m. 1790, Lucy Wallcot, and d. 27 May, 1804, at Boston), m. 13 Aug., 1820, at Ox., Lucinda, dau. of Richard Olney, tailor at Boston; removed 1817 to Cumberland, R. I., and soon to Douglas, and thence in 1819 to Ox. to the house on the site of the Episcopal Church; 1827 removed to the Merino factory, Dudley, and thence, in 1830, to the North Ox. tavern. He had removed to Millbury or Auburn in 1834; later lived at Webster, Uxbridge, and in 1839 at Smithfield, R. I., in 1842 at Slatersville, where

his wife d. 28 June, 1847. In the fall of 1856, he removed West and died in the summer of 1883, at Trempealeau, Wis. He wrote a small volume of "Reminiscences" mainly for the benefit of his children, being chiefly the recollections of his grandmother, and of his mother who was a woman of strong mind and memory. In this book he alludes to his grandfather's 14 slaves in Boston; the part his grandmother took in the founding of the school for the Indians, which later became Dartmouth College; Phillis Wheatley; the Boston Tea Party, of which his uncle Benjamin was one; and many other incidents of Revolutionary times. . . . *Children*, first four b. at Ox.: HENRY K., b. 6 Aug., 1821, m. (1) 11 April, 1841, Rhoda T. Brown of Mendon, who d. 16 March, 1867; they had at Mendon, Helen M., b. 30 April, 1843, m. Charles A. Holton of St. Louis, Mo., 8 ch.; Cynthia A., b. 15 Aug., 1845, at Providence, R. I., m. Henry M. Fuller of Greenville, Mich., 8 ch.; Gertrude E., b. and d. 1853, at Woonsocket, R. I.; Marion L., b. 23 Sept., 1859, at Chicago, m. George Morrison of Denver, Colo., had ch.; Henry K. m. (2) 13 Aug., 1868, Mrs. Mary J. E. Taylor of Chicago, where he was, 1886, a well known physician, president of National Eclectic Medical Association; they had *Charles J.*, b. 19 Aug., 1874; SAMUEL B., b. 1822, d. 1832; LUCY M., b. 20 April, 1824, m. 4 March, 1845, Benjamin B. Healy of Dudley, residence, La Crosse, Wis.; they had *Charles H.*, b. 7 July, 1848, at Slatersville, d. 1859; Agnes B., b. 4 April, 1860, at Trempealeau, Wis.; Gertrude S., b. 8 Sept., 1863, at Trempealeau, d. 1874; CHARLES J., b. 12 Nov., 1825, d. from an accident 3 June, 1841, at Woonsocket; ANN E., b. 9 Feb., 1828, at Dudley, m. 30 Sept., 1851, Alexander W. Shepard, b. at Utica, residence, Brooklyn, N. Y., broker in New York; ch. except the last b. at La Crosse, Wis.: Annie J., b. 6 April, 1854, m. Daniel G. Gillette of New York, and had ch.; Mary E., b. 29 Nov., 1855, d. 21 May, 1875, at Vassar College; Amy N., b. 13 June, 1857, m. at London, James P. Cruger of Pau, France; Lucy W., b. 6 Sept., 1863; Margaret S., b. 6 Nov., 1869, at Peekskill, N. Y., d. 1872, at Brooklyn; THOMAS WALLCOT, b. 11 April, 1830, at Ox.; RICHARD OLNEY, b. 8 March, 1833, at Ox., unm., served ten years in the U. S. regular army, three years in the navy, and three years in the late war, taken prisoner on the Weldon Railroad in Virginia, Nov., 1864, sent to Salisbury, N. C., thence to Florence, S. C., where he died; LUCRETIA W., b. 23 July, 1837, at Auburn, m. 3 June, 1855, Alonzo Barron, carpenter, residence, Mankato, Minn., music teacher; they had *Frank, Mary, Kate, Harry, Percy*; WILLIAM H., b. 22 June, 1840, at Smithfield, R. I., d. at Slatersville, 29 May, 1848.

#### STUART, STEWART, WILLIAM. Revolutionary soldier; tailor, 1780.

STREETER, JOSEPHII, b. 3 Aug., 1719, at Hopkinton, son of Samuel, Jr., of Framingham, m. 20 Nov., 1739, Mercy, dau. of Thomas Gleason. [In 1757 a Joseph Streeter was of Cumberland, R. I.] . . . *Children*: MERCY, b. and d. 1742; COMFORT, b. 3 Sept., 1743; JOSEPH, b. 11 Sept., 1745.

2. COMFORT, son of Joseph (1), m. 24 June, 1762, Bethia Rich, and had COMFORT, b. 1 May, 1763; BETHIA, b. 8 Sept., 1764; PERLEY, b. 24 Oct., 1766; RUFUS, b. 9 Oct., 1768; MERCY, b. 9 Jan., 1772.

3. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (1), Revolutionary soldier(?), m. Hannah —, and had HANNAH, b. 22 July, 1770; JOSEPH, b. 4 March, 1772; STEPHEN; BENJAMIN; and another; family resided at Ox. March, 1780.

4. JOHN, son of Samuel of Framingham, and brother of Joseph (1), b. 23 Oct., 1723, m. 3 March, 1749, Elizabeth Gleason, settled on Prospect Hill, and

had MERCY, b. 15 May, 1750; ESTHER, b. 21 April, 1754. He d. (while on duty as a soldier) 28 Nov., 1756, at Sheffield. Stephen and James Streeter were paid from his estate in 1757 for funeral expenses at that place. [Prob. Rec. J] His widow, 22 July, 1768, sold the homestead in the north part of Ox. to Joseph Gleason.

5. SAMUEL, probably brother of Joseph (1), b. 9 July, 1730, resided at Ox., m. 9 May, 1753, Joanna Morse of Sturbridge, removed thither. He d. aged 82, 13 Oct., 1812, she d. 20 Oct., 1804, both at Sturbridge. They had SAMUEL and JOANNA, b. 24 Aug., 1754, the latter d. 1754; DANIEL, b. 22 Oct., 1756; REBEKAH, b. 25 June, 1759; ASA, b. 31 July, 1762; DAVID, b. 12 Oct., 1765; CHLOE, b. 27 May, 1767; DELIVERANCE, b. 12 Jan., 1772; NATHAN, b. 30 April, 1774; KEZIAH, b. 31 March, 1778, d. 1796.

6. STEPHEN, baptized 4 Sept., 1698, son of Samuel of Framingham, was of that place 1725, and of Douglas in 1731. On 14 Dec., 1744, a State's committee deeded to him 160 acres of Province land on which he was then living, "near adjoining to a place called New Sherborne," including all his improvements. This tract lay nearly two miles west of Douglas centre. The cellar of the old house is now to be seen near the road to Webster. He m. Katharine ——. . . Children recorded at Framingham: ESTHER, b. 1725, STEPHEN, b. 1727, ABIGAIL, b. 1729, ELIZABETH, b. 1730, JOHN, b. 1732, URSULA, b. 1733, ADAMS, b. 1735; he d. 22 Sept., 1756. [His heirs signed receipts as follows: 8 Sept., 1759, Esther Haven; 15 Oct., 1760, Zebulon Streeter; 13 June, 1761, at Woodstock, Conn., John, Samuel and Ursula Streeter; 17 Nov., 1762, at Sutton, Naphtali Streeter; 23 Nov., 1762, Adams Streeter; 28 Nov., 1763, at Douglas, Mary Streeter.]

7. STEPHEN, son of Stephen (6), resided on the homestead, controversialist in theological matters, a Baptist, next a Restorationist and last a Universalist. In the Revolutionary war refused to take up arms, claiming to be a Quaker, was imprisoned at Worcester and sent by the authorities to Nova Scotia, remained a few months, at his urgent desire his sons sold a yoke of oxen and managed with the proceeds to get him home. He had 11 ch. at least; order of birth unknown. STEPHEN, JAMES, JACOB, JOHN, SAMUEL, ASA, KATHARINE, m. Craft Davis; HANNAH, m. Benjamin Davis; MARY, m. James Hovey Davis; ABIGAIL, m. —— Harwood, removed to Athol; ELIZABETH, m. —— Curtis, resided at Sutton. [Ox. Rec. give ABIGAIL, b. 18 Sept., 1749; MOSES, b. 10 July, 1751, ch. of Stephen and Mary.]

8. ZEBULON, son of Stephen (6), b. about 1737, soldier in the French war, 1758, m. 16 July, 1760, Tabitha, dau. of Daniel Hovey, Baptist and later Universalist preacher, several years president of the Annual Convention, "an amiable and excellent man," d. 1808, at Surrey, N. H.

9. ADAMS, son of Stephen (6), b. 31 Dec., 1735, well known to all familiar with the beginnings of Universalism in Ox. and the country. In 1758 he was of Charlton, and it is not improbable as there were many Baptists there who held meetings in private houses, that he began his life work as a preacher among them. Ten years later we find him married and living in the South Gore. Before Nov., 1775, he had removed to Douglas. In 1780 he was a party in a land conveyance there, and styled "elder." His change from the Baptist to the Universalist faith occurred probably about 1777, when he preached the new doctrine in Ox. and vicinage, extending his tours to Milford and Providence, R. I., and in 1781 removed to Milford, where he continued until the winter or spring of 1785-6, when he returned to Ox. During these

years his labors seem to have been chiefly in Providence, Milford and Ox., alternately. Early in Sept., 1786, he died. Col. Andrews of Providence writing to Rev. E. Winchester says: "At present we are rather in a state of mourning from being deprived by death of the visits of friend Streeter. He, on the road coming to visit us on Saturday before the fourth Sunday of August, fell sick of a bilious disorder at the house of Stephen Whipple in Smithfield and died the Saturday evening following." The Milford Society records contain the following: "Sept. 22, 1786. Then departed this life our Beloved Elder and Brother Adams Streeter, to the great lamentation of all his hearers." Samuel Davis of Ox. was executor of his will, valuation £42. He owned no estate in Ox. Descendants now reside in the vicinity of Orange, and a grandson, Adams Boyden, was living recently in Charlton. He m. (1) Thankful ——, who d. before 1781, m. (2) Dinah ——. . . . Children by first m. b. at Douglas: EBENEZER, b. 16 Oct., 1758; NAPHTALI, b. 30 June, 1762; ADAMS; and recorded at Ox.: NATHANIEL, b. 24 Feb., 1768; RUTH, b. 20 Aug., 1770; ZERUIAH, b. 20 March, 1772; WILLIAM, b. 26 Oct., 1773; and at Douglas: SOLOMON, b. 4 Nov., 1775; SARAH, b. 19 July, 1777.

10. STEPHEN, son of Stephen (7)?, m. 10 Sept., 1778, Sarah Chamberlain of Dudley, shoemaker, resided 1779 near the site of the Huguenot Chapel, H. 35, sold in 1782 and removed to Chesterfield, N. H. O. E. Randall of that place says: "He and his son Stephen were locally noted for their remarkable memories, and the gift of making impromptu verses as well as genuine poems." He d. at Chesterfield, aged 92. Joseph Chamberlain, his father-in-law, with his son Ithamar Chamberlain removed also to Chesterfield. . . . Children b. at Ox.: ASAHEL, b. 5 Oct., 1779; EZRA, b. 16 Jan., 1781.

11. JACOB, son of Stephen (7)?, m. intentions 13 Nov., 1784, Lucy Edmunds of Killingly, Conn., owned the place where Stephen previously lived, H. 35, sold in 1790. . . . Children: LUCY, b. 28 Feb., 1787; JACOB, b. 25 Jan., 1789.

JAMES, and Susanna Sloper, m. 15 Sept., 1757.

SAMUEL, b. about 1741, soldier in the French war, 1758.

MARY, widow, resided at Ox. March, 1780.

ASA, of Douglas, and Hannah Rawson of South Gore, m. int. 22 Aug., 1790.

SAMUEL, and Lydia Wakefield of South Gore, m. 16 April, 1794.

STEPHEN, and Betsey Jones of Paxton, m. intentions 12 Feb., 1826; SUMNER, their child, d. 26 April, 1828.

JOHN, w. Mary, had MARY, b. 29 Nov., 1828.

DANIEL R., of Sutton, and Mary Ann Leach, m. 15 Dec., 1830.

SULLIVAN, WILLIAM R., son of William, d. 6 Nov., 1851.

CORNELIUS, aged 33, d. 13 March, 1862.

HANNAH, aged 39, d. 21 May, 1863.

EDMUND, aged 21, d. 25 Nov., 1863.

EDWARD, aged 28, d. 17 Oct., 1873.

MRS. ELLEN, aged 60, d. 3 July, 1880.

JOHN, aged 88, d. 25 Feb., 1884.

MICHAEL, aged 82, d. 18 March, 1887.

SULLY, ADAMS, Revolutionary soldier.

SUTER, MARY C., dau. of Mrs. Agatha, aged 15, drowned 29 Dec., 1877.

SWAIN, JOSEPH S. (English), aged 32, d. 29 June, 1868.

SWEET, THOMAS, and Hannah Cheney of Charlton, m. int. 21 July, 1832. EDWIN S., aged 24, d. 16 Dec., 1857.

HENRY, son of Peter of Westboro', aged 21, d. 4 July, 1885.

SWIFT, MABEL A., aged 19, dau. of George, d. 11 Dec., 1883.

TAFT, OTIS, son of Silas, descendant of Robert and Robert, Jr., of Mendon, m. Betsey, dau. of Asa Beals, resided at Upton, where all their ch. were b., removed to Northbridge, where he d. 19 Nov., 1827, aged 44. Soon after the family removed to Grafton, thence to Uxbridge and later to Slattersville, R. I., whence they came to Ox. about 1835, settled at the Thread Village, E. B. Crawford being then an owner there. The mother d. at Auburn, 20 March, 1883, aged 91. . . . Children: ELIZA, b. 30 Aug., 1811, d. in young womanhood at Uxbridge; JANE T., b. 12 June, 1813, m. Elias B. Crawford; ABNER PALMER, b. 7 Feb., 1815, m. 24 Nov., 1836, Harriet Balcom of Douglas, settled at Slattersville, R. I., removed 1851 to North Ox., where he d. 16 March, 1877, she d. Oct.(?), 1887, at Douglas, while on a visit; ch. b. at Slattersville: *Edwin A.*, b. 1 Dec., 1837, in his minority taught school in N. J. one or two years, went thence to Madison University, Hamilton, N. Y., to study for the ministry, left in 1864 and entered the Union army, was appointed to a clerkship and later was chaplain. On returning he entered Rochester University and Theological School, taking the studies of the last collegiate and first divinity year simultaneously. Closing his studies in May, 1869, in Sept. of that year he became pastor of the "Cottage" Church in Cleveland, O., which place he filled successfully until May, 1873, when becoming enfeebled he removed to Colorado, where he recuperated, and in July of 1874 became pastor of the Baptist Church at Colorado Springs. In June, 1875, his health failed again and he was able to preach only occasionally afterward, continued to decline and d. 16 March, 1877, at Colorado Springs. He was an earnest, devoted man, of large sympathies and much beloved. *Eliza A.*, b. 7 Oct., 1840, m. 4 Feb., 1863, Franklin H. Clark, she d. 9 Jan., 1874, at Ox.; they had *Edwin A.*, b. 14 Nov., 1863; *Harriet W.*, b. 14 Jan., 1869; *Palmer E.*, b. 2 Oct., 1850, m. Jan., 1879, Lilla, dau. of William Morse, resided at Worcester; *MARY A. E.*, b. 11 March, 1817, m. Lucian B. Lamson; *H. G. OTIS*, b. 4 Aug., 1818, m. 10 Nov., 1850, Mrs. Lorana Copp; had *H. G. Otis*, b. 1851, d. young; *Ella P.*, b. 14 Nov., 1854, m. Richard H. Warren of Auburn, and d. 26 Feb., 1882; they had Robert Taft; *Isabella L.*, b. 1859, d. young; *Ouis II.*, b. 14 May, 1863; *SILAS S.*, b. 19 March, 1820, m. (1) 13 May, 1844, Mary E. Partridge, who d. 23 Oct., 1851, m. (2) 4 Feb., 1855, Cornelia E. Rice of Charlton, she d. 13 Oct., 1859, m. (3) 26 May, 1861, *Viola A. Porter* of Warren, Me., he d. 28 Sept., 1871; ch. by first m.: *Anne E.*, b. Aug., 1845, m. Charles Schrabler, resided at Chambersburg, Pa., returned to Mass.; they had *Silas*; *Mary L.*, d. aged 9, March, 1859; *Charles O.*, *Isabel*, d. young; ch. by second m.: *Emily M.*, b. 10 Nov., 1857, m. 3 June, 1875, Frank N. Mann, she d. 3 Sept., 1878, had a son d. young; ch. by third m.: *Viola A.*, b. 1862, d. young; *Mary Isabelle*, b. 17 March, 1865; *LUCINDA W.*, m. Samuel C. Willis, Jr.; *ASA B.*, b. 26 Jan., 1824, m. 26 May, 1847, Almira D. Corbin; they had: *Arthur L.*, b. 4 Oct., 1851, m. 6 Nov., 1878, Nellie W. Dunham of Dudley; *Willie A.*, b. 22 June, 1856, m. 21 April, 1879, Martha L. Craig of Charlton, had ch.; *ELISHA C.*, b. 22 Nov., 1825, soldier in late war, m. 10 May, 1849, Achsah J. Williams, settled at Ox., where he d. 26 Feb., 1869, she d. aged 55, 1 Oct., 1886; ch. *Harriet J.*, b. 24 May, 1851, m.

R. Clark Cunningham, resided at Millbury; they had Edith E., Ruth C., Florence J., Clara A. and Susie P., twins; *Betsey J.*, m. Hollis, son of Ebenezer B. Walker; *Bion E.*, b. 20 Aug., 1858, m. 9 Oct., 1880, Jessie C., dau. of George M. Robbins, they had Marguerite, b. 3 Sept., 1888; *Ruth B.*, b. 18 April, 1868, d. 1877.

AMOS C., w. Chloe, had LOUISA, b. 14 June, 1813, at Dudley; and at Ox., WILLIS B., b. 27 Dec., 1814; AMOS, b. 14 March, 1817.

ALANSON, and Polly, dau. of Ephraim Kingsbury, had ABIGAIL K., b. 3 Dec., 1825; AZARMA R., b. 1 Oct., 1827, d. young; PARIS T., b. 8 Dec., 1829, at Brookfield; ALANSON W., b. 16 Dec., 1831; AZARMA L., b. 17 May, 1834.

EVANDER, twin brother of Alanson, m. 14 Feb., 1827, Lydia, sister of Polly Kingsbury, had ch.

WILLIAM T., and Susanna Brown of Smithfield, R. I., m. int. 15 May, 1824.

MRS. AMASA, aged 74, d. 20 June, 1824.

CHLOE, and Erasmus Dennis, m. int. 26 May, 1827.

DELIA, dau. of Amasa, aged 12, d. 19 June, 1827.

EUPHEMIA T., and Joseph Young of Sutton, m. 28 May, 1828.

NANCY, of Dudley, and Calvin Pierce, Jr., m. int. 14 Feb., 1829.

JOHN, and Eliza Howard, m. int. 8 Sept., 1849.

ZILPAH, widow, b. at Blackstone, aged 68, d. 30 April, 1876.

TALBOT, MATTHEW (Irish), aged 44, d. 15 Aug., 1849.

TAYLOR, EDMUND, one of the 30 proprietors, assigned his rights to John Chamberlain.

AMOS S., b. 9 Feb., 1815, at Littleton, son of Josiah (who was of Boxboro', w. Elizabeth Sargent of Stow), m. 13 March, 1838, at Leominster, Lurana, dau. of Gershom Twichell, residence, West Boylston, came 1843 to Ox., stove and tinware dealer; built, 1844 O. W. Chaffee house, 1850 that next north, and 1856 that on Charlton Street, where he d. 1890. . . . Children: EVERETT M., b. 13 Feb., 1840, at Nashua, N. H., m. Jenny, dau. of David B. Gray of Boston, where he is a dentist; EMORY G., b. 10 Sept., 1844, d. 19 Jan., 1865.

ELIPHALET, and Charlotte Eddy, m. 10 Aug., 1800; he m. (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Hayward, she d. aged 67, 6 Aug., 1829.

JOSIAH FLINT, and Dolly Freeman, m. int. 26 Aug., 1828, she d. aged 20, 16 June, 1831; he m. (2) 4 March, 1832, Nancy Searle.

JARED, and Catherine Truesdell, m. 19 Oct., 1831.

CHARLES A., son of Richard, d. 28 Sept., 1848.

SUSAN C., w. of Richard, aged 30, d. 6 Aug., 1854.

JAMES, of Sutton, aged 63, d. 10 Dec., 1874.

RICHARD, b. in New Hampshire, aged 76, d. 19 July, 1877.

THAYER, LUCIUS, aged 32, d. 20 Sept., 1856.

JAMES M., aged 29, d. 18 Aug., 1857.

CLEMENTINA, widow, aged 68, d. 17 Dec., 1878.

ABEL S., d. 22 Feb., 1880.

THOMAS, JOHN, of Worcester, m. 12 Nov., 1747, Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph Willey, and had at Ox., MARGARET, b. 28 March, 1750, he d.; she m. (2) James Freeland.

GEORGE, m. Tamar ——, had JEMIMA, b. 29 Dec., 1830; ELIZABETH, b. 18 Oct., 1832; ARNOLD, b. 19 Jan., 1834; JAMES, b. 2 April, 1837.

LUCY, and Jonathan Emerson of Haverhill, m. int. 26 May, 1838.

GEORGE, aged 35, d. March, 1839.

**THOMPSON, AMOS**, b. 1 Feb., 1788, son of Nathan and Mary (Hawes) of New Braintree, came to Oxford in 1837; in 1838 purchased the Gates farm, west part, H. 79, sold in 1845, removed to Templeton, returned to Ox. 1847. He m. 1810, Polly, dau. of Benjamin Witt. He d. aged 81, 27 Nov., 1869, she d. 1 March, 1863, both at Ox. . . . Children: MARY W., b. 14 Aug., 1812, m. George Prince of Brimfield; ch., *Martha*, m. Charles Dudley, and d. at Worcester; *Abby*, m. A. G. Pease, settled and d. at Worcester; *Hollis*; ABIGAIL J., b. 22 June, 1814, m. Henry A. Hoyt of New Braintree, and had ch.; JOSEPH J., b. 11 May, 1816, m. Mary Ramsdell of New Haven, Conn., where they settled, no ch.; HOLLIS, b. 1818, d. 1835, unm.; MARTHA A., b. 2 July, 1824, m. Thaddeus T. Gay; ELIZABETH C., b. 2 May, 1826, m. Edward W. Bardwell.

JOHN, and Sarah, dau. of George Robinson, m. 17 June, 1730(?).

DEBORAH, N. Gore, and Elmathan Menger, Woodstock, m. 23 July, 1744.

AARON, son of John of North Gore, chose a guardian 1 March, 1756.

PETER of Douglas, and Elizabeth Baker, m. int. 7 Jan., 1807.

THOMAS (Irish), aged 68, d. 9 Sept., 1866.

F. C., aged 22, d. 4 April, 1871.

**THURSTON, DAVID**, son of Daniel of Wrentham (who was son of Thomas, a pioneer at W.), b. 9 May, 1726, was graduated 1751 at Princeton, ordained 23 June, 1752, at West Medway, resigned 22 Feb., 1769, on account of ill health and troubles in his church. This was his only pastorate. In 1772 removed to Oxford, having bought the old tavern stand at the Israel Sibley place, H. 205, sold 1776, removed to Ward and thence to Sutton, where he d. 5 May, 1777. . . . Children b. at Medway: SUSANNA, b. 1753, m. Dr. Daniel Fisk; PAUL, Revolutionary soldier, marched in Crafts' Cavalry Co. on Lexington alarm, m. Hannah Rawson of Sutton, settled at Harvard, d. Sept., 1797, had ch.: ELIHU, m. 14 Aug., 1776, Deborah Stevens of Worcester; ABRAHAM, with his brother Elihu was in the Revolutionary army in the same company and both killed Aug. (?), 1777, in the same battle; NATHAN, b. 1764.

2. NATHAN, son of David (1), m. 1786, Sally, dau. of Dr. Alexander Campbell, mentally his superior, resided at Westminster, Rockingham and Putney, Vt., Sutton and Ox., farmer and saddler; d. 17 Jan., 1817, at Ox., she d. aged 92, 3 Dec., 1860. . . . Children: ALEXANDER C., b. 7 Aug., 1788; at Westminster; SALLY, b. 11 May, 1790, m. Joel Eddy; SUSANNA F., b. 18 Sept., 1792, at Putney, m. Jonas Ward; MARY, b. 3 June, 1794, at Ox., m. 19 Nov., 1812, John Griggs of Sutton (son of Thomas who was from Brookline), where they settled, had 11 ch., Dr. Thomas T. Griggs of Grafton was a son; NATHANIEL, b. 12 April, 1796, d. 1803; HANNAH R., b. 5 April, 1798, m. (1) 9 Nov., 1820, Ira Trask of Millbury, where they settled, no ch.; m. (2) Lawson Snow; FANNY H., b. 2 March, 1800, m. 6 Dec., 1821, Alfred Torrey of Woodstock, Conn., where they settled, removed to Millbury, where both d., she d. 6 March, 1881; their son, *Luther*, soldier in Oxford company, m. Ann F. Wheeler of Millbury, and had one son; MIRANDA P., b. and d. 1801; EMILY S., b. 20 Sept., 1802, d. young; PATTY D., b. 11 Sept., 1804, m. 31 May, 1824, Henry P. Howe of Millbury, who d. in middle life, had a son a lawyer in Worcester, removed with his mother to Ohio, she d. 15 June, 1889, at Cleveland; CATHERINE P., b. 29 Nov., 1805, m. Liberty Litchfield; DAVID T., b. 16 Jan., 1810, m. (1) Sarah, dau. of John Jones of Medway, where she d., merchant at Baltimore, Md.; m. (2) at B., Harriet Bull, she d. and he returned to Massachusetts and resided

for several years at Sutton, d. there 9 Aug., 1875, no ch.; a very estimable man.

3. ALEXANDER C., son of Nathan (2), m. 16 March, 1815, Polly, dau. of Reuben Eddy. He had several vocations, lived in different localities in Ox., kept for several years the boarding-house at Augutteback Village; later years was sexton and undertaker. He d. 17 Aug., 1872, at Providence, R. I., she d. 20 Oct., 1855, at Ox. . . . Children: WILLIAM E., b. 6 Sept., 1816, m. Louisa A. Albee of Pittsfield, cloth finisher, d. 6 Nov., 1858, at Putnam, Conn.; ch. *John A.*, b. 1843, soldier in late war, Co. E, 15th Mass. Regt.; *James F.*, b. 1845; *Josephine*, b. 1847, d. 1856; *Ashy Jane*, b. 1850; NATHAN, b. 1818, d. 1824; L. EATON, b. 30 June, 1821, m. 8 April, 1846, Martha M. Newton of Troy, N. H., where they settled, removed to Ware, thence to Providence, R. I., harness maker, had ch.; MARY M., b. 2 March, 1825, m. 29 April, 1844, Henry A. Baker of Ox., jeweler and dentist, settled at Douglas, she obtained a divorce and resided at Chicago, had ch.; a son *Estus E.*, b. 1845, was a soldier in the late war and d. 1864, in Andersonville prison; ALEXANDER, b. 1828, d. 1830; SALLY C., b. 26 July, 1830, m. (1) 27 April, 1848, George Bridgford of North Grosvenordale, Conn., had ch., he d. 7 Aug., 1875, at Providence, R. I., she m. (2) 12 Oct., 1876, Dr. Lewis T. Mason of Charlton; HENRY, b. 19 Jan., 1833, m. March, 1860, Martha L. Parks, residence, Glenville, Minn., where he had a large farm and flour-mill, superintendent of schools, had ch.

WILLIAM H., son of Daniel of Grafton, b. 19 March, 1813, came to Ox. before May, 1838, m. 30 Oct., 1839, Julia A., dau. of William H. Bigelow; station agent, shoe manufacturer, coroner, selectman, a leading member of the Methodist Church; removed 1885 to Worcester. . . . Children: WILLIAM H. H., b. 25 Dec., 1840, m. 18 Aug., 1865, Mary A., dau. of Albert Lackey, no ch., shoe manufacturer; ALBERT EUGENE, b. 2 April, 1857, d. 1864.

LEVI E., and Martha M. Newton, m. int. 13 March, 1846.

TIFFANY, BELA, son of James, b. about 1786, at South Brimfield (now Wales), in the employ of Samuel Slater as superintendent of the first cotton mill in Pawtucket, R. I. In Jan., 1812 purchased the land on which the East Village, Webster, now stands for Mr. Slater, retaining a one-sixth interest in the same as appears by the records until Nov., 1816, when he retired from the business and settled on a farm, H. 139, adjoining that of his father-in-law, Joshua Turner, which he bought 1817; he sold in 1822, and removed to New York city. When past middle life he removed to Southbridge, where he d. 29 June, 1851. His wife d. 16 April, 1839. He m. 28 Feb., 1813, Deborah, dau. of Joshua Turner of Ox. He was a wise, close calculating business man. . . . Children: SAMUEL S., b. 29 Nov., 1813, at Ox., m. 1841, Isabella E., dau., of William C. Meade, D.D., of Norwalk, Conn., residence, Newark, N. J., wholesale commission merchant in New York; they had *Isabella*; *Samuel*, d. young, at Hartford; *Eleanor B.*, b. at Brooklyn, m. Eugene Vanderpool of Newark, and had two daughters; *Loranie*, b. at Brooklyn, m. Shellman B. Stewart of New York, residence, Montclair, N. J., had ch.; *Jane M.*, b. at Brooklyn, m. Thomas A. Porter of Philadelphia, residence, Germantown, Pa., had ch.; *Caroline S.*, b. at Greenwich, Conn.; NANCY H., b. 13 April, 1815, m. Franklin H. Cutting of Westport, N. Y., where they settled, removed to New York, Davenport, Ia., Chicago, Ill., and to New York again, where he d.; they had *Annie*, m. James B. Metcalf of Brayton, Ives & Co., brokers, New York; *Mary*, m. Henry Beste, shipping merchant, New York;

LUYAN T., b. 21 Sept., 1818, m. Martin O. Walker of Chicago, both d.; they had *Samuel O.*, residence, Chicago; *Edward S.*, residence, Boulder, Colo.; CAROLINE, b. 15 March, 1820, m. Lafayette Stow of Eufala, Ala., removed to Memphis, Tenn., where she d. 14 Nov., 1859, he returned to Eufala, and died there; DEXTER, b. 1825, at South Brimfield, m. (1) Maria, dau. of Oliver B. Tweedy of New York, m. (2) Elizabeth, sister of Maria; had by first m., *Dexter*, and by second m., *Mary*; he d. and his widow with daughter, resided at Plainfield, N. J., with her father.

LYMAN, elder brother of Bela, bought 1819 the farm, H. 141, opposite Town's Pond, adjoining that of Bela, where he resided a year or two and removed from town.

DEXTER, younger brother of Bela, bought 1820 the farm next south of Lyman, now Joseph Stevens, H. 176, which he occupied one or two years and selling in 1822 returned to Boston, where he was a successful merchant.

LAURA, and James Brown of Sutton, m. intentions 6 Jan., 1827.

DEMOSTHENES, and Almira Twiss, m. 25 Sept., 1828.

LEMUEL, of Douglas, and Bathsheba Hall, m. intentions 1 Sept., 1845. He d. aged 71, 21 Sept., 1867.

TILLOTSON, JONATHAN, probably son of Jonathan of Lyme, b. 26 Oct., 1684, one of the original proprietors, his home lot embracing the "old mill" at the south end of the Plain, H. 37, which he sold 1719 with "all his rights in the village," but remained here at least two years later, and we lose trace of him. He m. Rebekah ——. . . Children: JAMES, b. 18 July, 1717; MARY, b. 1 June, 1721.

TIRRELL, EDWARD (Canadian), m. Maria ——, family removed to Worcester. . . . Children: EDWARD, b. 1 Feb., 1846; JOSEPH, b. 1 Nov., 1847; JULIA, b. Sept., 1849; ALICE L., b. 16 March, 1852; CHARLES, b. 21 April, 1854; FRANKLIN, b. 20 Feb., 1856.

STEPHEN (Canadian), aged 40, d. 2 April, 1855.

TISDALE, Ruth, w. of Ephraim, "an absentee." . . . Children: EPHRAIM, JOHN, HANNAH, ELIZABETH, RUTH, WILKS, JOSEPH, resided in Ox. March, 1780.

TITUS, JOSEPH, of Douglas, and Mrs. Abigail Bunn, m. 20 March, 1788.

TODD, JOHN, of Ward, and Esther Stone, m. intentions 2 Sept., 1780.

ARCHIBALD, Revolutionary soldier.

TOLLEY, JEMIMA, many years a dependent on the town.

TOLMAN, JONAS, b. 9 July, 1810, at Walpole, N. H., son of Rev. Benjamin, later of Fitchburg, tailor, resided at the Cyrus Lamb homestead, H. 121, m. 17 March, 1835, Selaney, dau. of Lamb, she d. 30 Nov., 1870. . . . Children: CYRUS L., b. 8 Sept., 1836, unm., d. 20 Nov., 1874; ELIZABETH, b. 2 April, 1839; ELLEN M., b. 1 Feb., 1852.

BENJAMIN, brother of Jonas, lived at North Ox. mills, m. (1) Cordelia Merritt of Templeton, who d. 21 Sept., 1835, m. (2) 14 Feb., 1836, Ennice Leach of Ox., removed to New Hampshire and later to Winchendon, where he d. Child by first m.: MARY JANE, b. 1832, d. 1834. He, being then of Fitchburg, m. (3) intentions 4 Dec., 1852, Mrs. Eliza Bruce, m. n. Leach, b. at Thompson, Conn.

DANIEL, of Sterling, and Almira Davis, m. intentions 12 May, 1839.

**TONAR, DENNIS**, aged 108, d. 23 Dec., 1874.

**TOOMEY, MARGARET**, dau. of Michael, aged 23, d. 4 June, 1878.

**DANIEL**, aged 46, soldier, d. 4 Jan., 1882.

**TORREY, SAMUEL**, b. 19 Feb., 1762, son of Daniel, of Sutton, m. Hannah Sprague of Douglas; had at Sutton: **LEWIS**, b. 27 Sept., 1788, m. 10 May, 1812, Betsey Titus, settled in Douglas; **BELINDA**, b. 21 May, 1791; **ROXANA**, b. 27 Dec., 1795, m. Josiah Gleason; **ALFRED**, b. 25 March, 1802; **WILLARD**, b. 5 Dec., 1805, all came with their parents to Ox. and lived in the old tavern house in the rear of the present Israel Sibley house, H. 205, where was b. **DANIEL**, 11 Nov., 1808; several years later the family removed to Dixfield, Me.

JOHN, came to Ox. from Franklin 1807, m. Sally Richardson of Franklin, farmer, owned the place adjoining the common, now Benjamin F. White, H. 244, where he resided 10 years and d. 4 Nov., 1817, aged 42. . . . *Children*, first four b. at Franklin: **HARRIET B.**, b. 28 Sept., 1799, m. Lewis, son of Amos Shumway; **EBENEZER**, b. 16 Aug., 1801, was graduated at Harvard College 1822, studied law with and succeeded to the business of Hon. John Shepley of Fitchburg, where he m. and settled and was a leading business man as well as lawyer, 26 years treasurer of the Savings Bank, 1832 became cashier of the Fitchburg Bank, which position he filled honorably for 27 years when he was elected president and continued till his death, 3 Sept., 1888; his son, **George A.**, b. 14 May, 1838, was graduated at Harvard College 1859, prominent lawyer at Boston and Fitchburg; **SALLY**, b. 5 June, 1804, m. 6 June, 1825, Jonathan Dudley, Jr., of Sutton, where they settled, he d. 8 Dec., 1847, she d. 17 May, 1876, at Webster; they had **Edwin A.**, b. 22 June, 1827, m. Elizabeth P., dau. of Jonathan Howard, resided at Norwich, Conn., had ch.: **Anne E.**, b. 2 Jan., 1831, m. 25 May, 1853, Rufus C., son of Oliver Hall of Sutton, resided at Webster; they had Florence D., b. 5 April, 1863; **JOHN**, b. 2 Aug., 1806, m. a dau. of Lewis Fisher, Esq., of Franklin, resided at Sutton, removed to Franklin, he d. 18 July, 1841; **ELI R.**, b. 25 Jan., 1809, at Ox., went young to New York State, d. Nov., 1880, no ch.; **WILLIAM**, b. 2 May, 1811, settled at Fitchburg and d. 13 June, 1835, a person of rare endowments; **RUFUS C.**, b. 19 Feb., 1813, at Ox., was graduated 1833 at Harvard College, went to Fitchburg, where he was a number of years teacher, editing a newspaper and writing a history of the town, removed 1838 to Mobile, Ala., where he taught in Pinney's College, removed to St. Stephens, studied law with Judge Ptolemy T. Harris. In 1841 began practice at Grove Hill, Clark Co., removed in 1843 to Claiborne, where he spent his subsequent years. In 1844 elected judge of Monroe Co. Court, resigned in 1848, in 1875 chosen delegate to the State convention for the revision of the constitution, and in 1876 State Senator for four years. His health gradually gave way and he d. 13 Sept., 1882, at Claiborne. He was a very able man and highly esteemed. His w. d. 1856. He m. 1846, Elizabeth, dau. of Andrew Henshaw of Clark Co.; their surviving ch. are **Charles J.**, lawyer at Mobile; **Elizabeth**, m. Harry Pillans, lawyer at Mobile; **Andrew H.**, merchant near Claiborne; **CHARLES W.**, b. 1815, d. 1816.

**DANIEL S.**, and Matilda R. ——, had **GEORGE H.**, b. 25 Aug., 1842; **JOHN T.**, b. 2 Sept., 1844; **NANCY F.**, b. 26 Feb., 1847.

**JOSEPH W.**, and Isabella ——, had **CAROLINE A.**, b. 5 July, 1844.

**SALLY**, and Henry Davis, m. intentions 15 July, 1815.

TOURTELLOTTE, JAMES J., aged 27, d. 3 Oct., 1860.

PARIS, of Sutton, aged 70, d. 13 Oct., 1867.

CATHERINE, dau. of Paris, aged 31, d. 22 Feb., 1874. \*

TOWN, TOWNE, WILLIAM. Upon the east coast of England, 120 miles northeast from London is the old town of Yarmouth. Among its venerable buildings is St. Nicholas Church (founded A. D. 1123), in which on 25 March, 1620, William Town and Joanna Blessing were m. They were the grandparents of John, the leading man in the English settlement at Ox. Twenty years after this m. six of their ch. had been baptized in that Church and the family had joined the emigrants to America. They resided first at "North fields," Salem, removed 1652 to Topsfield, where they settled. JACOB, a son, was baptized at Yarmouth, 11 March, 1632, resided with his father at Salem 12 years, m. 26 June, 1657, Catherine, dau. of John Symonds, and d. aged about 73 years. His sisters, REBECCA and MARY, were victims of the witchcraft delusion, and SARAH barely escaped with her life. JOHN, son of Jacob, b. 2 April, 1658, at Topsfield, m. 2 Feb., 1680, Mary Smith, was active in public affairs at Topsfield and administrator of his father's estate 1704, removed to Framingham where at the first town meeting, 5 Aug., 1700, he was chosen selectman. In 1708 he resided at Charlestown, came in 1713 at 55 years of age among the 30 settlers from Framingham to Ox., and at the first town meeting was chosen town clerk and selectman, and continued to occupy prominent public positions and to have the confidence of the community during his life. He was a leader in the formation of the Church, one of four who met at his house for this purpose, and was its first deacon. His abilities, character and experience fitted him to be what he in fact was, the Nestor of the new settlement. His house lot, H. 176, which adjoined the North Common he sold nearly ten years before his decease to his son Jonathan. He d. aged 82, 1740, at Topsfield.<sup>1</sup> . . . Children: MARY, b. 23 June, 1681; JOHN, b. 25 Nov., 1682, d. young; ISRAEL, b. 18 Nov., 1684; ESTHER, b. 13 Dec., 1686, m. 23 April, 1711, Simon Mellen of Framingham; EPHRAIM, b. 1688; JONATHAN, b. 11 March, 1691; DAVID, b. 1693; SAMUEL, b. 25 Jan., 1696; EDMUND, b. 7 May, 1699; JOHN, b. 31 May, 1702. [Barry.] ✓ 2. ISRAEL, son of John (1), m. Susanna Haven of Framingham, one of the 30 original proprietors, his home lot, II. 141, adjoining that of his father on the north. He d. aged 86, 29 Oct., 1771, at Ox., she d. aged 96, in 1787, at Belchertown. . . . Children: MARY, b. 16 Nov., 1709, at Framingham, m. Theodore Kingsbury; SUSANNA, b. 1711, d. young; JOSEPH, b. 1714, d. 1733; SUSANNA, b. 17 Feb. 1717 [Towne Gen.], m. 25 Oct., 1739, John Haven of Framingham (or Sutton); they had *Mary*, b. 1750; *Lydia*, b. 1755; *Azubah*, b. 1758, m. Ezra Mixer; *John*, b. 1762; she d. 1806, aged 89, at Sutton; *ELIJAH*, b. 16 Feb., 1719; *MOSES*, b. 14 Aug., 1721; *ESTHER*, b. 14 March, 1724, m. 17 Dec., 1742, Jacob Willson(?); *ISRAEL*, b. 12 Feb., 1727, removed 1749 to Belchertown, m. 17 Oct., 1754, Naomi Stebbins, he d. Dec., 1805, at Belchertown, she d. 12 Feb., 1827; they had *Amasa*, b. 1755, d. 1820, at Belchertown; *Jonathan*, b. 1756, d. 1824, at Belchertown; *William*, b. 1759, d. 1842, in New York; *Joseph*, b. 1761, d. 1825, in Pennsylvania; *Lucretia*, b. 1763; *Benjamin*, b. 1765; *Abner*, b. 1767, d. 1828, at Belchertown; *Naomi*, b. 1770, m. Nathaniel Talmadge of Ludlow, and d. 1835; *Rebecca*, b. 1772, m. Wilson White, and d. 1800, at Granville, N. Y.; *Susanna*, b. 1774, m.

<sup>1</sup> Letter of Sidney Perley, Esq.

Joab Holbrook of Moscow, N. Y.; *Salem*, b. 1779, m. 1807, Abigail King, resided at Granville and Aurora, N. Y., was graduated 1805 from Middlebury College (Vt.), was a clergyman, doctor of laws, an able writer on educational subjects, author of "Towne's Speller" and "Towne's Analysis," two favorite text-books, a prominent Freemason; he d. 24 Feb., 1864, at Green-castle, Ind.; *Lois*, b. 18 May, 1729, m. 7 Sept., 1749, John Willson; *Mehetabel*, b. 23 Dec., 1731, m. 12 June, 1760, Samuel, son of Josiah Larned.

3. ELIJAH, son of Israel (2), soldier in French war, sergeant, m. 23 June, 1743, Lydia, dau. of Ebenezer Locke, settled in North Gore east of the river at the Livermore place, H. 110, removed 1766 to Warwick, where she d. 9 April, 1771. . . . *Children*, all except the last b. at Ox.: EBENEZER, b. 22 Sept., 1744, m. at Warwick, and had *Azubah*; *Lydia*; LYDIA, b. 1746, d. 1753; MIRIAM, b. 1748, d. 1753; ELIAS, b. 1750, d. 1753; EZEKIEL, b. and d. 1753; *Elijah*, b. 8 July, 1754; MARY, b. 2 Aug., 1756, d. 22 June, 1767; TIMOTHY, b. 1758, d. 1767; LOIS, b. 2 Sept., 1760; LYDIA, b. 26 Feb., 1763; MIRIAM, b. 1765, d. 1767; MARY, b. 12 Jan., 1768.

4. MOSES, son of Israel (2), soldier in French war, m. (1) 19 Feb., 1747, Bethiah Reed, she d. 21 Aug., 1761; m. (2) intentions 4 June, 1763, Mrs. Abigail Childs of Grafton; resided on the homestead until his second marriage, then removed to the north part of the town, near the river at the southern point of Prospect Hill, where he d. 16 Sept., 1808.; she d. 15 Sept., 1821, aged about 90. . . . *Children*: JOSEPH, b. 24 July, 1747, m. 28 April, 1772, Anna Cragin of Acton. [In March, 1805, Joseph Town of Fairfield, Me., was sued by the town of Ox. for the support of his father Moses. The town gained the suit. In June, 1806, Joseph, being in ill health, appealed to the court for relief. Court Rec.] ESTHER, b. 1 March, 1750, m. 30 Dec., 1770, Abraham Merrifield(?);<sup>1</sup> ELIAS, b. 8 Oct., 1754;<sup>2</sup> SARAH, b. 2 May, 1757, d. 28 May, 1769.

5. EPHRAIM, son of John (1), m. 31 Dec., 1719, at Woodstock, Conn., Sarah Kenney of Ox., and settled at Ox.; was one of the 30 English settlers, his home lot which he held in partnership with his brother Jonathan until his father's removal, was west of the road, opposite the old common, H. 178. . . . *Children*: PAUL and SILAS, b. 14 March, 1722, Paul d. 1722; EDMUND, b. 19 Aug., 1724, m. 16 Jan., 1755, Abigail, dau. of Jonathan Brewer of Framingham [Barry 191], said to have removed to Vermont [Barry says Hoosack Fort]; Towne Gen. gives his children thus: *Abigail, Edmund, Catherine, David, Martha, Jonathan, Prudence, Silas*; he d. 1779, she d. 1772; THOMAS, b. and d. 1727.

6. SILAS, son of Ephraim (5), m. 17 Jan., 1745, Susanna (probably dau. of Ebenezer) Locke of Ox., removed about 1757, to Warwick. . . . *Children*, all except youngest three b. at Ox.: SUSANNA, b. 6 March, 1746, m. — Moore, and removed to Grand Isle, Vt.; EPHRAIM, b. 1748, d. 1753; ASA, b. 13 April, 1749; SARAH, b. 23 Aug., 1751; EPHRAIM, b. 14 Aug., 1753, m. 18 Dec., 1777, Huldah Gale, settled at Warwick, where he resided 1798, removed to Vermont, d. at Stow, 8 ch.; SILAS, b. 7 Aug., 1755, Lieut. in the Revolutionary war; LYDIA, b. 15 July, 1757, m. — Cook, lived at Conway and Buckland; THOMAS, b. 25 Dec., 1759, at Warwick, m. (1)

<sup>1</sup> In Capt. Hartwell's account book Dec., 1775, is a charge against Moses Town for goods delivered to his "dafter Merrifield."

<sup>2</sup> Moses and Elias Town, father and son(?),

were both in Capt. Curtis' Co. in Revolutionary war and the campaign of 1775 near Boston. Later, Moses had been 35 months in Capt. Moore's Co. Elias was in the Saratoga battles.

Ruth Burton, 5 ch.; m. (2) Mary Coleman, 5 ch.; he d. 1819, at Rowe; RUTH, b. 20 May, 1762; EDMUND, b. 6 Aug., 1764, m. 1782, Anna Fisher.

7. JONATHAN, son of John (1), m. Katherine ——, one of the 30 English settlers, and had land in partnership with his brother Ephraim, II. 178, opposite the North Common. In 1731 his father, being then over 70 years of age, deeded to him his home lot, 176, which Jonathan probably soon after occupied. Katherine d. 8 June, 1757; m. (2) 28 April, 1761, Martha, widow of Richard Rogers, the first schoolmaster. He was a substantial citizen, but seems not to have been particularly active in public affairs, was chosen 29 June, 1739, deacon of the Church which office he filled until his death. His will was approved 29 July, 1771. . . . Children: JACOB, b. 30 Oct., 1720; TAMAR, b. 19 Feb., 1722, m. Daniel Davis; SIMON, b. 26 March, 1724, d. unm. (?); JONATHAN, b. and d. 1727; JOHN, b. 15 Dec., 1728, m. 9 April, 1761, Dorothy Pratt, resided at the homestead, 176, sold in 1788, and removed to Ward, having exchanged estates with William Phips, Esq.; in 1797, he sold his place in Ward and removed to Otsego Co., N. Y.; was Captain of the Oxford minute men in the Revolutionary war, and marched at their head on the Lexington alarm; later he was the efficient recruiting officer of the town, and advanced considerable sums to secure soldiers, for which he was reimbursed only at the end of a lawsuit; as Captain, in Sept., 1777, he issued orders from the court for the recruiting service; ch.: Catherine, b. 23 Feb., 1762; Tamar, m. Joseph Putnam of Sutton, and had Tamar, b. 1786; John Town, b. 1787; Daniel, b. 1789; John, m. Dolly Gould, settled at Phillips-ton (?); Daniel; MARY, b. 4 June, 1731, m. 19 Sept., 1751, Samuel Curtis, Jr., of North Gore; JOSIAH, b. 10 Aug., 1734, m. 18 Aug., 1756, Susanna Rich of Charlton, where they settled; he was in both the French and Revolutionary wars and d. 14 Feb., 1821, she d. 25 Nov., 1788; they had Catherine, b. 1757, m. Capt. John Fitts of Charlton; Susanna, b. 1759; Josiah, b. 1761, m. 1780, Dorothy Hill of Killingly, Conn., and had Aaron, b. 1781; Leonard, b. 1783, harness maker at Charlton; Ruth, b. 1788; Susanna, b. 1790, m. Moses Dresser; Richard Rogers, b. 1764, m. 5 Aug., 1782, Mrs. Polly Coburn, and had Catherine, b. 1792, m. Col. John Fitts, second wife: Harvelin, b. 1795, thriving farmer of Charlton; Sally E., b. 1811; Richard R., d. 1 Oct., 1843; Polly, his wife, d. 14 Jan., 1842; HULDAH, b. 2 Nov., 1737, m. 18 Sept., 1760, Israel Phillips.

8. JACOB, son of Jonathan (7), m. 16 June, 1743, Mary, dau. of Rev. John Campbell, settled on Rocky Hill, north of the old Charlton road, II. 87, soldier in French war, and d. at Fort Edward 18 Oct., 1755, "was buried in the woods by his brother Josiah."<sup>1</sup> [His widow m. 23 Nov., 1758, Joseph Twiss of Charlton, who d. 13 Jan., 1793; they had Samuel, b. 1760; Prudence, b. 1765, m. Francis Blandin; Lueretia, b. 1769, m. Sibley Barton]. . . . Children: ESTHER, b. 7 Nov., 1743, m. 20 Oct., 1763, David Twiss of Charlton; JONATHAN, b. 19 Jan., 1745, m. Lucy Lamb of Charlton, and had Mary, b. 1772; SALEM, b. 21 Oct., 1746. [There is a tradition which comes on the authority of George W. Hartwell, who received it from his father, that on the day of his birth the new Meeting-house at the North Common was raised, and that Mr. Campbell, the grandfather, in commemoration of the event named the child SALEM—peace. The name which was specially an honored one in Charlton, was later adopted in several instances in the family, and extensively in other families of the region.] JOHN, b. 5 Dec., 1748, d. young;

<sup>1</sup> Family memorandum.

**SYLVANUS**, b. 15 Feb., 1750; **ISABEL**, b. 12 Feb., 1752, m. (1) 23 July, 1776, Israel Holten of Charlton, and had *Isabel*, m. Henry B. Morgan; she m. (2) 24 July, 1785, Ebenezer Rich of Sutton, where they settled and had *Molly*, b. 1777; *Mehetabell*, b. 1778; *Lucy*, b. 1781; *Elizabeth*, b. 1783; *Ebenezer*, b. 17 June, 1786, settled at Ox.; *Jacob*, b. 1787; *Elisha*, b. 1788;<sup>1</sup> **WILLIAM**, b. 2 Feb., 1754, m. Mary Reynolds, removed from town soon; **JACOB**, b. 20 Oct., 1755, resided in 1827 near New York city.

9. **SALEM**, son of Jacob (8), m. (1) 11 July, 1771, Elizabeth, dau. of John Mayo, she d. 15 March, 1772, m. (2) 11 April, 1774, Ruth, dau. of Richard Moore, she d. 25 Sept., 1790; he d. 22 July, 1825; prominent man at Charlton, soldier, quartermaster in the Revolutionary war, later Maj.-Gen. of militia, representative in the State constitutional convention and the legislature. . . . *Children*, all by second m.: **POLLY**, b. 18 Nov., 1774, m. William Weld; **RUTH**, b. 28 March, 1777, m. (1) Aaron Wheelock, m. (2) Dr. Ebenezer H. Phillips; **ELIZABETH**, b. 20 Sept., 1778, m. William P. Rider, she d. Nov., 1828; **SALEM**, b. 26 March, 1780, m. Sally Spurr of Charlton, resided on the homestead at Charlton, of sterling character, good mental abilities and very influential. A teacher in young manhood, later considerably in public life, several years State Senator, Gen. of militia. Hon. William L. Marcy, who was under his instruction in his youth, is said to have declared that for whatever of distinction or merit he had attained to, he was indebted more to Salem Town than any other living person. He d. 17 Feb., 1872; ch.: *Elijah D.*; *William M.*, m. Frances A. Robinson; *Mary D.*, b. 1810; *Sarah S.*, b. 1813; *Mary L.*, b. 1815; *Margaret L.*, b. 1819; *Amelia M.*, b. 1821; *Salem*, b. 1823; *Alice B.*, b. 1826, d. 11 Nov., 1843; *Edward W.*, b. 1829; **PAMELA**, b. 29 Aug., 1781, m. Isaiah Rider, brother of William, she d. 29 May, 1844; **AUGUSTA**, b. 13 Jan., 1784, m. Dr. Dan Lamb, leading physician at Charlton, she d. 14 April, 1865; **LUCY M.**, b. 2 Nov., 1787, m. Col. John Fitts.

10. **SYLVANUS**, son of Jacob (8), Revolutionary soldier, marched in Crafts' Cav. Co. on Lexington alarm, in Saratoga battles, m. (1) 29 March, 1775, Margaret, dau. of William Watson, m. (2) intentions 2 July, 1785, Ruth, only child of Daniel and Elizabeth (Green) Hovey of Leicester, b. June, 1763. [Daniel Hovey d. before July, 1785, his widow m. (2) Rev. Benjamin Foster, Baptist pastor at Greenville.] He had good abilities, was many years justice of the peace, auctioneer, an efficient business man and held important public offices, a constant Church goer and much respected. Col. of militia, and a Gov't officer in "Shays Rebellion." He d. 8 April, 1818. His widow d. 1837. . . . *Children*: **WILLIAM**, b. 28 Feb., 1777, m. 10 June, 1799, Sally Barber of Worcester, physician, of good abilities, resided at Thompson, Conn., and Westminster, Vt., d. in middle life at Worcester, having long been an invalid; ch.: *Ruth E.*, b. 9 March, 1801, at Thompson; *Sylvanus*, b. 25 Jan., 1804, at Westminster; *Sarah*, b. 5 Aug., 1805, at Westminster; **SYLVANUS**, b. 27 Dec., 1778, unm., enlisted early in the U. S. army, continued nearly or quite 20 years, returned home about two years before his decease, 4 Sept., 1823; **JACOB**, b. 22 July, 1781, tanner, m. 30 Oct., 1808, Catherine, dau. of Oliver Smith, removed to Greenbush, N. Y., d. in young manhood, she d. aged 25, 18 Feb., 1810, at Ox.; they had *Caroline*, b. 1809, d. young; **CHARLES**, b. 24 April, 1786; **ELIZABETH**, b. 1 Feb., 1788, m. Samuel Harris; **BENJAMIN F.**, b. 13 Nov., 1791; **RUTH**, b. 7 July, 1794, d. young.

<sup>1</sup>The will of Mrs. John Campbell gave to Esther Town, her granddaughter, her wearing apparel, to Isabel her gold necklace and all moneys due

the testator. Capt. James Griffin was named Executor, but a letter of Administration was issued to Isabel Holten.

11. CHARLES, son of Sylvanns (10), m. 30 March, 1806, Sarah, dau. of Jonathan Harris. He d. 19 Aug., 1828, she d. 1 June, 1846, both at Ox . . . Children: RUTH, b. 31 July, 1806, m. Artemas G. Metcalf; DANIEL HOVEY, b. 13 Oct., 1810, m. Sarah Hersey, settled at Southbridge, baker, removed about 1867, to Springfield; they had *Charles*, d. imm. at Southbridge; *Helen*, resided at Springfield; *Everett*, m. and settled at Warehouse Point, physician, had a son 1888 in Williams College; *Anne*, resided at Springfield; CHARLES HARRIS, b. 6 April, 1817, m. 2 May, 1838, Lavinia Chase of Sutton, settled in Grafton, removed to New York city, where he was a wholesale flour merchant, very expert, removed to Rockville, Conn., he d. at a hospital in Hartford, 19 Sept., 1888; ch.: *Mary S.*, b. 2 Aug., 1840; *Albert H.*, b. 9 April, 1844, soldier in the late war, killed at Fredericksburg; *Sarah L.*, b. 21 Dec., 1847; *Arthur L.*, b. 11 Feb., 1858, organist and music teacher at Rockville; *Charles S.*, b. 15 Dec., 1861.

12. BENJAMIN F., son of Sylvanus (10), saddler, in business from about 1814 to 1820 at the shop on Charlton street corner, opposite the old tavern, previously occupied by Maj. Archibald Campbell, later for two years with Seth Daniels and Sylvanus Harris at H. 218, afterward with his brother-in-law, Andrew Sigourney, Jr., in the tavern and store at the centre. He m. intentions 13 Dec., 1821, Mary, dau. of Andrew Sigourney. He d. 3 Nov., 1833, she d. 8 June, 1860. . . . Children: MARY S., b. 5 June, 1823, m. 25 Oct., 1856, William Wallace of Marysville, Tenn., no ch., he d. 26 April, 1864; BENJAMIN F., b. and d. 1831.

13. DAVID, son of John (1), m. (1) 31 Dec., 1716, at Woodstock, Conn., Mercy, dau. of Samuel and Hannah Barton of Ox., settled at H. 27. She d. 3 Dec., 1730, aged 37, m. (2) Sarah ——, she d. 24 June, 1737, m. (3) 28 Dec., 1737, Priscilla, dau. of Dea. Daniel Hovey, she d. 2 Nov., 1741, m. (4) Margaret Manning of Woodstock, Conn., she d. 6 Feb., 1778, aged 78. He d. aged 87, 20 Sept., 1781, at Belchertown. . . . Children: FRANCIS, b. 7 March, 1719, d. 1729; HANNAH, b. 1 Sept., 1720, d. 1743; DELIVERANCE, b. July, 1726; DAVID, b. 15 July, 1734; SUSANNAH, b. 1736, d. 1737; PRISCILLA, b. 7 March, 1740, m. intentions 21 May, 1768, Jacob Thompson.

14. DAVID, son of David (13), m. 26 Aug., 1755, Keziah, dau. of Oliver Shumway. Soldier in the French war. [Small in stature. On a time he became exhausted in marching and was about to lie down by the way as he thought to die, when a comrade near him, observing his condition, said to him, "Jump on my back!" He was very ready to obey and having been carried a long distance was so revived as to be able to march with his company. He was wont in his old age to relate with tears the incident and declared he owed his life to his friend the stalwart Irishman.] . . . Children: FRANCIS, b. and d. 1757; WILLIAM, b. 8 Nov., 1760; OLIVER, b. 19 Feb., 1763; KEZIAH, b. 29 Jan., 1765; SARAH, b. 30 Nov., 1767.

15. SAMUEL, son of John (1), m. (1) 16 April, 1722, Sarah, dau. of Abial Lamb, she d. 19 July, 1727, m. (2) 11 Aug., 1743, Bathsheba, widow of Collins Moore. He d. 1760, at Ox. [She m. 10 Dec., 1760, Joseph Phillips.] We find no record of his estate but there are indications that he lived on Prospect Hill. In his will, approved 22 April, 1760, he names the heirs of his son James, deceased, his dau. Zeruiah Cloise [Cloyes?] and granddau. Elizabeth Cloise, Sarah Moore, Lucy Town and Samuel Town. . . . Children: JAMES, b. 11 Oct., 1722, m. 10 Dec., 1747, Ann Blood, and had *Sarah*, b. 25 May, 1748, m. intentions 1 June, 1771, Ebenezer Collier; *Keziah, James*; *James*, the

father, removed to Belchertown, where he d. before 2 July, 1759 (date of his father's will), she m. (2) John Wyman(?); ZERUIAH, b. 1 Feb., 1725, m. John Cloyes of Framingham(?); SARAH, b. 12 March, 1727, m. Nathan Moore; ch. by second m.: LUCY, b. 2 Nov., 1744, m. intentions 7 June, 1766, Peter Delvee; SAMUEL, b. 12 March, 1747, m. 9 March, 1769, Tabitha Eddy, resided at Warwick; TABITHA, b. 8 Dec., 1749, d. young.

16. EDMUND, son of John (1), cordwainer, m. (1) 29 March, 1733, Elizabeth, dau. of Zaccheus Gould of Topsfield, resided on Prospect Hill, she d. 17 Sept., 1742, m. (2) intentions April, 1744, Patience, dau. of Samuel Gould, cousin of his first w. He d. 27 May, 1745, she m. (2) John Eddy, second w. Town's inventory, £524, indicates a style of house furnishing above the ordinary for the times. . . . Children: EDMUND, b. 10 Sept., 1733; ZACCHEUS, b. 1736, d. 1740; ELIZABETH, b. 14 Feb., 1738, m. 10 Jan., 1758, John King of Sutton, who was Lieut. in a company in Col. Ebenezer Learned's Regt., and later commissary and deputy sheriff; BATHSHEBA, b. 1740, d. 1741; MARY, b. and d. 1742.

17. EDMUND, son of Edmund (16), m. 11 Nov., 1756, Hannah Sparhawk. . . . Children: ZACCHEUS, b. 20 Feb., 1757; HANNAH, b. 20 March, 1759, m. Abijah Burnap(?).

18. JOHN, son of John (1), m. 6 March, 1729, Lydia Hunkins, settled about a half-mile north of the North Ox. railroad station, east of "Burnt Swamp," house removed, H. 150. . . . Children: THOMAS, b. 26 May, 1729, m. 13 Feb., 1752, Hannah, dau. of Jonathan Ballard, removed to Gardiner, Me.; they had Sherebiah, b. 1752; Ephraim, b. 1754, m. (1) Lucy Ballard, m. (2) Eunice Stackpole; Edward, b. 1756, Solomon, b. 1758, Hannah, b. 1762, Elizabeth, b. 1766 [Towne Gen.]; ABNER, b. 21 May, 1731; ISAAC, b. 17 Aug., 1733; PHEBE, b. 1737, d. 1741; LYDIA, b. 1740, d. 1741; RACHEL, b. 9 Nov., 1742, d. 16 March, 1768, unm.; HANNAH, b. 24 Sept., 1744, m. Collins' Moore; SIMON, b. 25 Feb., 1748; LYDIA, b. 8 Sept., 1752, m. William, son of William Nichols.

19. ABNER, son of John (18), m. intentions Feb., 1754, Susanna, dau. of Phinehas Dana, housewright, resided at Ox. in 1785, removed to Dummerston, Vt. . . . Children: DAVID DANA, b. 1758, m. 31 Dec., 1778, Elizabeth Breed of Sutton, soldier in the Revolutionary war, marched on the Lexington alarm; PHINEHAS, b. 1 Aug., 1762, m. Mrs. Lavinia Boyden; PERLEY, m. Phebe Butler. [Town Gen.]

20. ISAAC, son of John (18), m. 17 July, 1759, Hulda, dau. of Jonathan Pratt, Jr., farmer, lived on the southerly half of his father's farm, H. 152, house removed many years ago. He d. 9 Aug., 1775, she m. (2) 28 June, 1789, Sam'l. Bixby of Sutton, now Millbury; after his death she, in 1831, journeyed from Ox. to Bethel Me., being then 92 years of age, and d. there at the residence of her son Isaac, in March, 1843, at the age of 104 years. . . . Children: HULDAH, b. 22 Nov., 1759, m. Jonathan Harris; ELISHA, b. 3 Dec., 1763, Revolutionary soldier, m. 28 Sept., 1788, Polly Watson, removed to Alstead, N. H., where they d.; they had M. Watson; Mary, m. Enoch Slade of Thetford, Vt.; Almira, m. Walter Tufts of Worcester; ALEXANDER, b. 3 Sept., 1765, m. Mary Wilcox of Burrillville, R. I., where they settled, removed to Ohio, where he d., no ch.; DANIEL, b. 1768, d. 1769; RUFUS, b. 5 Oct., 1770, m. Abigail Crocker of Brattleboro', Vt., removed to Richfield, N. Y., had ch.; ISAAC, b. 19 July, 1775, m. Dolly Gould of Millbury, removed to Bethel, Me., where he d.; Tyler, his son succeeded him on the homestead at Bethel.

21. SIMON, son of John (18), m. intentions 19 Nov., 1770, Mary Pike of North Gore, lived at Ox. till 1780, removed to Charlton, thence to Dudley and Ashford, Conn., where he d. Dec., 1837, she d. 1838, aged 93. [Towne Gen.]

*Children:* DANIEL, b. 12 March, 1771, m. Azubah Daggett; THOMAS, b. 16 May, 1772, m. Mary Kelly; AMOS, b. 25 Feb., 1774; JOEL, b. 12 March, 1776, m. Elizabeth Willard, they had born in Dudley 1 Nov., 1806, Nelson P., who m. 10 Sept., 1828, Julia A., dau. of Moses, Jr., and Susanna (Towne) Dresser, they had b. 26 May, 1829, at Dresser Hill, Charlton, Alban N., who m. Caroline A. Mansfield, brought up on a farm, was employed at carriage painting two years at Webster, soon after engaged as clerk in store at Webster; was in the same capacity at Worcester and Danvers, and went thence to Galesburg, Ill., where he became interested in railroading and accepted a position as brakeman; "passing through the various positions of train, track, and station service" he fitted himself for general railroad management, and was assistant superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road for several years, and in 1869 assumed the duties of general superintendent of the Central Pacific Railroad, which position he holds, 1890, residence, San Francisco, Cal.; JOHN, b. 12 Aug., 1777; MARY, b. 24 Jan., 1779; SARAH, b. 16 May, 1781, m. Jacob Sly; GEORGE, b. 9 Dec., 1782, m. Parthena Willard; HANNAH, b. 22 Nov., 1784, m. Joseph Perrin, father of Harrison of Oxford; SIMON, b. 19 July, 1786. [Towne Gen.]

ICHABOD, son of John of Sutton, m. 5 Dec., 1751 Jemima Stockwell, settled at Ox. where his eldest four children were born. He removed from Sutton to Athol, 1785, d. 1794, at Phillipston. [Towne Gen.] . . . *Children:* JEMIMA, b. 23 Feb., 1755; ELIJAH, b. 13 Jan., 1757; MOLLY, b. 23 Jan., 1759; AARON, b. 15 Nov., 1762; HANNAH, b. 4 April, 1767, m. Ziba Stockwell; SARAH, b. 12 Feb., 1769, m. Asa Wesson.

JESSE, w. Ruth, had THOMAS, b. 18 Aug., 1721.

EDMUND, son of Lydia Lamb, b. 31 Oct., 1731, m. 12 Dec., 1752, Elizabeth Ramsdell of Dudley(?). [An Edmund d. 1754, at Dudley. Prob. Rec.]

ABIJAH, son of Mary Town, b. 8 Aug., 1732.

PRISCILLA, and Daniel Sheehy (Shea?), transient, m. int. 3 Jan., 1784; she m. (2) int. 10 Feb., 1809, David Howard.

CHARLES, 2d., and Polly Whiting, m. int. 18 Dec., 1824.

TOWNER, PETER (Irish), aged 53, d. 11 Aug., 1885.

TRASK, LEWIS, and Sarah W. Davis of Leicester, m. int. 1 April, 1835.

TROW, BENJAMIN, of Norton 1754, had ISRAEL, b. about 1737, m. 1 Jan., 1761, Mary Clapp; they had BENJAMIN, b. 18 April, 1763, soldier in Revolutionary war, came to Ox. before 1789, m. 3(?) Oct., 1789, Rachel Pratt of Foxboro', bought 1789 the house near the common, H. 244; blacksmith, had a shop on the south corner of the common, was a thriving mechanic; sold in 1799 and a year or two later removed to Buckland; he probably d. before 1810. His father Israel, then of Hardwick, was guardian of his minor children, and, 1810, discharged in their behalf a mortgage on this estate. Israel, the father, was sergeant in the French war 1759, Captain in the Revolutionary war, member of Committee of Correspondence, selectman, assessor, treasurer and representative at Norton, removed to Petersham about

1793 and soon after to Hardwick where he d. 17 Feb., 1825, aged 88.<sup>1</sup> On 30 Nov., 1800, Mrs. Rachel Trow was dismissed from Ox. Church and recommended to the Church at Buckland. . . . *Children* b. at Ox.: POLLY, b. 11 Aug., 1790, m. — Bassett; ALFRED, b. 23 Feb., 1792; OTIS, b. 1794, d. 1797; LUCY, b. 29 Sept., 1796, m. Erastus Taylor; BETSEY; SALEM.

**TRUESDELL, CYRUS**, b. 1811, son of Simeon and Sally of Albany, N. Y.; m. (1) Hannah Oakes of Southbridge, where they settled, she d. 1836; m. (2) 30 Nov., 1837, Sally, dau. of John Mayo, she d. 11 Feb., 1875; m. (3) intentions 23 Dec., 1876, Mrs. Lucinda T. Bemis of Spencer. He d. aged 69, 25 May, 1880. . . . *Children* by first m.: GEORGE W., b. 2 March, 1832, at Leicester, m. Judith Rogers of Holden, residence, Charlton; ELIZA, b. 21 July, 1834, at Charlton, m. A. T. Butler, residence, Worcester.

JOHN, and Sophia, had SIMEON A., b. 18 Oct., 1828.

CATHERINE, and Jared Taylor, m. 19 Oct., 1828.

CHILD OF JOHN, d. aged 12, 24 March, 1832.

SABRA, and John Bacon, m. 15 Oct., 1835.

**TRUMBULL, JOSEPH**, of North Gore, among the early comers to town, taxed on first recorded list, 1717, d. before Dec., 1770; had JOSEPH, blacksmith; ISAAC; ABIGAIL, m. — Bellows; HANNAH, m. — Robinson; ABIA, m. — Wakefield; MARY, m. — Fairbanks; ELIZABETH.

2. PETER, of Leicester, son of Joseph, Jr., m. Mrs. Keziah Lamson of Ox., she d. aged 84, 28 Oct., 1851; ch., AMORY, b. 23 April, 1808, at Leicester, m. April, 1850, Catherine Hall of Dudley, came to Ox. from Millbury in 1832; 1834 bought the mill privilege near the North Ox. railroad station, where he was a wheelwright many years. . . . *Children*: MARIA K., b. 31 May, 1851; HELENA, b. 19 Oct., 1853; ALBERT, b. 19 Feb., 1855, d. 9 Sept., 1877.

JAMES, d. 24 Feb., 1801.

EBENEZER, and Mrs. Sarah Woodward of Spencer, m. 16 June, 1803.

**TRYALL**, —, widow, aged 68, d. Oct., 1817.

**TUCKER, JOHN**, as learned by recent researches among the Harleian manuscripts, went from Normandy to England under William the Conqueror, fought in the battle of Hastings 14 Oct., 1066, settled on confiscated land in S. Tavistock, Co. Devon, and was granted "armorial bearings," 1079. The coat of arms may be found in Burke. From him the line has been traced to ROBERT of Weymouth about 1635. He had nine children, removed about 1662 to Milton, where he d. 1682, aged 80. He had with others BENJAMIN, m. Ann, dau. of Edward Payson of Dorchester, was one of the grantees of land at Spencer and Hardwick from the Indians. [Draper His. Spencer.] His son JONATHAN settled in the North Gere, later Charlton, had with others JOSEPH, b. 2 Nov., 1686, settled about 1709 on Mashamoquet purchase, Pomfret, Conn., m. Margarett —, and had several sons, one, JOSEPH, d. in the Louisburg expedition 13 June, 1745. He m. 6 Aug., 1744, Elizabeth Garrett, and had one son EPHRAIM, b. 12 May, 1745, at Pomfret, m. 4 May, 1767, Mehitable Chandler of Pomfret, and had seven children. Of them, CALVIN was b. 15 March, 1780, at Pomfret, m. 19 June, 1804, Eupta Gilbert, settled at Pomfret, blacksmith,

<sup>1</sup> Paige His. Hardwick, Sept. 19, 1791, Israel Trow, Jr., of Norton, nafior, bought land in Ward, d. 27 Aug., 1806, at North Brookfield. In the will of Israel Trow, 12 May, 1824, are named

the children of his son Benjamin, deceased, as follows: Alfred, Lucy, wife of Erastus Taylor, Betsey, Salem, and Polly Bassett, deceased.

removed 1812 to Ox. South Gore, to the house near Nipmuck Pond, II. 47, and in 1815 to a house, II. 51, on the old Webster road, and in 1825 to North Brookfield. He d. 21 April, 1858, at Worcester. Erecta, his w., was of the 7th generation from Sir John Gilbert, who came about 1630, and was a leader at Taunton settlement 1636, and was also a descendant of the Tuckers, her grandmother, having been dau. of Ephraim of Milton, she d. 21 Jan., 1829, at Worcester, aged 55. . . . Children, first three b. at Pomfret: JOHN GILBERT, b. 22 Oct., 1806, m. 13 May, 1832, Alice Parker of Millbury, settled at Ware, he d. 28 Sept., 1876, at West Brookfield; they had Andrew L., d. 1854; *Harriet W.*, m. (1) Wilder Gray of Ware, m. (2) Atwell Barlow of West Brookfield; HORACE, b. 17 Nov., 1808, m. (1) Sarah E. Clark of North Brookfield, and had *Lucius Henry*, b. 16 June, 1844, m. (1) 4 May, 1882, Carrie Howe of North Brookfield, 1 ch.; m. (2) Dollie Bebee of Palmer, and had Alonzo B., b. 7 Nov., 1855, m. Nov., 1882, Elizabeth Woods of North Brookfield; Charles L., b. 1860, d. 1861; ELIZA N., b. 22 Dec., 1810, residence, Vineland, N. J., unm.; JASPER, b. 18 Jan., 1813, at Ox., m. (1) 5 Sept., 1837, Lucinda Dabney of Brooklyn, Conn., she d. 27 Sept., 1868, m. (2) 21 Feb., 1872, Mrs. Lucy Watson of Worcester; ch. by first m.: *Ellen D.*, b. 1836, d. 1839, at North Brookfield; *Charles D.*, b. 3 Sept., 1843, m. 1 Dec., 1868, Nellie Young of Grafton, 2 ch., residence, Worcester, insurance agent; *Mary Jane*, b. 13 Aug., 1840, m. Nathan F. Perry of Worcester, they had Arthur C.; HARRY P., b. 28 June, 1815, m. Mary K. Bush of North Brookfield, no ch., residence, Tabor, Ia.; GEORGE F., b. 17 April, 1818, m. Mary Robinson of Ellenville, N. Y., soldier in the late war in 15th Mass. Regt., they had *Emory H.*, b. 7 May, 1842; *George A.*, b. 18 March, 1854; *Mary E.*, b. 16 June, 1846, m. Joseph Kimball of North Brookfield, no ch.; *Emma Jane*, b. 13 July, 1851, m. Thomas E. Hall of North Brookfield, no ch.; EPHRAIM, b. 14 Oct., 1821, m. Laurette, dau. of George W. Culver once of Lyme, N. H., residence, Worcester, has been foreman in E. W. Vaill's chair factory, genealogist of his family; they had *Ella L.*, b. 20 Sept., 1849, at Ware, d. 10 Oct., 1851, at East Brookfield; *Ephraim*, b. 26 Sept., 1852 at East Brookfield, m. 19 Oct., 1881, Minnie D. Wise, of Malden, book-keeper at Worcester; *Elmer G.*, b. 2 June, 1854, at Worcester, m. 11 May, 1881, Emma A. Brown of Putnam, Conn., and had Fred E., b. 30 April, 1882, watchmaker and jeweler at Worcester; *Albert L.*, b. 8 Feb., 1861, was graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1891 in charge Electric Light Dept. Western Electric Co., Chicago, Ill.; *Nellie M.*, b. 24 Feb., 1866; LAURA MARIA, b. 31 Aug., 1826, at North Brookfield, m. 7 July, 1847, Austin N. Moulton, soldier in the late war in 57th Mass. Regt., residence, Brimfield, no ch.

CHARLES, w. Ruth, had JOSIAH H., who d. aged 6, 25 May, 1826; Ruth, the mother, d. 11 March, 1824, he m. (2) intentions 8 April, 1826, Olive Atwell of Thompson, Conn.

JOHN, son of Mawasseh of Charlton, m. 3 April, 1844, Lucy M. Davidson; they had HENRY C., m. Lydia H. Lawrence; ELLA A., m. Alfred S. Smith, teacher, both d. 1881; John, the father, d. 21 June, 1869, she m. (2) Warren Sibley of Auburn.

MARTHA, of North Gore, and Jonathan Upham, m. 19 March, 1750.

WILLIAM, and Anna Thompson of North Gore, m. 1 Sept., 1756.

SAMUEL, w. Elizabeth, had ANNA, b. 28 Jan., 1769; SAMUEL, b. 26 Oct., 1770.

WILLIAM, Revolutionary soldier.

SALLY, of Killingly, Conn., and Uzziel Wakefield of South Gore, m. intentions 19 April, 1783.

TAMARY, of Charlton, and James Phillips, m. intentions 18 Dec., 1788.

LUCY, w. of Israel, d. 7 Nov., 1813.

ANNA, of Gloucester, R. I., and Horatio N. Aldrich, m. int. 8 Nov., 1822.

TURNER, JOSHUA, b. about 1749, came from Scituate to Ox. about 1770, was in Capt. John Town's company, marched on the Lexington alarm, Lieut. in the Revolutionary war. The record of his first purchase has not been found, his first home was the house on the Millbury road one-third of a mile from the North Common, burned in 1883, H. 175; shoemaker, active in town and Church affairs, a solid, thrifty man, built about 1802 on the western part of his farm the house now standing opposite the North Cemetery, H. 138. He m. Eunice James of Scituate. He d. 9 March, 1832, aged 83 [headstone], she d. 9 Dec., 1825, aged 75. . . . Children: EUNICE, b. 3 July, 1779, m. 26 May, 1801, Philip Eastman of Ashford, Conn., she d. 28 Dec., 1801, no ch.; MARY, b. 11 Feb., 1782, unm., long a leading singer in the Church choir, d. 24 Jan., 1875, at Ox.; DEBORAH, b. 5 July, 1785, m. Bela Tiffany.

JACOB, of Walpole, bought 1804 the Gen. Learned farm on Prospect Hill, H. 126; d. there 23 March, 1830, aged 76. His son SILAS, b. 1 May, 1809, m. 31 Dec., 1832, Abigail C. Davidson, b. 1810, at Ward. He d. 15 Sept., 1854, at the homestead. . . . Children: ABIGAIL C., b. 1833, m. 1859, John G. Bond of Charlton; had Alice V.; SARAH L., b. 1834, d. 1854; MARY J., b. 1836, d. 1854; ALMIRA D., b. 1838; SILAS, b. and d. 1839; VALERIA E., b. 1841, m. Frederick Davidson, resided at West Woodstock, Conn.; SILAS, b. 1843, m. Ellen, dau. of Nelson Williams, resided at Charlton; they had Luman, Charles; HOLLIS D., b. 1845; EMMA F., b. 1849, d. 11 June, 1889, unm.; EMORY E., b. 1851.

BENJAMIN, Revolutionary soldier.

ASENATH, dau. of Jacob, aged 70, unm., d. 17 Nov., 1861.

MRS. MARY (English), d. 8 Aug., 1860.

TWEED, ROBERT, and Anna Kathan(?), m. intentions Feb., 1743.

TWISS, JONATHAN, w. Abigail, had REBECCA, b. 9 April, 1729, at Salem. CHARLOTTE, and Joshua Hicks, m. 27 Oct., 1793.

ALMIRA, and Demosthenes Tiffany, m. intentions 25 Sept., 1828.

TWITCHELL, BENONI, b. about 1684, supposed son of Abiel of Dorchester, believed to have been early left an orphan and adopted by John Rockett of Medfield, who m. Bethia, sister of Abiel, Benoni's father; thus Joseph Rockett and Benoni Twitchell were cousins. It is said they came here together, and we know their home lots joined. Benoni came from Medfield among the 30 proprietors, settled on the west side of 8-rod way between the two commons, sold 1728 100 acres, bounded east on the 8-rod way, south on a 4-rod way [road over Camp Hill], north on John Wiley and Peter Shumway. In 1733-4 we find him on "Manchaug farm near Oxford," tradition says at H. 10, then Dudley's. In 1736, '39 and '40 he was of Ox. In 1732 he was one of the grantees of land at Pequoig, Athol, probably in consideration of services of his father and grandfather in the Indian war. In June, 1734, he drew 10 lots there. In 1745 he deeded a portion to his son Jeremiah, he then residing at Thompson, Conn., and was preparing for the expedition against Cape Breton, in which he went, it is said, as commissary. He deeded

also the same year ("since by divine providence I am engaged in the present expedition against Cape Britton") to his son Seth of Thompson, to his dau. Hannah, w. of Phinehas Dana of Ox., and Abigail Buship [Bishop], w. of John of Attleboro', in case he should not return, as follows: to Seth his husbandry tools, household goods, and notes and accounts, and to his daughters all his lands in Ox. equally. He returned from the expedition and in 1749 was here in the full confidence of the publ<sup>g</sup>, having been employed by the proprietors in the final allotment of all the lands then remaining undivided in the town. On 18 Sept., 1749, the town voted £6 to Capt. Elijah Moore, innkeeper, for "dyeting him" while in this service. He is supposed to have d. at Killingly, Conn., the owner of large tracts of land. He was early in the town's history, much in public life, in 1713-14 selectman, in 1714 town clerk, later constable, and to 1725 repeatedly moderator and selectman. He was a constituent member of the Church, "evidently a man of character and enterprise, and engaged somewhat in land speculation." He m. 18 April, 1705, Hannah Allen. . . . Children [several b. before coming to Ox., some d. young]: HANNAH, b. 1713, at Medfield, m. 8 March, 1731, Phinehas Dana; SETH, b. 9 Nov., 1711, at Medfield, m. Dorothy Bishop, resided in Ox., in 1744 was of Thompson Parish, in 1757 of Sturbridge, at which date he sold land in Pequoig. In 1765 he had removed thither, and there spent his remaining days. [Athol records give the following, who, it seems probable, were nearly all the ch. of Seth and Dorothy and b. at Thompson: *Jeremiah*, d. 6 Oct., 1810, aged 68; *Benoni*, d. 29 Aug., 1819, aged 74; *Enos*, d. 25 July, 1812, aged 62; *John*, d. 1 March, 1802, aged 48; *Abner*, d. 15 Feb., 1825, aged 71. We conjecture from the land records that Seth had a son Abner, and there is positive proof that he had a son Jeremiah.] In 1777 he sold to Abner Twitchell and Seth Twitchell, Jr., land in Athol laid out to said Seth, Senior, on the rights of Benoni, the father. Of the ch. of Seth, two were recorded in Ox.: *Jerusha*, b. 11 Aug., 1736; *Josiah*, b. 15 May, 1738. They had probably ch. b. at Thompson; but we find no record of them. At Sturbridge they had *Seth*, b. 29 March, 1757, m. Huldah ——, settled at Athol, was a man of ability and enterprise, left the Church in 1779 after several years of controversy and became a leading Baptist. He d. 7 Nov., 1802; they had William, 1781, Francis, 1783, "always overflowing with good nature," m. Sally ——, and had with others, Genery, b. 26 Aug., 1811. "In early life a stage driver, for many years proprietor and manager of the largest line of stage coaches in New England, later president of the Boston and Worcester, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé, Boston, Barre and Gardner, and Hoosac Tunnel and Western R. R. Co's, and member of the 40th, 41st and 42d Congresses." *Dorothy*, b. 7 Feb., 1759; *JOHN*, b. 1713, m. Ann ——, settled on land near Ox., given him by his father, he d. 19 Nov., 1804, aged 91, she d. 16 Jan., 1794, aged 85, both at Ox.; they had *John*, soldier in the Revolutionary war, who had two daughters; *Jabez*, d. 6 Feb., 1789, aged 37, at Ox., who had Gilbert and Jabez; *Benjamin*, father of Robert (who removed to New York State) and John, also removed to New York, Grace, m. Joel Finch, Lucretia, m. (1) —— Candee, m. (2) Thomas Barnes, resided at Bristol, Conn.; *Betsey*, m. —— Hyde; *Patience*, m. —— Hurd; *David*, father of Anson, Abijah, Betsey, Ann, Eunice, Sabra, Maria, Sally, who m. Bela Bronson and had Sherlock A., who was D.D. and once president of Kenyon College, Ky.; *GEREMIAH*, b. 1715, received land at Pequoig from his father; *ABIGAIL*, m. 2 Sept., 1736, John Bishop of Attleboro'; *JOSEPH*, m. Elizabeth or Abigail

Thompson of Derby, Conn., settled in Conn., numerous descendants; SARAH, b. 18 April, 1721, d. 12 April, 1740, at Ox.

JEREMIAH, perhaps son of Seth, m. 4 Sept., 1766, at Sturbridge, Rhoda Clark, and had JOSIAH S., 1767, SARAH, 1768, MATILDA, 1769, BALA, 1770, ALFRED, 1772, family removed to Athol, where he d. 6 Oct., 1810, she d. 18 Dec., 1832, aged 93.

MARTIN, of Milford, and Eleanor Lamb, m. 25 Jan., 1807.

SARAH, w. of Gershom, aged 64, d. 8 Oct., 1857.

GERSHOM, aged 74, d. 2 April, 1864.

TYLER, REV. ALBERT, traces his genealogical record back to JOB, of Andover, 1650, who m. Mary —, and had with others, JOHN, b. 1653, lived at Mendon, d. 1742. He was four times m., by his third w., —— Town, he had JOSEPH, b. 21 Oct., 1721, who resided at Sutton, and removed thence to Uxbridge, where he d. 1779. He had three wives, the second having been Mary Draper, m. 30 Aug., 1756; they had with others, SOLOMON, b. 23 Sept., 1757, lived and d. at Uxbridge, 1 Nov., 1810, he m. 17 Feb., 1781, Mary Archer of Uxbridge; they had 11 ch., the ninth, TIMOTHY, was b. 16 July, 1799, m. Phebe Bates of Smithfield, where they settled and had ALBERT, b. 16 Nov., 1823, and CHARLES E., b. 8 Feb., 1835, resided at Millbury. Albert went in Dec., 1838, into the *Spy* printing office at Worcester, remaining there until July, 1844, when he removed to Barre as printer of the *Patriot*, continuing until the spring of 1849, when in partnership with Charles Hamilton he bought the *Worcester Palladium* printing office. This arrangement continued for two years, and having been in Aug., 1851, ordained as a Universalist minister he began his first pastorate at Oxford in the spring of 1852. In the spring of 1854 he removed to Granby, Conn., and in 1860 to Quincy, where he preached one year, and in 1861 returned to Worcester, purchasing with his partner, Daniel Seagrave, the *Spy* job printing office, continuing until 1882, when the firm dissolved. Meantime in 1878 he removed to Oxford and resumed the pastorate for a time, and also continued to preach as supply in many places in the vicinity. He in his earlier years contributed considerably to the press, and in Oct., 1885, established in Oxford the *Mid-Weekly*, the first paper printed in the town. He was representative in 1883 and has filled the office of school committee for several years and been chairman of the board. He m. (1) 31 May, 1845, Wealthy H. Drury, b. at Auburn, she d. 24 Jan., 1868, at Worcester, he m. (2) 31 Dec., 1868, Eliza A. D. Josephs of Quincy. . . . Children by first m.: JESSIE E., b. 18 Dec., 1845, at Barre, resides at Worcester; PHEBE A., b. 1848, d. 1849; WILLIE, b. 1850, d. 1851; MARTHA, b. 5 May, 1853, at Ox., m. 31 Dec., 1873, Edson F. Estabrook, resides at Worcester; ch.: Alice L., b. 4 Jan., 1875; HARRY B., b. 18 March, 1855, at Granby, Conn., civil engineer in New Granada, S. A.; ALBERT H., b. 21 Jan., 1858, at Granby, d. 11 Dec., 1882, at Honda, U. S. C.; WALTER D., b. 6 April, 1860, at Granby, m. 21 Oct., 1879, Christina C., dau. of William S. Forrest, settled at Ox.; they had MABELLE E., b. 5 Feb., 1881; ch. by second m.: MARY E., b. and d. 1874; JOSIE A., b. 12 April, 1875; ROYALL, b. 21 June, 1877, both at Ox.

WILLIAM, and Susan Nutter, m. 11 May, 1826.

TYSON, JOHN, b. at Carlisle, Eng., came to Ox. soon after Samuel Slater established himself in business, a skillful dyer and in partnership with Slater and Bela Tiffany began operations at the present East Village, Webster, under the style of "The Oxford Dye House Company," where he was successful

financially. He m. Susan White of Pawtucket, R. I., resided here about eight years, and d. aged 33, 2 Aug., 1821, no ch. He was amiable and much esteemed for his moral worth. His widow m. intentions 9 Nov., 1823, Ebenezer Collins, accountant at Slater's mill. She then resided on Ox. Plain, removed soon to Boston, where both d., she d. aged 96, 1890.

**UNDERWOOD, NEHEMIAH**, of West Woodstock, Conn., had five sons and one daughter. Rev. **ALVAN**, b. 8 Sept., 1777, was graduated 1798 at Brown University, settled 1801 as pastor at West Woodstock, dismissed 1833, his only pastorate, preached occasionally eight or nine years later; came to Ox. to reside with his son Alvan G. in 1841; m. 1804, Margaret Smith, she d. aged 71, 18 April, 1851, at Ox. He soon after returned to West Woodstock, again married, and d. April, 1858.

ALVAN G., son of Alvan (1), b. 15 April, 1808, for a few years clerk in a store at Leicester, came to Ox. 1831 as bookkeeper at the Ox. Woolen Co. Mill, later in trade on the Plain. In 1845 chosen cashier of Ox. Bank, 1855 elected State Senator on "Know nothing" ticket, appointed by Gov. Gardner Bank Commissioner, served two years, resigned, and 20 April, 1857, was elected cashier of Milford Bank where he continued until 1874, when he retired. He was deacon at Ox. 1852 to his removal, many years town clerk and stood high in the estimation of his townsmen. He m. 9 April, 1833, Emily A., dau. of Ebenezer Guild, he d. 6 July, 1885, she d. 25 April, 1888, both at Milford. . . . Children: ALBERT G., b. 28 Dec., 1833, at Mendon, m. 15 May, 1854, Sarah S. Wight, removed 1868 to Milwaukee; from Aug., 1862 to June, 1865, in the U. S. service in the war as clerk, went to Florida Feb., 1881, d. there 23 Dec., 1882, family resided at Milwaukee; they had at Ox., *Herbert W.*, b. 28 Feb., 1855, m. 30 April, 1878, at West Chester, Pa., Annie Gheen, residence, Milwaukee, partner in large steam bakery; *Frank G.*, b. 12 Sept., 1856, m. Feb., 1883, Hettie Dutcher, several years clerk in Milwaukee P. O., removed to Oregon.

EBENEZER, son of Alvan (1), unm., d. aged 21, 3 Nov., 1839, at Ox.

DANIEL, of Pomfret, Conn., and Harriet Fay, m. 27 Nov., 1827; carpenter, in business with his brother Willard several years.

MAHALA, sister of Daniel, and Elisha Smith of Northbridge, m. 20 June, 1833.

WILLARD, of Pomfret, Conn., carpenter, came 1825, in a few years returned to Pomfret.

UPHAM, JONATHAN, and Martha Tucker of N. Gore, m. 19 March, 1750. THOMAS, of Dudley, and Elizabeth Pratt, m. int. 29 Feb., 1784.

BETSEY, of Dudley, and Davis Larned, m. int. 16 Oct., 1802.

AMOS of Dudley, and Lorana Robinson, m. 4 April, 1837.

MARY A., w. of Jeremiah, aged 28, d. 2 Nov., 1837.

JOSIAH, of Dudley, aged 80, d. 18 July, 1883.

PLINY B., aged 76, d. 10 Dec., 1885.

VARNEY, MARY (Canadian), aged 43, d. 27 Feb., 1864.

VASSALL, BENJAMIN, b. 18 Sept., 1742, at Scituate(?), removed to Charlton 1780, to Ward 1805, and to Ox. 1817; served through the Revolutionary war; Lieut. of militia, cabinet maker; he m. (1) intentions 9 June, 1782, Susanna, dau. of Jonah Stetson, she d. 14 June, 1786, at Charlton; m. (2) 7 Jan., 1789, Katy R., widow of —— Mansfield, she d. 10 Feb., 1826, at Ox., aged 79, no ch; he d. aged 95, 18 Feb., 1838. . . . Children by first

m., b. at Charlton: BENJAMIN, b. 16 Feb., 1784; JONAS S., b. 6 June, 1786, d. 30 July, 1831, at Auburn.

2. BENJAMIN, son of Benjamin (1), m. (1) 1807, Polly, dau. of Uriah Stone, she d. 30 May, 1830, aged 43; m. (2) 3 April, 1831, Louisa Southworth, no ch. He bought, 1816, the brick house near North Ox. railroad station, d. there 6 May, 1843; she m. (2) John Fitts. . . . Children by first m.: VESTER, b. 31 July, 1809, m. 17 April, 1834, Sarah, dau. of Captain Stephen Barton, he d. Sept., 1880, at Worcester, she d. May, 1874(?); they had *Bernard Barton*, b. 10 Oct., 1835, m. 26 Nov., 1863, Frances M., dau. of Benj. W. Childs of Ox., no ch.; Lieut. in Ox. Company in the late war, prisoner at Ball's Bluff, Va., several years in postal service of U. S., later clerk in public charities office in Boston, for several years grocer at Newton Lower Falls, residence, 1890, Worcester; *Irving S.*, b. 16 Aug., 1840, clerk during the war in Massachusetts State Agency at Washington, D. C., d. 9 April, 1865.

**VEDDER, ALBERT C.**, of German descent, New York State, m. Hannah E. ——; contractor on the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, removals indicated by the birthplaces of his children. . . . Children: AGNES, b. 18 March, 1825, in Montgomery Co., N. Y.; JOHN C., b. and d. 1827, at Half Moon, N. Y.; AARON, b. 23 Oct., 1828, in Montgomery Co., N. Y.; ANN E., b. 26 Dec., 1830, at Galway, N. Y.; JOHN V., b. 3 Nov., 1833, at Ballston, N. Y., d. 1836; RICHARD N., b. 13 April, 1835, at Mansfield; MARY A., b. 3 Nov., 1836, at Westerly, R. I., d. 1839; ELIDA A. and MARY, b. 8 Sept., 1838, at Ox., both d. young.

**VEEVARS, MRS. AMBROSE** (English), aged 30, d. 22 Nov., 1858.

**VIALL, NATHANIEL**, b. 28 Nov., 1785, at Chelsea, the son of Nathaniel, m. 1814(?), Susan R. Lamb of Spencer, b. 24 March, 1793, resided at Dorset, Vt., Stanstead, Can., Grafton. Came in 1837 to North Ox. mills where he d. aged 82, 11 Jan., 1868, she d. aged 80, 17 April, 1873, at North Adams. . . . Children: JOHN M., b. 12 May, 1816, at White Creek, N. Y., m. (1) 21 Oct., 1845, Elvira Shepardson of Ox., who d. 19 Feb., 1855, aged 29; m. (2) Elvira Baker of Westminster, who d. 7 Aug., 1864, aged 42; he d. 22 Dec., 1874, at Charlton, farmer; ch. by first m., *Franklin M.*, d. 27 Jan., 1858; MARY J., b. 2 Aug., 1818, at Dorset, Vt., d. 14 June, 1853, at Ox., unm.; AUSTIN P., b. 11 Dec., 1823, m. 1 Jan., 1846, Almina L. Stevens; R. LUCETTA, b. 29 Nov., 1825, at Dorset, Vt., m. 29 Nov., 1848, Henry S. Brady of Millbury, whose father was from the north of Ireland, settled at North Ox., she d. Aug., 1886, at Grafton; they had *Susan R.*, b. 24 June, 1849, at Ox., m. Austin Maynard of Oakham, removed to Fitchburg, had ch.; *Henry S.*, b. 10 March, 1851, at Spencer, m. 5 Aug., 1875, Melissa, dau. of John H. Stafford; they had Alice M., b. 16 May, 1876; Frances C., b. 24 Aug., 1883; *Joseph M.*, b. 5 March, 1853, at Fall River, m. Harriet Tracy of Oldtown, Me., residence, Grafton; *Emory G.*, b. 24 Aug., 1859, at Suncook, N. H., m. Nettie Hall of Grafton, residence, Worcester, had ch.; NATHANIEL A., b. 24 Jan., 1828, m. 1854, Sarah Shippy of Leicester, soldier in late war, lost an arm, for many years on soldiers' messenger corps, Boston; they had *George E.*, b. 1856; *Charles S.*, b. 1858, residence, Providence, R. I.; SUSAN C., b. 1832, d. 1836; FREDERICK J., b. 23 April, 1833, at Stanstead, Can., went in 1857 to California; WILLIAM G., b. 5 March, 1837, at Grafton, soldier in the late war in 10th Mass. Regt., m. (1) 28 Nov., 1868, Sarah J. Streeter of North Adams, where he resided 1885,

she d. 24 Dec., 1868; he m. (2) 11 Aug., 1870, Frances A. Clark, they had *William G.*, b. 18 June, 1876.

**VICKARS, SAMUEL**, and Betsey Lewis, m. int. 12 Nov., 1837.

**MRS. FANNY**, d. 14 March, 1860.

**ROSANNA**, widow, aged 34, d. 21 April, 1865.

**DIANA**, widow, aged 58, d. 11 Oct., 1877.

**WILLIAM C.**, aged 23, d. 9 March, 1878.

**MRS. EALANA**, aged 55, d. 20 April, 1885.

**VINCENT, WILLIAM K.**, son of Joseph of Westbury, Wiltshire, Eng., came to America 1834, settled at Clifton, O., removed 1835 to Millbury, 1837 to the Ox. Woolen Co. village, where he was employed until May, 1844, removed to Lyons, Ia., where he d. 18 Aug., 1859. He m. (1) in England, Harriet Harbottle, who d. at Clifton, O.; m. (2) 1836, at Millbury, Sarah D. Batcheller, residence, Lettsville, Ia.; a devoted Christian man, forward in every good work, an original Free Soiler in politics, and in his western home very efficient in building up and sustaining Christian institutions, and greatly esteemed. **JANE**, his mother, aged 67, d. 10 March, 1844, at Ox. . . . *Children* b. at Trowbridge, Wiltshire, Eng.: **JANE**, m. John C. Wilkes, residence, Camanche, Ia.; **JOSEPH**, m. Augusta McLaughlin, residence, Macon City, Mo.; **CHARLOTTE E.**, m. Robert Campbell, and resided near Follett's, Clinton Co., Ia.; **WILLIAM K.**, b. 17 March, 1840, at Ox., m. Christine Jameson, residence, Lettsville, Ia.

**VINTON, ABIATHAR**, of Leicester, and Rhoda Wheelock of North Gore, m. 14 April, 1757.

**WAIT, RICHARD**, of Watertown, had **JOHN**, b. 1639, who had **AMOS**, b. 1679, who had **JOSIAH**, b. 1716, who had **DAVID**, b. 1752, soldier at battle of Bunker Hill, m. Abigail Brigham, resided at Sterling, where was b. **DAVID**, 5 Aug., 1796, m. (1) 25 July, 1817, Polly B., dau. of Silas Newton of West Boylston, she d. 22 June, 1852; m. (2) 17 Oct., 1855, Zilpah B., widow of Jason Knowlton of Grafton, dau. of John Bruce of West Boylston. He served three months at Fort Warren in war of 1812 and received a pension late in life; representative 1850; bought 1839, the farm east on the hill, H. 28, removed after about 15 years to west part, H. 71, sold 1866, removed to Centre; d. aged 84, 12 June, 1881. . . . *Children*: **GEORGE**, b. 19 Nov., 1817, m. 12 April, 1857, Susan, dau. of John Fitts, reside at the Centre; they had **Marion E.**, b. 18 Oct., 1859; **Arthur F.**, b. 9 Oct., 1862, d. 14 Oct., 1877; **ABIGAIL**, b. Feb., 1820, m. 1840, Samuel Fisk of Heath, settled at Ox.; removed to Worcester, thence to Waterbury, Conn., where he d. about 1862, four ch.; **MARY B.**, b. 12 June, 1822, m. 21 Nov., 1854, Samuel, son of Daniel Nichols, settled at Ox., he d. 9 Oct., 1870, she d. 8 April, 1871; they had **Georgianna**, b. 6 May, 1856, m. 9 June, 1871, Amos, son of Collins Allen, residence, Auburn; they had **Herbert C.**, b. 23 April, 1872; **Flora Bell**, b. 4 June, 1874; **George**, b. March, 1878; **EUNICE**, b. 25 March, 1825, m. Lucius Newton, settled at West Boylston, no ch.; **LAVINIA B.**, b. 30 Aug., 1827, m. 1 Jan., 1846, Benjamin F., son of Benjamin White of Auburn, b. 2 June, 1828, settled at Ox., no ch.; **CHARLES F.**, d. aged 14, 10 Sept., 1848.

**DAVID**, and Hannah Lilley, m. 3 Aug., 1806.

**HANNAH P.**, and William A. Eames of Leicester, m. int. 19 April, 1835.

**WAKEFIELD**, AARON, and Olive Wight of South Gore, m. 16 Nov., 1769, Revolutionary soldier, in 1775 in Capt. Healy's Co. of Dudley.

BENJAMIN, Revolutionary soldier.

UZZIEL, S. Gore, and Sally Tucker, Killingly, Conn., m. int. 17 April, 1783.

AMOS, Revolutionary soldier, and Polly Knowland, both of South Gore, m. intentions 10 Oct., 1783.

TIMOTHY, S. Gore, and Priscilla Joy, Gloucester, R. I., m. int. 23 Dec., 1791.

SUSANNA, and Joseph W. Gabriel, both of S. Gore, m. int. 18 Aug., 1792.

LYDIA, of South Gore, and Samuel Streeter, m. intentions 29 March, 1794.

VIDA, and Nathan Ide, both of South Gore, m. intentions 22 April, 1797.

BEZALEEL, and Polly Ide, both of South Gore, m. int. 14 Oct., 1797.

SUSANNA, and Simon Wood, both of South Gore, m. int. 22 Oct., 1803.

RHODA, dau. of Tubal, and Nathan Cody of Dudley, m. 9 Dec., 1810.

BETSEY, and Comfort Davenport, both of South Gore, m. 21 Nov., 1813.

DANIEL, m. intentions 22 Oct., 1814, Tamar Howard; they had at Ox.

IRA, b. 8 Jan., 1818.

BETSEY, and David Sears, both of Dudley, m. 28 April, 1821.

LOIS, and Moses Marsh, both of South Gore, m. 15 Dec., 1821.

HARVEY, S. Gore, and Olive Cutler, Thompson, Conn., m. int. 19 Oct., 1830.

**WALDO**, DANIEL, w. Matilda, with ch. resided at Ox. March, 1783.

**WALES**, Miss SARAH, aged 34, d. 3 May, 1888.

**WALKER**, SOLOMON, b. 29 Feb., 1776, son of Asa and Abigail, of Sutton, m. 23 May, 1800, Polly, dau. of James (known as Tailor) Brown, bought in 1799 the John Shumway homestead, H. 183, the old house now standing in the field southwest of the North Common. He d. 31 Oct., 1841, she d. 24 Jan., 1843, aged 69. . . . Children: MARY, b. 1801, d. 1803; ELISHA, b. 25 Aug., 1804, m. 31 Oct., 1838, Eliza A. D. Haskell of Dudley, he d. 25 July, 1870, she d. aged 77, 11 April, 1888; they had *Lucy E. M.*, b. 25 Dec., 1844, d. 10 Dec., 1877, unm.; *Eliza A. D.*, b. 1849, d. 1851; EBENEZER B., b. 8 Dec., 1805, m. 8 June, 1828, Roxana Wicker of Leicester, he d. 6 Sept., 1875, she d. 15 Aug., 1872, aged 67; they had *Sally Ann*, b. 20 Oct., 1830, m. Julius, son of John Fitts; *Hollis H.*, b. 15 June, 1833, m. Betsey, dau. of Elisha C. Taft, he d. 24 March, 1881; they had Harry B., b. 5 Jan., 1877; Ernest W., b. Oct., 1879; Charles N., b. 20 July, 1835, m. (1) Emma E. Taft of Upton, resided at Worcester, she d. 17 July, 1879, 1 dau., m. (2) Mrs. Anna Brown; *Loring B.*, b. 1 Sept., 1837, m. 13 June, 1869, Emily A. Houghton, resided at Sterling; had Mabel H., b. 30 Dec., 1870, at Ox.; *Luvan V.*, b. 28 Sept., 1840, d. 16 Jan., 1855; *Adelaide*, b. 2 June, 1843, m. E. Perry Stow of Millbury, removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., had ch.; *Edward B.*, b. 30 Oct., 1848; SOLOMON S., b. 24 Nov., 1808, m. Jerusha, dau. of Nathaniel Stockwell, settled at Ox., where he d. 26 March, 1870, she d. 21 March, 1870, aged 65, no ch.; POLLY, b. 1 Feb., 1811, m. Thomas Warner; ABIGAIL H., b. 3 June, 1813, m. Horace Pope; JAMES B., b. 14 Aug., 1816, m. 1 Jan., 1845, Ann Maria Lumbard, he d. 19 March, 1868, at Ox., she d. 23 June, 1888; they had *Solon*, b. 5 Nov., 1850; CELIA, b. 1819, d. 1820.

ANDREW, housewright, m. int. 30 July, 1774, Sarah Carroll of Killingly, Conn., owned and occupied, 1776 to 1785, H. 34, now George R. Larned.

WILLIAM C., b. 10 Sept., 1810, son of William and grandson of William of Ashford, Conn., m. 28 Dec., 1832, Eliza H. Quint of Sanford, Me., resided at

Uxbridge, Sutton, Northbridge, came to Ox. 1838, landlord of the hotel at the centre, having bought the estate, removed to Millbury, thence to Dudley, where he d. Feb., 1888, his w. d. 28 Jan., 1868, at Sutton. . . . *Children*: ELIZA Q., b. 6 March, 1834, at Uxbridge, m. Franklin L. Knox of Sutton, where she d. 15 Feb., 1871, 3 ch.; ISABELLA V., b. 20 Aug., 1835, at Wilkinsville, m. William H. Howard of Sutton, soldier in the late war, d. in the service, 2 ch.; WILLIAM H., b. 7 Dec., 1836, at Northbridge, m. Lauretta Houghton of Sutton, resided at Dudley, 2 ch.; ALONZO V., b. 19 Nov., 1838, at Ox., soldier in late war, m. Frances M. Seaver of Hartford, who d. 4 Feb., 1885, at Millbury; they had *Lizzie F.*; ADELAIDE A., b. 29 Nov., 1840, at Ox., m. Edwin H. Leaver of Douglas, 4 ch.; SIDNEY W., b. 28 Aug., 1842, at Millbury, drowned 8 Aug., 1850, at Millbury; CLARENCE T., b. 5 Aug., 1844, m. Josephine Crocker of East Douglas, resided at Chicago, Ill., she d., no ch.; GEORGETTA, b. 1846, d. 1847; EMMA A., b. 20 Sept., 1848, at Millbury, m. Nelson G. Dudley of Douglas, 2 ch.

JOHN, Revolutionary soldier. [See Duncan Campbell.]

THADDEUS, of Charlton, and Priscilla Bacon of Gore, m. 10 April, 1792.

GIDEON, JR., of Croydon, N. H., and Polly Carey, m. 27 Aug., 1804(?).

ASA, of Sutton, and Chloe Stockwell, m. intentions 27 Oct., 1810.

THEODOCIA, and Amos D. Johnson, m. 10 Oct., 1830.

BETSEY, w. of Abner, aged 47, d. 3 April, 1855.

ANNA, m. n. Field, aged 64, d. 28 Jan., 1864.

FRANCIS, aged 54, d. 23 Jan., 1872.

WILLIAM P., d. 9 Jan., 1874.

ADALINE T., m. n. Kelley, of Killingly, Conn., aged 54, d. 1 Feb., 1875.

BETSEY E., m. n. Tiffany, of Douglas, aged 41, d. 24 April, 1875.

EMMA E., m. n. Taft, of Upton, aged 38, d. 17 July, 1879.

**WALLACE, WALLIS, OTIS**, b. 31 March, 1794, at Holland, son of David, resided two years after m. at Holland, removed to Guildhall, Vt., where he was active in Church affairs and deacon. In 1835 joined a colony to settle the Western Reserve and removed, taking up 80 acres, among the pioneers at Oberlin, O., where he was also deacon, returned on account of sickness 1838 to Holland, remaining until 1844, when he came to North Ox. and was teamster for the mills. He m. 18 Sept., 1817, Lois Cutler, b. 15 March, 1796, at Guildhall. He d. aged 81, 3 Nov., 1875. She was killed by railroad cars 29 June, 1862, at Southboro'. . . . *Children* b. at Guildhall: PERSA C., b. 22 June, 1820, m. (1) 30 Nov., 1843, Lucius F. Parks, settled at Ox., he d. 22 Jan., 1855, no ch., m. (2) 25 Dec., 1856, Jabez Harding of Sturbridge, no ch.; SUSAN E., b. 21 April, 1826, m. (1) 6 June, 1847, Abial L. Foskett, m. (2) 20 June, 1874, Daniel Noyes of Worcester, no ch.; CHARLES O., b. 9 April, 1834, m. 20 Oct., 1855, Helen M., dau. of Samuel C. Willis, b. at Albany, Vt.; had *Elizabeth II*, b. 7 Aug., 1865.

EZRA (wrote WALLIS), b. 23 Feb., 1783, son of James, of Douglas, m. (1) 30 Aug., 1812, Deborah, dau. of Moses Phipps, bought and settled on her father's homestead, H. 56, where she d. 18 Aug., 1819, aged 26, m. (2) 24 Nov., 1825, Hannah, dau. of Samuel Rawson. He d. 26 July, 1849, she d. 25 Nov., 1851, aged 62. . . . *Children* by first m.: CALISTA, b. 18 Dec., 1813(?); MARY, d. 29 Sept., 1819; by second m.: SAMUEL R., m. intentions 7 Dec., 1849, Hannah S. Bacon of Webster, resided at Norwich, Conn.

JAMES, brother of Ezra (1), b. 18 Dec., 1789, m. 1 May, 1814, Nancy, dau. of Samuel Kingsbury. He d. 4 Aug., 1875, at Brookfield. . . . *Child* b. at Ox.: JULIA A., b. 1815, d. 1820.

THOMAS H., of Leicester, and Betsey Avery, m. 16 June, 1823.

HANNAH, aged 62, d. 25 Nov., 1851.

**WARD, WILLIAM**, had **JOHN**, b. about 1626, in England, came with his father in 1639, settled at Sudbury, m. Hannah, dau. of Edward Jackson of Cambridge, and had with others, **ELEAZER**, b. 26 Feb., 1673, m. before 20 March, 1707, Deliverance, dau. of Dea. James Trowbridge of Newton, where they settled and where he was selectman in 1734; in 1736, being then 64 years of age, he bought the Elliott grist-mill and removed to Ox. He was influential here and from 1739 to 1746 town clerk, was 74 years of age when his successor, Dea. John Willson, was chosen. Served many years in the Indian wars and in the expedition against Port Royal, for which he received a grant of land in the South Gore. [See South Gore.] He d. 18 Jan., 1751. . . . Children: **JONAS**, b. 17 Aug., 1708, d. at Ox. unm., 1747. [Ebenezer Eddy, his brother-in-law, was administrator of his estate and charged for a "journey to Exeter and Portsmouth to collect wages due to Mr. Ward"]; **ABIGAIL**; **RUTH**, b. 19 May, 1710, m. Ebenezer Eddy; **TABITHA**, b. 14 March, 1712, d. 31 Aug., 1733; **PHINEAS**, b. 22 Dec., 1713, m. 1 April, 1752, Sarah, dau. of Joseph Rockett. He and his brother Samuel came to Ox. with their father probably, and in 1741 became part proprietors of the grist-mill, which partnership continued until the death of Samuel, Feb., 1750, when the father deeded his interest to his son-in-law, Ebenezer Eddy; **REBECCA**, b. 10 Dec., 1715, m. Dr. Jabez Holden; **SAMUEL**, b. 16 April, 1718, d. 27 Feb., 1750, constable 1749.

**STEPHEN**, housewright, and Patience Cook, both of Charlton, m. 4 Nov., 1780, resided at Ox. Feb., 1792, with w. and ch.: **WATERMAN, GUY CARLTON**, **WILLARD, DEXTER**.

**JONAS**, son of Caleb and Rebecca of Ashburnham, b. 15 Feb., 1785, m. (1) 24 Dec., 1812, Susanna F., dau. of Nathan Thurston, blacksmith, resided at Ashburnham and Millbury, settled at Ox., H. 175, where she d. 4 Jan., 1831; he m. (2) 2 Nov., 1834, Elizabeth, widow of John Pope, he d. 28 April, 1842, aged 57. . . . Children: **EMILY**, b. 7 Nov., 1813, at Ashburnham, m. (1) 8 May, 1834, Alden Snow, settled at Millbury; had *Alden H.*, b. 13 Sept., 1835; *Charles E.*, b. 3 Oct., 1840; she m. (2) Phinehas Ball, removed West, and resided near Cedar Rapids, Ia., no ch.; **EDWARD L.**, b. 18 Jan., 1815, at Millbury, m. 4 Aug., 1844, Harriet A., dau. of Galacius Fisk of Upton, settled at Worcester, machinist, and later for nearly 30 years a farmer on Union Hill; they had *Julia M.*, b. 1846, m. H. M. Tompkins of Croton, N. Y., residence, Worcester, had ch.; *Hattie L.*, b. 1849, m. Homer R. King, residence, Worcester, had Mabel; **LORING**, b. 1816, d. 1817; **LAURA F.**, b. 5 March, 1818, m. George Thrasher of Taunton, residence East Medway, had *George*; **SAMUEL**, b. 1820, d. 1830; **SUSAN E.**, b. 22 May, 1822, m. intentions 1 Oct., 1843, Lewis T. Mason of Charlton, residence, Willimantic, Conn., returned to Charlton, where she d. 14 Oct., 1875, no surviving ch.; **JOHN A.**, b. 7 Dec., 1823, m. Mary A., dau. of Cyrus Cross, she d. 20 May, 1883, at Charlton, 9 ch., soldier in the late war in the 51st Mass. Regt.; **LUCIA MARIA**, b. 2 May, 1825, d. 1839; **NATHAN T.**, b. 1827, d. 1828; **SARAH S.**, b. 15 April, 1830, m. Rufus Carter of Millbury, where they resided; they had *Anne L.*, b. 1850, d. 1863; *Charles S.*, b. 1852; *Henry W.*, b. 1854; *Fanny E.*, b. 1856; *Mary E.*, b. 1859; *Cyrus F.*, b. 1861; *Laura E.*, b. 1864, d. 1872; *William W.*, b. 1866; *Lewis E.*, b. 1868; *Jennie L.*, b. 1870; *James A.*, b. 1873; by second m.: **SAMUEL**, b. 21 Sept., 1835, went to the far West into cattle raising, and supposed to have been killed by Indians; **JONAS**,

b. 1837, d. young; ANGELINE, b. 26 Feb., 1840, m. Ira Crane of Providence, R. I., had ch.; PAMELLA, b. 3 April, 1842, m. —— Peckham, who d. ELISHA, Revolutionary soldier.

**WARDEN**, GEORGE, son of Asaph, d. 26 Feb., 1841.

**WARDWELL**, WILLIAM H., and Sarah A., dau. of Charles Green of Auburn, m. intentions 1 Feb., 1845.

**WARE**, JOSIAH, of Wrentham, m. (1) Mehitable, dau. of Eli Richardson of Franklin, the first in town to buy straw braid and sew into bonnets; resided with his brother-in-law John Torrey in the house fronting the common, and had his shop on the opposite corner, near H. 243, where he kept a variety store. After two or three years traveled the country, making long trips South selling bonnets and fancy goods. She d. 22 May, 1820, aged 37; m. (2) Sally Parker of Charlton. . . . *Child* by first m., b. at Ox.: JOSIAH, b. 12 Dec., 1812.

ELISHA (relative of Josiah), and Betsey Shumway, m. 14 March, 1810.

**WARNER**, THOMAS, of Providence, R. I., b. about 1794, came from Wrentham to Ox. 1819, into cotton manufacturing with Jonathan A. Pope, brother-in-law, at the old mill near the Hawes place, continued 8 or 10 years, removed to Millbury, where he died. He m. (1) Sarah L., dau. of West Pope, she d. 2 Sept., 1829, at Ox.; m. (2) 17 Oct., 1830, Polly, dau. of Solomon Walker; he d. 13 Sept., 1838. . . . *Children* by first m.: ELIZA A., b. 29 Dec., 1818, at Wrentham; MARY S., b. 11 March, 1821; SARAH L., b. 4 May, 1823; SUSAN F., b. 4 June, 1825; by second m.: 2 DAUGHTERS, residence, Millbury.

EDWARD, brother of Thomas, superintendent of finishing at South Leicester Woolen Mill, d. 17 March, 1833, at Ox., aged 33.

ALBERT E., son of Daniel, aged 20, d. 31 Dec., 1866.

**WARREN**, ELBRIDGE G., of Ward, and Lydia E. Stone, m. intentions 16 March, 1834.

**WATERMAN**, Mrs. LUCY, and Perry Forbes of Oakham, m. 2 June, 1831.

**WATERS**, ABEL, taxed in 1771.

DAVID, of Sutton, and Polly Hagar, m. 22 Jan., 1806.

**WATSON**, WILLIAM, b. 1724, son of Samuel and Margaret of Leicester, m. (1) Mary ——, she d. aged 36, 14 June, 1771; m. (2) 8 June, 1773, Abigail, widow of Jacob Pierce, he d. 9 Aug., 1775, she m. 22 April, 1776, Dea. Edward Davis of Dudley. Watson was a saddler, of Ox. May, 1755; bought 1754 the tan-yard near North Common, sold 1772, bought the estate near the mill brook on Sutton road, H. 195, where he had a saddler's shop. He was a popular citizen, Captain of militia, five years, 1768 to 1774, selectman, appraisal nearly £1,500. Children named in will, William, Joseph, Samuel, Margaret. . . . *Children* by first m.: SAMUEL, b. 11 Dec., 1754, at Leicester, d. 1768; MARY, b. 11 Sept., 1757, at Ox., d. 1767; MARGARET, b. 23 July, 1758, m. Sylvanus Town; SARAH, b. 1760, d. 1767; JOHN, b. 1762, d. 1768; WILLIAM, b. 1764, d. young; WILLIAM, b. Nov., 1765, d. 1766; JOSEPH, b. 6 May, 1768; ch. by second m.: SAMUEL, b. 16 Sept., 1774.

MRS. JANE E. (English), d. 30 Aug., 1858.

**WATTS**, PETER (English), machinist at North Ox., w. Elizabeth, had PETER, b. 18 March, 1833. Peter the father, d. 23 July, 1833.

**WEBB, THOMAS**, aged 21, d. 15 April, 1844.

**WEBSTER, STEPHEN**, of Thompson, Conn., b. about 1792, bought, 1818, land south, later Ebenezer Fitts, on road to H. 42, house removed thither from south end of the Plain and now standing; m. 18 April, 1812, Lucy, dau. of Daniel Kingsbury; fell through the ice on Chaubunagungamaug Lake, Sunday, 25 Dec., 1825, drowned. . . . Children: SYRENA, b. 2 Aug., 1815; STEPHEN, b. 1817, d. 1819; CYNTHIA, b. 10 Sept., 1820; EMILY, b. 13 Feb., 1825.

**WELD, DANIEL**, m. 3 April, 1744, Joanna Haven, was then of North Gore, later Charlton; they had DANIEL, b. 28 Feb., 1745; STEPHEN, b. 10 Oct. 1746; JOANNA, b. 14 Aug., 1748; ELIZABETH, b. 7 May, 1751; JONATHAN, b. 27 Sept., 1753; BATHSHEBA, b. 4 Dec., 1755; ELIZABETH, b. 16 Dec., 1757.

JOB, of North Gore, and Eunice Thayer, m. 23 May, 1754.

MOSES, and Polly Mellen, m. 31 Jan., 1811.

MRS. POLLY, and Ichabod Holley, m. intentions 10 Sept., 1815.

**WELLINGTON, WILLIAM**, son of David of Worcester, m. Lydia Pierce of West Boylston, bought 1832 the farm on Worcester road, H. 129, where he d. aged 65, 24 Sept., 1849. She m. (2) Salem Larned, and d. 25 Jan., 1860, aged 71. . . . Children: LUCRETIA P., b. 31 March, 1810, at Worcester, m. (1) Sylvanus, son of David Larned, m. (2) 17 Nov., 1859, Ezbon White of Webster, d. 8 Sept., 1885; WILLIAM, b. 1 Aug., 1812; DAVID, b. 24 Sept., 1823, at Auburn, resided 1890 at Webster, m. (1) 7 Sept., 1848, Caroline Wood of Webster, and had *Emily M.*, b. and d. 1849; *Henry*, b. and d. 1852; Caroline d. Dec., 1852; m. (2) 23 Nov., 1853, Melissa Plummer of Upton, they had *George D.*, b. 1857, d. 1858; *Fred A.*, b. 4 Oct., 1859; *William E.*, b. 2 May, 1863; ANNIS, d. aged 18, 4 June, 1846; CLARISSA H., m. 18 Jan., 1834, Heman Kendall, Jr., of Sterling, where she d., 1 dau., d. young; MARTHA E., m. 3 Dec., 1845, Alvah Kelsey, resided 1888 at Webster; they had *Emma*, m. Oscar Shumway.

2. WILLIAM, son of William (1), m. 17 Dec., 1837, at Thompson, Conn., Irene, dau of Peter Kidder, settled on the homestead; railroad contractor; he d. 27 June, 1872. . . . Children: LYDIA S., b. 1839, at Springfield, d. 1842; CHARLES H., b. 29 June, 1840, at Chester, m. Jan., 1875, Mrs. Elizabeth V. Parsons, m. n. Burlingame of Webster, b. at Gloucester, R. I., she d. aged 44, 15 Oct., 1884; they had *V. Irene*, b. 8 Sept., 1876, at Webster; *Louie*, b. 5 Dec., 1880, at Ox.; he resides on the homestead, road builder and railroad contractor; MARTHA I., b. and d. 1843, at Albany, N. Y.; WILLIS M., b. 9 March, 1844, at Ox., m. 22 Aug., 1871, Emma F., dau. of Jesse W. Copp, railroad contractor, postmaster; ch.: *Mabel C.*, b. 1872, d. 1873; *William O.*, b. 18 Nov., 1874; CHARLOTTE I., b. 11 Oct., 1847, at Lancaster, m. 13 May, 1873, George H. Dodge; LUCIUS, b. 1850, d. 1851.

**WELSH, WELCH, THOMAS, JR.**, and Martha W. Clark of Grafton, m. intentions 24 Aug., 1822.

ELIZA, aged 35, d. 19 Feb., 1859.

EDWARD, aged 65, d. 22 Sept., 1860.

HANNAH, aged 31, d. 3 March, 1875.

ELLEN L., aged 34, d. 28 Oct., 1881.

ELLEN, aged 19, d. 7 March, 1882.

PATRICK B., aged 40, d. 24 Aug., 1884.

ELLEN, widow, aged 69, d. 19 Nov., 1884.

PATRICK, aged 80, d. 30 Dec., 1886.

WESSON, MIRANDA, m. n. Doughty, aged 27, d. 29 Dec., 1863.

MARY E., m. n. Pope, aged 28, d. 25 Aug., 1870.

WEST, HENRY D., and Susan H., dau. of Josiah Moulton, m. 2 May, 1850.  
WILLIAM L., aged 20, d. 8 Aug., 1881.

WESTCOTT, CHARLES, JR., of Cranston, R. I., and Melinda Stone, m. 1 May, 1828.

DAVID, journeyman baker, resided at Ox. 1833.

WETHERELL, REV. WILLIAM, from England, settled at Duxbury, a grandson, JOSHUA, b. 1683 (tradition), removed from Plymouth to Dudley, bought land 1741. He m. Anna ——, had 5 children, of whom the second, JOSHUA, b. 28 April, 1744, m. 17 April, 1766, Hannah Williams of Sutton, and had WILLIAM; ABEL; JOSHUA, m. 5 Dec., 1808, Sally, dau. of Craft Davis of Ox., resided at Dudley, they had *Hannah*, b. 1810, m. Rufus Moffitt; the father d., Sally m. (2) Rufus Humphrey; LYMAN, b. 26 April, 1781; JOHN, b. 26 Aug., 1786; EDWARD, m. intentions 25 Sept., 1814, Betsey, dau. of Lemuel Moffitt, settled at Ox., removed soon to New York State, and thence to Waukesha, Wis., where he d.

2. LYMAN, son of Joshua (1), m. 26 Aug., 1807, Lurana, dau. of Jeremiah Amidown, settled in west part, H. 68. He d. aged 84, 14 July, 1865, she d. aged 90, 1 Nov., 1876, at Sutton. . . . Children: DARIUS, b. 12 April, 1808, m. Harriet, dau. of Samuel Dunbar of Charlton, settled at Rochester, N. Y., had ch.; he d. there about 1872, his widow resides at Kalamazoo, Mich., with her dau. Emma, who m. —— Wilson; LAURA, b. 22 Dec., 1809, m. Charles Lamb; LORING, b. 26 Jan., 1814, m. Judith Brown, settled at Worcester, removed to Boston and Lexington, machinist, had *Francis E.*, m. Abbie Batcheller, who d. at Lexington, shoe dealer in Providence, R. I.; LYMAN A., b. 9 Jan., 1823, m. 27 Nov., 1849, Olive, dau. of John Rich of Charlton, settled on homestead, had *Eugene*, b. 7 Sept., 1851, merchant at Ox., m. 1888, Sarah E., dau. of Moses Burdon; *Jennie*, b. 13 Sept., 1855, m. Olin O., son of Otis Foster; JANE L., b. 23 Feb., 1825, m. Benjamin A., son of Hollis DeWitt.

3. JOHN, son of Joshua (1), came to Ox. spring of 1813 as clerk for Abijah Davis, was his successor in trade, became wealthy, was president of the Ox. Bank. He m. (1) 24 March, 1816, Clarissa, dau. of Andrew Sigourney, she d. 12 Nov., 1859, m. (2) 19 July, 1864, Mary, dau. of Nathaniel Johnson of Charlton, he d. 1 March, 1871. . . . Children by first m.: ANDREW S., b. 29 Jan., 1817, m. (1) 18 Sept., 1838, Diana, dau. of Rev. Benjamin Paine, she d. 22 Dec., 1844, m. (2) intentions 13 June, 1845, Elizabeth L. Stevens, m. (3) 7 July, 1890, Ella Wilkinson of Pawtucket, R. I.; shoe manufacturer in Ox. for a time, removed to Woonsocket, R. I., where he practiced medicine; ch. by first m.: *Clarissa S.*, b. 6 Sept., 1839, m. 26 Nov., 1857, Charles L. Watson, who d. 13 June, 1859, aged 22; they had Alice D., b. 22 Oct., 1858, and a son, d. young; JOHN WOLCOTT, b. 16 July, 1820, m. 10 Sept., 1858, Hester, dau. of Rejoice Newton, Esq., of Worcester, was graduated 1844 at Yale College, studied law at Cambridge, practicing at Worcester, member of Gov. Andrew's staff, has been representative from Worcester and filled positions of trust; GEORGE A., b. 30 Oct., 1825, was graduated 1848 at Yale College, studied law at Cambridge and with his brother John W. at Worcester, admitted to the bar 1851, began practice in partnership with John W. continuing until his decease, 23 Sept., 1858.

HARRIET, m. n. Esten, widow, aged 46, d. 8 Sept., 1868.

**WHEALON**, Miss LIZZIE J., aged 20, d. 22 Jan., 1888.

**WHEEL, MARY**, dau. of Joshua and Elizabeth, d. 11 Aug., 1752.

**WHEELER**, BARTIMEUS, had ESTHER N., b. 24 Sept., 1816; ANNE, b. 18 July, 1823; PERSIS M., b. 17 Sept., 1829. Child of Bartimeus d. 26 Oct., 1825.

**WILLIAM**, and Mary Eliza Cummings, m. 1 March, 1829.

**WHEELOCK**, PAUL, JONATHAN and DAVID (descendants of Ralph and Rebecca), went early from Mendon to Charlton. WILLIAM A. of Ox. descended from David, who m. (1) —— White, m. (2) Mrs. —— Jones, had 5 ch. by the first m., and by the second AARON, ABIJAH and GIDEON; Aaron m. 12 Feb., 1794, Ruth, dau. of Gen. Salem Towne; they had 8 ch., of these, PAMELA, b. 12 Sept., 1797, m. Stephen Davis of Ox.; WILLIAM A., b. 17 March, 1802; CAROLINE, b. 1 Sept., 1804, d. at Ox., 4 July, 1842, unm.; ARTEMESIA, b. 4 Nov., 1809, m. Archibald Campbell. Ruth, the mother, m. (2) 10 March, 1820, Dr. Ebenezer H. Phillips.

2. WILLIAM A., son of Aaron (1), m. 2 Jan., 1849, Sarah C. Keith of Grafton, settled at Ox., was before m. a broker in Boston, farmer at Ox. A man of strong mind, decided character and cultivated taste. He d. aged 83, 24 June, 1885. . . . Children: CAROLINE R., b. 18 June, 1851, m. 18 June, 1873, Edward D., son of Rev. Joseph Emerson, residence Wellesley Hills, business in Boston; they had Sarah, b. 18 May, 1874; Louisa R., b. 18 July, 1876; Florence D., b. 21 July, 1878; Pamelia W., b. 13 Jan., 1880, d. 16 May, 1884; GEORGIANNA M., b. 9 Sept., 1853; WILLIAM E., b. 13 April, 1856, m. Nov., 1883, Emma Fairbanks, settled at Quinebaug, Conn., merchant; SARAH L., b. 4 Sept., 1859, d. 20 April, 1879.

MARTIN, of Spencer, and Miriam Brown, m. 6 April, 1817.

**WHELAN**, PATRICK, and Mary Phelan, m. intentions 10 Jan., 1845.

**WHITAKER**, SAMUEL, aged 38, d. 20 April, 1857.

**WHITE**, RUSSELL, b. 6 Aug., 1792, at Mendon(?), son of Joel, m. (1) 3 April, 1814, Hannah Buffum of Douglas, who d. 14 July, 1827, aged 33, m. (2) 6 April, 1828, Lydia, dau. of Enoch Marsh of Dudley, resided at Douglas, Uxbridge and Ox., bought 1819 the farm near Charlton line on the Southbridge road, H. 69, where he d. 28 March [Ox. Rec.], 1857. Soldier in the War of 1812. . . . Children: JARVIS B., b. 28 Sept., 1814, at Douglas, m. (1) 1 Dec., 1836, at Ox., Fidelia M. McIntire, removed to Detroit, Mich., where she d. 26 June, 1863, m. (2) 1867, Lucinda S. Lewis, who d. 20 March, 1879, manufacturer of patent locks for money drawers, furniture, etc., at Detroit; ch. by first m.: Eliza A., b. 12 Dec., 1837, m. 1858, P. C. James of Detroit, she d. 1867, at Detroit; Russell J., b. 8 Dec., 1839, d. 29 March, 1859; Fidelia M., b. 27 Feb., 1842, m. 1864, Myron Lockwood of Detroit, she d. 1879; Holden B., b. 5 Oct., 1844, m. 1866, Carrie Goodwin of Detroit, soldier in the late war, and later in Government service at Washington, D. C.; Farnum A., b. 17 Dec., 1847, m. 1870, C. Christian; Elmer E., b. 24 June, 1861, d. 22 Feb., 1884; HOLDEN, b. 12 May, 1817, at Uxbridge, m. (1) 26 June, 1845, Rhoda B. Gale, who d. 11 Oct., 1862, at Minneapolis, Minn., m. (2) 16 Dec., 1865, Ellen A. Mills of Auburn, N. Y., where they resided, no ch.; FARNUM, b. 27 Aug., 1819, d. 5 May, 1840; RUSSELL B., b. 1822, d. 1823; PHILADELPHIA D., b. 11 Nov., 1825, m. (1) George M. Hervey, m. (2) 25 Sept., 1865, at Union, N. Y.,

Joseph C. Bradbury, resided at Binghamton, N. Y.; HANNAH B., b. 31 March, 1831, m. 28 Oct., 1850, Thomas O. Edmunds, resided at East Somerville, had ch.: JULIA A. E., b. 6 Jan., 1833, m. 26 June, 1850, Martin Angell of Douglas, resided at Taunton, had ch.: JOHN M., b. 1835, d. 1836; JOHN M., b. 17 Dec., 1836, m. (1) 1859, Amanda Green of Webster, who d. 28 March, 1864, aged 24, no ch., m. (2) Louisa, dau. of Charles A. Tourtellotte of Millbury, where he is a hotel keeper: MARTHA M., b. 3 May, 1839, m. 29 May, 1860, Florence W. Hunt, and had *Mabel*, d. young; ELMIRA A., b. 11 Feb., 1844, m. 29 June, 1861, George L. Sweet of Killingly, Conn., settled at Ox., where she d. 1865; they had *Everett W.*, resided at Worcester.

JOEL, came when past middle life to Ox., resided at the southeast corner of Main Street and Sutton road several years, subscribed 1791 towards building the south Meeting-house. Abel White of Barre had a suit against Joel of Ox. Aug., 1792. In 1804 Joel and John were of Dudley, goldsmiths. In 1808 Joel is recorded as of Ox., silversmith. [Court Rec.] . . . Children: PHEBE, m. Sylvanus Coburn; SUSANNA, CONSTANT, HARRIMAN.

LUKE, son of Capt. Amos of Northbridge, came to Ox. with his father-in-law, John Gates, m. 11 June, 1843, Ruth M. Gates. Dealer in stoves and tinware. He d. 15 July, 1883. . . . Child: DENNIS L., b. 28 Nov., 1854, m. 1 May, 1884, Carrie E. Hathaway of Hazardville, Conn., and had *Ralph II.*, b. 11 May, 1885.

JOSEPH, and Abigail —— had ABIGAIL, b. 31 Jan., 1721.

ANDREW, of Dudley, and Mrs. Dorothy Lamb, m. int. 10 Dec., 1763.

EBENEZER, resided in the north part of Ox. 1771.

REBECCA, and Reuben Robinson of Dudley, m. 29 Aug., 1771.

JOHN, Revolutionary soldier.

SAMUEL, 3 years in the Revolutionary war in Capt. Moore's Co.

JOSIAH, resided in the northwest part of Ox. 1792.

MANDANA, aged 22, d. 2 May, 1832.

EDWARD, of Worcester, and Louisa Lazell, m. intentions 18 Sept., 1833.

JONAS, and Roxana Gleason, m. intentions 29 March, 1835.

WILLIAM A. (Scotch), and Levina N. Phillips, m. 27 June, 1847.

SARAH E., m. n. Lawrence, aged 33, d. 2 Nov., 1860.

HENRY, aged 29, d. 17 Aug., 1870.

WHITING, POLLY, and Charles Town, 2d, m. int. 18 Dec., 1824.

ERASTUS W., and Lucy P. Edwards, m. 5 March, 1845.

HORACE L., of Douglas, aged 27, d. 26 Dec., 1857.

OLIVE, m. n. Tiffany, of Attleboro', aged 97, d. 29 March, 1866.

WHITLOCK, CHARLES, b. at Wolcott, Vt., aged 37, d. 5 May, 1860.

WHITMAN, SALLY, m. n. Wheaton, of Abington, aged 72, d. 8 Aug., 1864.

MARCUS S., son of Elijah, of Burrillville, R. I., aged 56, d. 19 May, 1883.

WHITMORE, NATHANIEL, JR., son of Nathaniel of Sutton, bought in 1793 the Elliott mill, near the Hawes place, and began the making of scythes, one of the first in the town in this line, sold in 1801, returned to Sutton, where he d. 1812 or 1813. He m. (1) 15 Aug., 1791, Lucy Elliot, she d. 11 Feb., 1802, at Ox.; they had LUCY, b. 13 Oct., 1793; ANDREW, b. 29 Jan., 1798; he m. (2) at Sutton, 23 Feb., 1803, Sally Sibley, and had NATHANIEL, b. 1804, SALLY, b. 1805, PAULINA, FANNY. His father, Nathaniel, survived him.

He m. [second w.] at Ox. 3 Nov., 1808, Lydia Beers, he d. at Sutton 1819, will approved 2 Nov. According to creditable tradition one of these, father or son, while waiting at a ferry house at Albany for the boat to cross the river was prostrated by a stroke of lightning from a passing storm. He was uninjured, but in his pocket were two silver dollars which were firmly welded together by the shock. [The records give Nathaniel Whitmore of Grafton, blacksmith, May, 1752.]

**WHITNEY, JOSHUA**, one of the 30 proprietors, cordwainer, sold 1719, being then of Mendon.

**ISRAEL**, cordwainer, from Groton, 19 Feb., 1732, bought land at Thompson Parish, Conn., in 1733 came to Oxford, settled at H. 133, later Kidder's, where he resided until 1742, removed to Prospect Hill (having exchanged farms with Jedediah Barton), where he d. 1746, order for appraisal 2 July. He was brother of Dr. Ebenezer Whitney of Worcester (who d. in 1744), and administrator of his estate. [In 1737, Ebenezer Whitney of Leicester bought land on the Farmington river, Hampden Co., in "Bedford." Springfield Rec.] He was a soldier in the Cape Breton Expedition in 1745, as appears from his wife's account as administratrix, where she returns £42 as wages due him. Amount of inventory £655. On 21 April, 1761, Oliver Cummings, Sibyl Cummings and Hannah, widow, heirs of Israel Whitney, all of Dunstable, deeded a moiety of his estate to Josiah Larned. It was later owned by Isaac Stone. He m. Hannah ——, he d. 1746, she removed to Dunstable. . . . *Children:* **SIBYLA**, b. 4 Feb., 1733, at Thompson, Conn., m. Oliver Cummings, resided at Dunstable in 1761; **JOSIAH**, b. 1735, d. 1740; **HANNAH**, b. April, 1737; **TAMAR**, b. 1739, d. 1740; **MARY**, b. 22 July, 1741; **RICHARD**, b. 22 April, 1743.

**SCHUYLER**, b. 9 Sept., 1806, at Woodstock, Conn., son of James and Clarissa (Gould), cabinet maker, came to Ox. early in 1828, was in business in partnership with Capt. William Sigourney, sold in 1832, and removed to Wilkinsonville, where he was shuttle maker; removed 1843 to Southbridge and was an owner in the Litchfield Shuttle Co. until 1860, when he retired on account of ill health; studied and practiced homeopathy until his death 31 March, 1879. His widow died less than a month afterward. He m. 24 Oct., 1828, Sally, dau. of Cummings Litchfield of Charlton, no ch.

**JUDITH**, and Nathan Shumway, m. 7 Feb., 1754.

**DANIEL**, of Shrewsbury, and Katy Stone of North Gore, m. 26 Sept., 1771.

**EBENEZER**, of Worcester, and Annis Kingsbury, m. 3 March, 1813.

**MARY**, and Norman S. Beals of Turner, Me., m. 15 Dec., 1850.

**BRIDGET**, w. of David, aged 64, d. 11 April, 1889.

**WHITTEMORE, JACK** and **PHILLIS** (Colored), lived on old Charlton road just west of the river, house long since removed. She was much employed at the Butler tavern; on 24 Nov., 1800, she left there for home in a snowstorm, and was found dead in the road next morning. On 30 Jan., 1796, the State paid the town a bill for the support of "Jack Whittemore." They had **DEBORAH**.

**DAVID**, b. 1 Nov., 1809, son of Willard of Thompson, Conn., m. 24 Nov., 1831, Lovisa Hibbard, shoe manufacturer, came to Ox. 1845, built in 1847 a house on Park Street; sold in 1851, and 1852 removed to Willimantic, Conn., where he has since continued the same business. . . . *Children:* **SIBYL**, b. 19 Dec., 1832, at Thompson, m. John Flagg, residence, Willimantic; **ALBERT S.**, b. 12 Oct., 1834, at Woodstock, merchant at Willimantic, m. Emily F. Bigelow.

DANIEL, of Thompson, Conn., and Sarah Corbin of South Gore, m. 17 Oct., 1813.

WHITTIAM, WILLIAM, b. about 1773, at Bartlett, Me., son of Jeremiah, came to Ox. as a soldier in Adams' army 1799, shoemaker and farmer, settled at Ox., removed 1822 to Leicester, m. 26 Oct., 1800, Hannah, dau. of Benjamin Fitts; d. 4 Aug., 1847, aged 74, she d. 20 May, 1868, at Leicester. . . . Children b. at Ox.: SOPHIA, b. 9 March, 1801, m. Edward H., son of Edward Shumway; JEREMIAH, b. 20 Oct., 1802, m. Diana Doane, resided at North Adams, where both d.; they had *Persis*, m. Ebenezer Graves; Elizabeth, m. Duty Miller; *Hannah*, m. Richard Waite; ANDREW F., b. 3 March, 1803, m. intentions 23 Oct., 1838, Mercy, dau. of Ezekiel Hovey of Sturbridge, he d. 22 Feb., 1864, she d. 29 March, 1881, aged 67, no ch.; SUMNER, b. 2 May, 1805, d. 30 Sept., 1859, at Worcester, unm.; JULIA A., b. 18 Jan., 1814, m. Stephen Shippy; JOHN, b. 18 Feb., 1819, m. Lorinda Wheat of Leicester, they had *George*, m. and settled at North Adams; HANNAH F., b. 11 May, 1821, m. 28 Feb., 1844, Charles Wood of Plymouth, residence, Leicester, they had *Hannah Jane*, m. Herbert Bowers, residence, Worcester.

WHITTLE, BRIDGET, aged 48, d. 7 Feb., 1868.

WHITTLESEY, ELIZABETH T., w. of Ezra C., dau. of Francis Fitch of New London, Conn., aged 44, d. 28 Aug., 1884. He removed to New London and d. there 10 Aug., 1887.

WICKS, WILLIAM (English), and Betsey Cropper, m. 2 June, 1848.

WIGHT, LEVI, of Killingly, Conn., m. Susanna ——, had UZZIEL, b. and d. 1745; OLIVE, b. 8 July, 1748, m. Aaron Wakefield, and had *Timothy*, *Bezaleel*, *Benjamin*, father of Harvey, Abel and Alfred; *Ruth*, m. Zina Grover of Mansfield; *Lylia*, m. Asa Streetor; *Betsey*, m. Comfort Davenport; *Lois*, m. Moses Marsh; *Olive*, m. Laban Wetherell of Mansfield; *Hulda*, b. 16 Nov., 1750, m. James Gleason, Jr.; *JOHN*, b. 2 Dec., 1752, m. intentions 26 Aug., 1780, Betty Robinson of Killingly; *LYDIA*, b. 17 Oct., 1754; *ABIGAIL*, m. Jonathan Corbin of South Gore; *CALEB*; *LEVI*, m. 24 Oct., 1782, Sarah Corbin of South Gore; all except the last three recorded at Killingly. [John, Caleb and Levi, removed in young manhood to New York State. They were noted for their courage and physical strength. It is related that Philip Brown, who was a government man, was beset by the Shays men in the time of the insurrection, and fled to the Wights for protection. He afterward declared that he felt perfectly secure under their defence. On a certain time a collector, with other officers from Douglas, came and took from their premises a cow for taxes. They went the next day and in spite of the officers and their posse of men, brought the animal back. Caleb was killed in New York State, while racing on horseback, having ridden under a tree a branch of which fractured his skull.]

WILBUR, GILDEROY, aged 46, fell dead in his house 17 Oct., 1859.

MARY R., m. n. Anderson of Union, Conn., aged 44, d. 16 Nov., 1876.

WILCOX, ——, child of Robert and Ruth, d. 9 Jan., 1778.

WILDER, ABEL, aged 86, son of Stephen of Lancaster, d. 26 April, 1866.

WILEY, JOSEPH, m. Jane ——, came to Ox. probably as early as 1719; was one of four persons who met Sept., 1720, to consult as to the formation

of a Church; bought land a little below the North Common on the west side of the eight-rod way, was a man of means, as he bought other estates in Ox. He sold in 1750 and removed to Western [now Warren], where he d. 1753. His widow Jane removed to Worcester. His son Robert was owner of the farm at Western after his death and executor of his will. [He sold at Ox. 4 April, 1750, to Samuel Baker, joiner, who 24 Feb., 1752, sold to Duncan Campbell.] . . . Children: JOHN; JOSEPH, m. Martha ——, settled at Worcester, and had Elizabeth, b. 2 July, 1744; Martha, b. 3 May, 1746; Jean, b. 4 April, 1748; Moses, b. 4 April, 1750; Joseph, b. 1 April, 1754; Samuel, b. 25 Aug., 1755, d. young; Samuel, b. 2 June, 1757, Revolutionary soldier; John Thomas, b. 25 May, 1759; he d. about 1777, at Worcester, inventory £998, son Moses administrator; SARAH, m. Robert Gray of Worcester; and b. at Ox.: REBEKAH, b. 27 June, 1719(?), m. 24 Jan., 1739, John Patrick of Worcester (or Kingstown), resided at Western; MARGARET, b. 14 March, 1721, m. 26 Feb., 1739, Alexander Nichols; MOSES, b. 20 Oct., 1723, d. young; ELIZABETH, b. 6 May, 1726, m. (1) 12 Nov., 1747, John Thomas of Worcester, he was of Ox. in 1750, and d. before Sept., 1753, she owned land in Ox., m. (2) James Free-lan; ROBERT, b. 10 May, 1729, went with his father to Western, m. Isabel ——, d. 1757, at Western; they had at Western, Mary, b. 6 Feb., 1753; Sarah, b. 6 Jan., 1755.

2. JOHN, son of Joseph (1), m. Susanna, dau. of Seth Aldrich of Uxbridge. . . . Children: JOHN, b. 20 Sept., 1734; MARY, b. 17 Feb., 1737, m. (1) 12 March, 1761, Noah Dodge of Dudley, and had Noah, b. 4 Nov., 1761; she m. (2) —— Holten; SUSANNA, b. 8 Oct., 1739, m. —— Keith; SARAH, b. 17 June, 1742, m. —— Taft; SETH, b. 23 May, 1745; ALDRICH, b. 12 June, 1748; JOSEPH, b. 30 June, 1751; BENJAMIN, b. 1 Jan., 1758. On 14 Nov., 1746, Joseph Wiley deeded to his son John 50 acres on the west side of Prospect Hill. They probably lived together on this estate. In Sept., 1763, James Jackson, trader, of Boston, sold on execution land belonging to John, Jr., and in Nov., 1763, he was sued by other parties. He was a trader and a rough man. Alexander Nichols, brother-in-law, was indebted to him and meeting on 25 Aug., 1763, at the old tavern on the Plain, they had a quarrel in which Wiley assaulted Nichols, injuring him so that he had medical treatment and was confined to his house for a time, for which Nichols sued him. The case was sent to referees, viz., Ebenezer Learned, Hezekiah Stone and Thomas Town, who awarded Nichols ten dollars damages. Wiley refused to pay, and sued Nichols for debt. This case was also submitted to referees, viz., Josiah Brewer, Edward Davis and Josiah Wolcott, who heard the whole matter and reported that there was due from Wiley to Nichols a balance of £2, 19s. 1d., but that Nichols should pay costs of both suits, which amounted to £7, 11s. 6d. John, Sen., removed to Dudley, and died there. Susanna, his widow, was administratrix of his estate. In its settlement are named JOHN, SETH, ALDRICH, JOSEPH, BENJAMIN, MARY HOLTON, SUSANNA KEITH, SARAH TAFT. In Dec., 1771, Susanna of Uxbridge, widow of John, late of Dudley, had a case in Worcester Court. In 1783, the town of Northbridge made a demand on Ox. for the support of "Widow Wiley," later sued —trial March, 1785,—and obtained judgment for £12. On 31 July, 1783, the town of Ox. voted to sue Maj. John Wiley for the charge brought by the town of Northbridge. In June, 1785, John Wiley, then of Dalton, was sued by the Executors of Edward Davis, Esq., for dues to his estate to be paid in

rum or molasses. Dec., 1790, John Wiley, late of Sunderland, trader, had a case in Court at Worcester.

3. JOHN, son of John (2), soldier in French war 1759, m. 18 June, 1752, Rachel, dau. of Samuel Curtis, and had in Ox., REUBEN, b. 27 Dec., 1752; SUSANNA, b. 9 March, 1755, family removed to Providence, R. I. (?). In 1767 or 1769, John Wiley of Providence sold land in North Ox. to Jacob Pierce.

**WILKINSON, MARGARET**, and Peter Landragin, m. int. 7 Nov., 1836.

**WILLIAMS, RICHARD**, m. 1 Dec., 1735, at Boston, Martha, dau. of Capt. Peter Papillon; they were of Boston 1741, when they sold land in Ox. to Aaron Gleason. He was a master mariner, styled Captain, owned land in Douglas, and was at the head of a petition, 26 May, 1742, for an act of incorporation as a town, later occupied his Ox. land, living, perhaps, west of the river between the Dudley and Charlton roads, H. 76, and d. there 1751. His widow m. John Ballard of Boston, who was guardian of her children. Rev. John Campbell was executor of his will. . . . Children: JEFFREY BEDGOOD, b. 25 May, 1748, and two daughters.

JAMES, b. about 1741, son of John and Joanna, came to Ox. in 1788 from Pomfret, Conn., having bought the farm near the Maanexit river, nearly a mile north of Augutteback Pond, H. 89. An old record gives "John Williams d. Aug. 12, 1756, aged 56. Joanna Williams, his wife, d. Oct., 1748, aged 37 years. The father of John Williams was an Episcopal clergyman in England." James m. Damaris Dresser of Pomfret; farmer and teamster from Ox. to Boston. He d. 27 Jan., 1811, aged 70, she d. 6 Nov., 1817, aged 74. . . . Children: SAMUEL, b. 1764, d. 1786, at Port au Prince, W. I.; ESTHER, b. 1766, m. Warren Cudworth; JERUSAH, b. 1769, m. 18 April, 1796, Abel Howe of Worcester; JAMES, b. 1771, m. Nabby ——, and had *Fanny*, b. 31 May, 1796; *James*, b. 18 Jan., 1798; removed to Rhode Island, where his descendants now reside; STEPHEN, b. 1774, m. Ruth Barlow of Vermont, went to Montreal, where he kept a hotel and later was a cooper, removed to Sherrington, where he was a farmer for 30 years with his only son *Winslow*. He d. in 1849. Winslow removed about 1854 to Rochelle, Ogle Co., Ill., where he d. 28 Feb., 1877, aged 73. He was Captain of militia and a magistrate in Canada many years. He had 18 ch., three sons were soldiers in the late war, and served with honor. Of another son we quote from the catalogue of the Rochester Theological Seminary: "James Nelson Williams, b. Dec. 22, 1829, Sherrington, Can. Grand Ligne mission school 9 years, Montreal. Baptist College 1849-50. University, Rochester, 1850-51. Rochester Theological Seminary, 1853. Ordained, Grand Ligne, Can., Feb. 7, 1854. Missionary, Grand Ligne, 1854, '5, '6. Pastor of Baptist Church, Montreal, 1856-59. Missionary, Grand Ligne, 1859-64. Editor, Montreal, 1865. Missionary among French in Ohio, 1866-68. Pastor of S. Church, Chicago, 1868-70. Missionary among French in New England." Since 1873 he has continued in this field, headquarters at Boston; ABIGAIL, b. 1777, d. 14 Jan., 1860, unm.; ALBIGENCE, b. 1780, was impressed and put on board of an English man-of-war. He tells his own story in a letter which follows:

"BOMBAY, March 22, 1810.

"Dear and honored Parents: I sit with my heart full of sorrow and disappointment for fear that I shall never reach my own Country, for I am in despair and forlorn, for my enemies are innumerable for being an American, I have met with a sad misfortune in getting one of my feet jammed with a cable, by which I have lost one of my toes and the foot very much damaged.

I have a great deal of money due from the English, but whether I ever get it or not God knows. My life is a misery, and if my father is alive I wish him to apply to government for my relief, for among these tyrants I cant long live.

"I am still by the name of Thomas Pheasanton, I am . . . from Baltimore by Robert Provians in March 4th, 1804.—So Adieu.

"N. B. I have nothing to wish for but my freedom, which is very easily gained for searching for, but there is no justice to be had in India. So I wish for some lover of freedom to interfere in the behalf of not only me, but hundreds that are now on board of British men-of-war in the East Indies. So no more.

"I am your dutiful son,

"ALBIGENCE WILLIAMS.

"To James Williams, Oxford, Mass."

We have no knowledge of the result of this appeal; ROBERT, b. 1784, lived on the homestead, m. intentions 18 Nov., 1815, Hannah Coburn of Charlton, he d. 28 Sept., 1838, she d. aged 85, 12 Jan., 1869(?); ch.: *Lucinda*, b. about 1816, d. 1830; *John J.*, b. 26 March, 1819(?). Studied mathematics at Washington, D. C., began as assistant civil engineer on Annapolis and Elk Ridge R. R., and next under the U. S. government as assistant in surveys of military approaches to New Orleans, later supt. of breakwater at Plattsburg, on survey for railroad across Isthmus of Panama, assistant engineer for railroad across Tehuantepec, and wrote a report of 295 pages, entitled "The Isthmus of Tehuantepec." Was in the employ of several companies on large works in Central America, including the proposed Tehuantepec Ship Canal, and with reference to this was one of a committee sent to view the water-ways of the old world. From 1853 was 15 years supt. and engineer on the Kentucky division of the Mobile and Ohio R. R., and Paducah branch, chief engineer of the Mississippi Central and Tennessee R. R., and was repeatedly engineer on Capt. Eads' enterprises. He early wrote important matter for publication on the benefits of opening communication between the Atlantic and Pacific, and is considered an authority on public works in Central America. In 1888 a committee of the U. S. Senate on the improvement of the Mississippi river received and printed in a pamphlet of 20 pages his testimony and opinions on that important subject, considered very creditable to him as a practical engineer. He m. (1) Eliza M. Coburn of Washington, D. C., who d. 1864, in Alabama, m. (2) Eliza B. Alston, resided long at Jackson, Tenn.; ch. by first m.: Emma H., m. Cecil Fleming, and d. 1876, 4 daughters; George H., b. 22 May 1848, m. Oct., 1887, Lutie Payne; John L., b. 31 Aug., 1849, m. Rosa, dau. of Rev. Hendrixson, architect at Jackson, Tenn., had ch.; Frank, b. 22 April, 1853, resided at Gainesville, Tex., m. Ellen Rice, had ch.; Flora, b. 24 Nov., 1858, m. John Dent, resided at Galveston, Tex., had ch.; Lillie C., b. 31 Oct., 1860, m. Dr. Lillion W. Whitaker, had ch.; *Samuel*, unm., resided on the homestead until 1888, became insane, was taken to the Worcester Lunatic Hospital, where he d. 1 April, 1891; *Clarendon*, left town young, civil engineer at New York, an inventor in the line of harbor defences, a torpedo adopted by the U. S. government and now in use in the navy is said to have been his invention, he m. and had Mary, Frederick Eagan, Charles, all resided in youth at Yonkers, N. Y.; he and w. have both d.

OLIVER, son of Sylvania, b. 9 July, 1822, m. Maria Carder of Warwick, R. I., resided 1885 at Apponaug, R. I. . . . Children: ADA S., IDA D., twins.

THADDEUS, resided at Ox. March, 1783.

WILLIAM, and Sarah Church of Holden, m. intentions 15 Aug., 1797.

JOHN, aged 40, d. 11 Oct., 1825.

EBENEZER S., and Ruth F. Mowry, m. 14 Oct., 1850.

RUTH A., w. of John R., d. 18 Sept., 1863.

MARY E., m. n. Moore, aged 31, d. 21 Nov., 1869.

JOHN R., b. in Charlton, aged 54, d. 24 March, 1879.

**WILLIS, ROGER**, son of Abiel, b. at Lebanon, N. H., whither his parents had removed from Conn., went 1821 from Hanover, N. H., among the first settlers to Albany, Vt., m. Jerusha Cleveland, both d. at Albany. Of their 9 ch., the second, SAMUEL C., was b. 1806, m. at Albany, Mary Cook of Thetford, Vt., removed 1846 with family to Grafton, and thence in 1853 to North Ox., most of the ch. remained in Mass., the father and mother returned 1858 to Albany, where she d. 1874, he d. 30 Aug., 1891. . . . *Children:* HELEN M., m. Charles O. Wallace of Ox.; CLARK C., m. (1) Melissa Cromb of Grafton, had ch., m. (2) Sarah Cook of Grafton, had ch., residence 1891 Worcester, marketman and grocer; ADRIANA C., m. N. King Morse of Grafton, residence 1891 Ox.; they had *Mary M.*, b. 14 July, 1859, m. Waterman A. Warren of Auburn, had ch.; *Alice E.*, b. 15 Aug., 1861, m. Richard H. Warren, brother of Waterman A., had ch.; *Carrie A.*, b. 29 April, 1870; SIMEON H., unm., resided at Albany with his father; SAMUEL C., b. 12 March, 1838, m. 13 Dec., 1859, Lucinda W., dau. of Capt. Otis Taft, soldier in the late war in First R. I. Cavalry, insurance agent of the firm of J. D. Washburn, Willis & Greene of Worcester, justice of the peace; they had *Lillian May*, b. 24 Jan., 1862, m. Homer S. Joslin; *Irring C.*, b. 1 Nov., 1864; EDWARD L., m. Ellen, dau. of Ira Sibley of Ox., residence North Ox., 1 son; WILLIAM E., m. Flora Greene of Spencer, residence Chicopee Falls, 1 son; CHARLES M., m. Winnie Hockenbury of Barre, Vt., residence Chicopee Falls.

WILLIAM F., and Adaline F. Chase, m. intentions 28 April, 1833.

**WILLISON, SAMUEL**, of Stark, Me., and Elizabeth Works, m. 25 Sept., 1802.

**WILLSON, WILSON, JACOB**, of Malden, son of Capt. Joseph and Dorcas (Randall) of Lynn, b. 3 Sept., 1671, a leading man at Malden, m. 20 May, 1696, Susanna Roas, and had JOHN, b. 25 Jan., 1697; JACOB, b. 7 Jan., 1699, and others.

2. JOHN, son of Jacob, m. Mary ——, came to Ox. from Malden, perhaps in the spring of 1732, at which time his father bought the Learned Davis place on the Sutton road, II. 26. In 1736 John bought the farm of his father and there spent a long and useful life, and was succeeded by his son John. Dea. Willson was one of the best of men, town clerk from 1747 to 1775, ten years selectman, most of the time chairman, and from 1743 until his death deacon.<sup>1</sup> He d. aged 80, 13 Jan., 1778. His w. Mary and 3 ch. mentioned in his will, son John executor. . . . *Children:* JOHN, b. 28 Oct., 1720; MARY, b. 12 Feb., 1723, both at Malden; MARY, m. William Nichols; LYDIA, b. 30 March, 1735, at Ox., m. Joseph Phillips.

3. JOHN, son of John (2), m. (1) 7 Sept., 1749, Lois Town, settled on the homestead, m. (2) 17 Aug., 1758, Martha, dau. of Jeremiah Shumway, probably left town after selling in 1780. . . . *Child* by first m.: DORCAS, b. 10 Aug., 1754, d. 26 April, 1779.

<sup>1</sup> Several of Oxford's later town clerks might with much profit to the public have studied and copied the style and thorough manner of Dea.

Willson and his successor, Dea. Samuel Harris, whose united services in this office embraced a term of over 50 years.

4. JACOB, son of Jacob (1), m. Sarah ——, removed from Malden to Pomfret, Conn., where he bought land 1727, came to Ox., having bought 1730 the farm near the north end of the Plain, H. 188. He was a tanner and shoemaker, and was named 1735 as of Ox., tanner. He sold in 1743 and we lose trace of him. . . . *Children:* JACOB, b. 8 Feb., 1722, at Malden; SAMUEL, b. 15 May, 1724; SARAH, b. 19 March, 1727, d. 1740; and at Ox.: SUSANNA, b. 25 Nov., 1729; ANNE, b. 17 June, 1732, d. 23 Jan., 1756; JOSEPH, b. 13 Sept., 1735, blacksmith, lived 1759 near Edwards' mill, North Ox., H. 121; ELIZABETH, d. 1739.

5. JACOB, son of Jacob (4), m. 17 Dec., 1742, Esther Town, she d. 17 Jan., 1745. [A Jacob Willson m. at Pomfret, 12 Nov., 1748, Anna Skelton, and on 22 April, 1777, Molly Dodge.]

6. SAMUEL, probably son of Jacob (4), m. at Pomfret, Betse Adams. They had SAMUEL, b. 1 Jan., 1743; HANNAH, b. 13 Sept., 1744; ESTHER, b. 23 April, 1746; ROBERT, b. 18 Dec., 1748; MARY, b. 12 Oct., 1750; JOSEPH, b. 12 Jan., 1753; BETSE, b. 9 Aug., 1755; IGNATIUS, b. 29 Oct., 1757; SARAH, b. 10 June, 1762; MABEL, b. 15 Aug., 1764; RUFUS, b. 24 Dec., 1767.

PHEBE, and Joseph Laflin, m. 12 July, 1753.

JONATHAN, taxed here 1771.

DR. JOHN, and Cynthia Gerould of Sturbridge, m. 21 Feb., 1781.

CHRISTOPHER, of Canton, N. Y., and Lucy Rich, m. int. 2 Jan., 1808.

WILLIAM G., of Shoreham, Vt., and Eliza Dwinnell, m. 28 Jan., 1834.

JAMES C., of Thompson, Conn., aged 32, d. 2 Nov., 1882.

**WILMARTH, THEOPHILUS W.**, son of Joseph and Ruth B. (Williams), b. 20 Nov., 1818, at Smithfield, R. I., learned cotton manufacturing at Pawtucket, R. I., came to North Ox. 1846, began business in partnership with Thomas Moies, later continuing with Joseph Rogers and afterward with John Rhodes of Millbury, agent and manager of the business until Sept., 1870, when he sold to Rhodes, and soon removed from town, returned 1879 to the Plain where he resided until 1882, removed to Farnumsville, where he d. 13 March of that year. Of good business capacity and esteemed as a citizen. He m. 23 May, 1839, Delia A. Mowry of Smithfield, who d. aged 36, 3 May, 1858, at Ox. His mother, Ruth A., aged 71, d. 4 Aug., 1856, at Ox. . . . *Children*, first two b. at Smithfield: FRANK, b. 28 March, 1841, received the title of A.M. from Rutgers College, N. J., was graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, June, 1869, settled in practice at East Orange, N. J., the same year and d. there, highly esteemed, 7 June, 1881. He was enthusiastic in his profession, deeply interested in hospital work and consequently much beloved by the poor. The medical staff of the Orange Memorial Hospital in the minutes passed on the occasion of his death said: "his early decease has arrested a career of rare promise." He m. May, 1874, Esther Sampson of New York; they had *Delia M.*, b. 30 April, 1877; NANCY W., b. 4 Feb., 1845, m. 17 Jan., 1870, Howard A. Carson of Ox. [See Pope], resided at Malden; RUTH B., b. 23 Feb., 1848, m. June, 1869, Frank L. Smith, son of Rev. Joseph, of North Ox., present principal of the Bowditch School at Salem, she d. 16 Oct., 1885; they had *Frederick W.*, b. 30 May, 1870; SARAH J., b. 23 Jan., 1851; MARCUS, b. 22 Feb., 1854, was graduated at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute as civil engineer, m. 17 June, 1890, Esther S., wid. of his deceased brother Frank, resides at Boston; THEOPHILUS W., b. 4 July, 1857, was cotton expert at Amoskeag Mills, Manchester, N. H., later superintendent of Lane Mills at New Orleans, La., and in Oct., 1886, took charge

of the Rockdale Cotton Mill at Northbridge, he m. Jan., 1881, Mary E. Simmons of Sutton.

**WINN, ABRAHAM** (Colored), once a slave, carpenter, a devout christian man and respected, aged 68, d. 29 Nov., 1877.

**WINSLOW, JACOB**, Revolutionary soldier.

**WINTER, JOHN C.** (German), aged 54, d. 16 Oct., 1863.

**WISWELL, ALICE A.**, m. n. Davis, aged 21, d. 23 Dec., 1863.

**OLIVER C.**, son of David, of Holliston, aged 65, d. 11 June, 1867.

**CHARLES M.**, son of Oliver C., aged 33, d. 18 July, 1867.

**WITT, OLIVER**, of Chester, m. Isabella, dau. of Josiah Shumway, resided at Brookfield, Ware and Fitchburg, d. 1850 at Ware, she d. aged 89, 3 April, 1883, at Ox. . . . *Children*: **MERRICK**, b. 4 July, 1820; **MARY**, b. 22 April, 1822, m. William Sawtelle, who d. 1850; **LAFAYETTE**, b. 22 Oct., 1824, m. Mary Parker of Longmeadow, removedy to Springfield, where he d. 1870; **ELIZA**, b. 31 March, 1826, m. Samuel Hinds of Fitchburg, resided 1886 at Indian Orchard; **HANNAH**, b. 19 April, 1828, at Millbury, m. Gustavus Hunt, settled at Stoneham, where he d. 1870.

**WOLCOTT, HENRY**, of Somersetshire, Eng., came with son **HENRY**, who was of Boston 1634, removed 1636 to Windsor, m. Sarah Newberry, had **JOSIAH**, b. 21 July, 1658, removed to Salem, and m. (1) Penelope, dau. of George Corwin, m. (2) 1 May, 1694, Mary, dau. of John Freek (or Freke), merchant at Boston. They had **JOHN**, b. 12 Sept., 1702, was graduated 1721 at Harvard College, high sheriff of Essex Co., m. Elizabeth, dau. of Peter Papillon, and d. 1747, she m. (2) John Higginson. **JOSIAH**, son of John and Elizabeth, b. 16 April, 1733, came in young manhood to Ox., perhaps as pupil of Rev. John Campbell. In education he stood above the mass, and socially among the first in the town, prominent in public affairs and occupied the highest official positions, 10 years selectman, 13 years from 1759 to 1771 treasurer, 13 years between 1781 and 1795 moderator, 1761, '5, '6, representative, and many years justice of the peace. He owned a large landed estate received by inheritance, and 1754 bought at 21 years of age the most sightly homestead in town, then with an unfinished house, at the head of the common, where he resided till his decease. He m. (1) 13 Feb., 1752, Isabella, dau. of Rev. John Campbell, she d. 27 June, 1786, m. (2) 12 Dec., 1793, Naomi, widow of Samuel Jennison, she d. 18 July, 1848, aged 108(?) [headstone]. He d. aged 63, 9 Dec., 1796. . . . *Children*: **JOHN**, b. 12 July, 1752, d. aged 73, 28 Sept., 1825, unm., trader 1783-86, at least; **EDWARD K.**, b. 30 April, 1754, m. 17 Jan., 1776, Hannah Sewall of Brookline, where they settled, and where he d. 11 Sept., 1815, "of decay," styled "trader." In 1797-8 he was of East Sudbury, inn-holder, in 1800-1 of Waltham, trader, in 1802-3 of Newton, trader, and in 1805 of Brookline again; ch.: **Ann**, b. 4 Dec., 1777; **Elizabeth**, baptized 26 March, 1780; **Henry S.**, baptized 16 June, 1782; **Hannah S.**, baptized 17 April, 1785, m. 20 April, 1814, John Fulsom of Boston; **Rebecca W.**, baptized 20 Dec., 1789; **Samuel**, baptized 6 Oct., 1793 ["Seco, Mr. Wolcott's negro, d. 21 July, 1780, aged 55"]; **THOMAS F.**, b. 31 March, 1757, Revolutionary soldier(?); **FREEK**, b. 21 Oct., 1759, m. Josiah Shumway; **ELIZABETH**, b. 19 July, 1761, m. Andrew Sigourney; **PETER P.**, b. 1 Sept., 1763, unm., resided at Ox. until about 1801, set out for Woolwich, Me., on business and was never

heard from; MARY E., b. 29 Sept., 1765, m. John Dana, resided at Orford, N. H.; WILLIAM, b. 1767, d. 1769; JOSHUA, b. 11 May, 1769; MEHETABLE, b. 12 July, 1771, m. Phinehas Dana; HENRY, b. 4 Feb., 1774, unm., resided near Boston, was of Ox. 1803 and d. here.

2. JOSHUA, son of Josiah (1), m. Mary, dau. of Rev. Jonathan Eames, resided at Ox., near North Common on Sutton road, removed 1807 to Orford, N. H. . . . *Children*, first five b. at Ox.: PERSIS E., m. 4 Dec., 1821, William S. Stevens, resided West; JOSIAH E., b. 1 Dec., 1800; MIRANDA, b. 1802, d. 1803; OLIVER, b. 17 March, 1804, m. (1) 1832, Hannah Eaton, m. (2) Tamar Merrill, resided at Wentworth, N. H., removed to Rochester, Vt., where he, 1885, resided; JOSHUA, b. 17 Jan., 1806, m., resided at Boston; and b. at Orford: BETSEY J., b. 5 Feb., 1808; HENRY, b. 28 Oct., 1809, d. 13 Nov., 1828; ABIGAIL, b. 19 Aug., 1811; EDWARD K., b. 18 July, 1813, m., and resides at Boston; MARY, b. 3 Nov., 1816, m. George Miles, residence, Orford; ANDREW F., b. 8 Aug., 1820; MARIA; AUGUSTUS, resided at or near Orford.

THOMAS, machinist, m. Fanny Andrus, lived at Merino Village, Dudley, removed to Ox. Woolen Co. Village, where he was repairer. He d. aged 44, 23 Oct., 1835. They had at Dudley: EDWIN; CHRISTOPHER; LUCIAN; A SON; and b. at Ox.: CAROLINE, b. 6 July, 1828; SALLY, b. 5 Sept., 1829, d. 1843; DOLLY.

WOOD, CHARLES C., b. 14 Jan., 1810, son of Collester of Grafton, came to Ox., 1829, as clerk for Capt. William Sigourney, assistant postmaster. In April, 1834, removed to New Boston, Conn., where he began trade in partnership with Sigourney, continuing until 1850, when he removed to a farm which he occupied, 1885, in the northwest part of Dudley. He m. (1) 9 April, 1834, Sally B., dau. of Alexander Campbell, she d. aged 24, 30 Sept., 1837, at New Boston; m. (2) 9 April, 1874, Harriet Cheney. . . . *Child* by first m. CHARLES S., b. 1 June, 1835, from 1855 to 1885 conductor on railroad between Cincinnati and Marietta, O.; ch. by second m., ALBERT B.; HARRY C.

SIMEON, of Dudley, m. Huldah, dau. of Joseph Rockwood. . . . *Children*: OTIS; LYMAN; ABIEL, b. 13 Jan., 1814, at Ox.

SIMON, and Susanna Wakefield, both of S. Gore, m. int. 22 Oct., 1803.

DANIEL, aged 20, d. 2 Dec., 1821.

CALISTA, and Alfred Johnson, m. 8 Dec., 1828.

WILLIAM F., and Emily Curtis of Dudley, m. int. 3 Nov., 1832.

JOHN W., of Dudley, and Maria, dau. of James Corbin of Sturbridge, m. intentions 3 April, 1845.

WILLIS, aged 75, d. 16 July, 1859.

REBECCA, m. n. Gager, of Westminster, aged 84, d. 14 Jan., 1866.

JOSEPH, aged 46, d. 4 April, 1872; found dead in the road near post-office.

MARY A., widow, dau. of Thomas Benson, aged 84, d. 9 Dec., 1884.

WOODBURY, SALLY, and Aaron Carroll of Sutton, m. 11 May, 1784.

WOODHEAD, MRS. MARY (English), aged 55, d. 12 Oct., 1888.

WOODWARD, ICHABOD, son of George and Lydia of Watertown, cousin of John and Ebenezer Eddy, joined the Church at Roxbury 27 April, 1713, owned land in Ox. on Brush Hill, east and southeast of the North Ox. railroad station, which he sold in 1720 to John Eddy. In July, 1721, he was styled "of Oxford, innholder," and 1726, "joiner." He m. 1 July, 1725, Abigail Holbrook of Roxbury and probably settled there; she was of Brookline in 1743;

they had a daughter ABIEL, who m. Daniel Seaver and had a large family. In a deed 17 April, 1741, he is referred to as having deceased. No record in Ox. of his family. He owned several lots of land in Ox.

NATHANIEL of Leicester, and Sarah Fessenden, m. int. 29 April, 1790.

AMOS, of Leicester, and Mercy Thompson, m. 23 Oct., 1797.

TOPSAIL (Colored), aged 52, d. 1 March, 1820.

JOHN, of Ward, and Sally C. McIntire, m. 18 July, 1825.

WILLARD, aged 57, d. Dec., 1845.

WORK, JACOB, of Medway, cordwainer, Revolutionary soldier, bought 6 April, 1770, 50 acres on Prospect Hill, now Auburn; sold 1777 to Israel Brayley of Freetown and bought in Dudley, sold 1778. We next find him in the North Gore [see H. 109]. He had a large family; about 1804 removed to Maine.

WORSLEY, DAVID, b. 7 Aug., 1788, at Roxbury, son of Joseph and Mary, m. at Killingly, Conn., Eunice M. Leffingwell, b. 4 Nov., 1794, at Pomfret, settled at Killingly, removed about 1826 to North Ox., her brother Calvin having that year bought mill property there; carpenter; d. 16 May, 1862, she d. 8 May, 1862. . . . Children: MARY S., b. 22 May, 1820, at Killingly, m. Joseph, son of Craft Davis; SARAH F., b. 1822, at Dudley, d. 1826; HESTER A. R., b. 1824, at Killingly, d. 1826; HESTER A. R., b. 1 Dec., 1826, at Ox., m. 14 May, 1846, Henry J. Pickett of Boston, b. at Barnet, Vt.; DAVID H., b. 24 July, 1829, twice m., resided at Bosworthville, near Norwich, Conn., had at Ox., A. Elizabeth, b. 19 March, 1854; Abbie J., b. 15 April, 1857; ALBERT O., b. 7 April, 1831, unm.; ABBY J., b. 27 Nov., 1833, d. 13 April, 1855, unm.; LUCY E., b. 1 April, 1836, m. George Ladd of Holden, and had Alfred W., b. Feb., 1860, she d. aged 24, 16 March, 1860.

LUCY M., m. n. King(?), aged 26, d. 8 Dec., 1862.

WRIGHT, HARRIET, aged 22, d. 27 June, 1827.

SARAH M., m. n. Gardner, aged 42, d. 1 Jan., 1860.

WYMAN, JOHN, resided from 1752 on a farm in the northwest part, previously Jacob Town, H. 87, sold in 1776, and settled on Cox's land in east part of Charlton, sold in 1783; m. (1) 23 April, 1752, Experience, widow of Thomas Reed; m. (2) 9 Dec., 1762, Mrs. Ann Town. In 1799, John Wyman and wife were residents of Ox. . . . Children: by first m.: LEVI, b. 28 April, 1753, d. young; MOLLY, b. 14 Oct., 1756; DOLLY, b. 24 March, 1759, m. 3 March, 1784, Jonathan Shumway of Belchertown; EXPERIENCE, b. 2 June, 1761, m. 31 March, 1784, David Coburn of Woodstock, Conn.; by second m.: JOHN, b. 27 Nov., 1763; LEVI, b. 14 Sept., 1765; DANIEL, b. 12 Oct., 1767, in 1801 presented to the town a demand for £100 for the support of his father and mother, payment refused.

NATHANIEL, Revolutionary soldier.

YEOMANS, CHARLES, b. 8 Jan., 1790, son of Joshua of Norwich, Conn., came 1820 to South Ox., m. 8 Sept., 1822, Sarah, dau. of William and Martha Frazer, b. 1793, at Pomfret, Conn., resided for a time at Leicester, and returned to Webster, and thence came to Ox., where he spent his later years and d. 6 June, 1870; she d. aged 76, 4 Oct., 1872. . . . Children: GEORGE F., b. 22 July, 1823, at Leicester, m. Harriet M. Hill of Norwich, Conn., where they settled; CHARLES, b. 12 Sept., 1825, at Ox., now Webster,

m., and in 1885 resided at San Francisco, Cal.; ANDREW B., b. 11 Oct., 1835, at Webster, m. 10 Oct., 1864, Harriet M., dau. of John C. Hall of Worcester, soldier in late war; they had *Althea M.*, b. and d. 1865; *Gertrude*, b. 25 Jan., 1871; SARAH A., b. 7 Dec., 1838, at Webster, m. 6 April, 1859, Benjamin F. Barnes of Auburn, she d. 19 Aug., 1862, at Ox.; they had *Charles Y.*, b. 7 Sept., 1860.

YOUNG, DAVID, m. Mary, dau. of Benjamin Fitts of Ox., settled at Jamaica, Vt., had six children four of whom came to Ox. WILLARD, b. about 1795, m. 12 April, 1818(?), Betsey, dau. of Ezekiel Davis, lived with his uncle Silas Fitts, d. 27 Sept., 1825, aged 30; they had *Willard A.*, b. 27 Aug., 1825, killed 20 Aug., 1855, on the railroad, brakeman; DAVID, b. 1803, m. 27 May, 1834, Adaline, dau. of Ebenezer Fitts, settled at Ox., where he d. 17 May, 1848, she d. 16 April, 1880; they had *Artemas*, b. 20 Feb., 1837, m. 14 April, 1861, Martha, dau. of James and Betsey D. Lawrence of Temple, Me., and had Jesse, d. young; Elsie, b. 21 June, 1864; Charles, b. 13 Sept., 1866; Jerry, b. 20 April, 1868; Ora, d. young; John P., b. 1 Aug., 1872; Betsey L., b. 11 Feb., 1875; *Mary Eliza*, b. 22 Jan., 1839, m. 29 Dec., 1858, Silas Rice of Thompson, Conn., and had Amy E., b. 11 June, 1861, m. William Newton, residence, Millbury; Addie, b. 12 Feb., 1863; Mary M., b. 9 May, 1869; Flora M., b. 17 June, 1875; MARIA, unm., many years housekeeper for her uncle Silas Fitts, d. aged 62, 31 Dec., 1863; ANDREW F., d. 22 Aug., 1825, at Ox., unm.

JOSEPH, of Sutton, and Euphemia T. Taft, m. 28 May, 1828.

ZANES, HARRIET D., widow, aged 35, d. 2 Aug., 1886.



# NOTES

AND

## MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

**An Indian Deed.** PAGE 5. The original deed of Black James and Company to Stoughton and Dudley of one-half the reservation of five miles square made by said Indians in their deed of the Nipmuck Country to said grantees Feb., 1682, was in the collection of the late John Wingate Thornton of Boston, and through the courtesy of his daughter, Elizabeth T. Thornton, has recently come into the possession of our Free Public Library. Its date is April 28, 1682, a little more than two months after that of the sale to the English. The grantors named are Black James, alias Walomachin, Benjamin, James, Simon Wolomp, Tascomp, Sasequejasuck, Pomponechum, Wolowon-onak, Papomsham, Pepegous, John Awagwon, Sosequaw, Aquetaquash, James Wiser, James Acojock, Wolumpau, Papeunquanant and Waumshk, who convey as follows:—"for and in consideration of the Sume of Ten pounds current money of New England to us paid by the s<sup>d</sup> William Stoughton and Joseph Dudley . . . . Have given, granted . . . . and by these presents Doe fully, freely and absolutely give, grant . . . . unto the s<sup>d</sup> William Stoughton and Joseph Dudley their heires and assignes forever . . . . one Moiety or full half part of the s<sup>d</sup> tract of Land of ffive miles Square in such place or contents of five mile Square in such two places as wee shall choose Reserved by us as above s<sup>d</sup> out of the grant abovementioned, made by us unto them—of all that part of the Nipmug Country above described and bounded (that is to say) one half part of all the upland grounds and the whole of all the meadow grounds contained within the s<sup>d</sup> Reserve . . . ."

[Signed by 20.]

"Signed, Sealed & Delivered  
in presence of us.

WILLIAM A. RAWSON?

EDWARD THOMAS

JOHN GORE.

SAMUEL RUGGLES Sen.

SAMUEL RUGGLES Jr.

his  
PETER X GARDNER  
mark

RALPH BRODHURST"

Acknowledged 28 Apr., 1682,  
before

HUM: DAVIE, } Assts.  
SAMUEL NOWELL, }

[The signatures to the above present a somewhat interesting study. Of the twenty, many are not named in the body of the deed, and as many named therein did not sign. Two wrote their names in full; several signed by the first two or three letters of their names, several by a conventional figure as a circle, cross or other rude design, one by the form of a bird, but the majority made only a meaningless scrawl. Of the four who sign the supplementary

writing, which contained originally ten or twelve names. JAMES PRINTER als. WOAWAUS is remarkable in his handwriting, and his is by far the best Indian signature on the deed. James Achochick and Meeocoiman were two other signers of this latter instrument].

This appended writing follows:—

"Wee Seanjasco, Wabequalan, Madaqamin, Cook Robin [others, names illegible] inhabitants of the Nipmug Country and partners with the grantees in the Land above conveyed and sold, being absent at the time of the above s<sup>e</sup>t treaty and bargain and therefore not inserted in the Deed Do nevertheless fully consent thereto, and having received our several proportions of the price therein Specified do Signify our consent to the same and release all our right title claim and interest in and unto the Lands therein granted and every part and parcel thereof do hereunto Set our hands and Seales in the presence of the witnesses above named. Consented unto also by James Printer als. Woawaus."

[Signed by four.]

On the back is endorsed:—

"Memorand That on the twentieth day of May 1685 full and peaceable possession and Seizin of the Lands within mentioned to be granted with the appurtenances was given by Benjamin the brother of Black James & Simon Wolomp son of the sayd Black James by delivery of a turfe of the Land called Mayanexit upon a small twigg, in the name of the whole unto the within named William Stoughton and Joseph Dudley, which was so done under a tree growing on the said Mayanexit Land and then marked S. D. in the presence of us whose names are underwritten

"JOHN BLACKWELL  
"ROB<sup>n</sup> JARDONE?"

[Suffolk Rec. XII., 297.]

The introduction of the name of James the Printer as above in a special clause may be considered an indication of his high standing in the tribe. This Indian was one of the most interesting characters mentioned in the accounts of early times. When a child he was taken into the Indian School at Cambridge and later was apprenticed for 16 years to learn printing, but ran away before the expiration of that time. He was Eliot's most valuable assistant in producing the Indian Bible, and when in 1683 this man contemplated a revised edition of his work he wrote thus: "I desire to see it done before I die . . . we have but one man, viz., the Indian printer that is able to compose the sheets and correct the press with understanding."

James was a teacher at Hassamamisco, the place of his nativity, and also at Chaulunagungamaug. With all his good qualities he was true to his native instincts, and when Philip's war began joined the foray, leading, it is said, in some of the murderous assaults. A memento of him (it is believed no other Indian of the time could have produced the document) remains in the form of a written notification which was posted on the bridge over Charles river at Medfield on the retreat after the attack on that settlement, 21 Feb., 1676; "Know by this paper that the Indians that thou hast provoked to wrath and anger will war these twenty-one years, if you will. There are many Indians yett. We come three hundred at this time. You must consider that the Indians loose nothing but their lives, but you must loose your fair houses and cattle."

A few months later the war was closed. James returned to his allegiance to the colonists, was pardoned and for many years afterward was a competent assistant to Mr. Green, the leading printer of the day, at Boston, printing in 1709 the Indian Psalter.

<sup>1</sup> This name is susceptible of several readings.

**Bernon's Plan of Oxford.** PAGE 7. This plan now among the Bernon papers, is given as a curiosity and also as in a manner illustrating the divisions of the Oxford lands. It is far from correct in detail, especially in the streams and in the direction of the lines running east and west, which, starting at the east ran more to the southward than here represented. A few numerals have been added to mark points of special interest: 1 represents the site of the Huguenot Fort; 2, a cluster of French houses near the old mill; 3, the south branch of Millbrook coming from Mendon Meadow; 4, the north branch of the same coming from Bug Swamp; 5, the Maanexit; 6, Little River; 7, the Quinebaug. This plan has no date attached but must have been made after the deed of division, 1688, and before the English settlement, as at that date the "common way" here represented had been abolished. The second "common way," here shown, we find no allusion to in the records and probably it had existence only on paper. An interesting point which has not been identified (perhaps some abundant spring), is that in the extreme east of Cox's division near the Maanexit on the west, designated as "Coxes Well." The Grand proprietors' lots, it will be observed are numbered. The significance of this can only be conjectured. They are marked at the extreme west by the first five letters of the alphabet.

**A Huguenot Magistrate and Representative.** Isaac Bertrand Du Tuffeau was commissioned "a Justice of the Peace within the town of New Oxford the french plantation," Dec. 5, 1693. [Gen. Court Rec., Lib. Series, VI. 299.] It is believed that he was also elected as the representative from New Oxford the same year. Mr. A. C. Goodell, Jr., Commissioner for the publication of Province Laws, writes in relation to the subject: "He subscribed the qualifying oaths with the representatives chosen to the Court which convened Nov. 8, 1693; and on the strength of that, I included him in the list of deputies to that Court. It is not, however, absolutely certain that he was a deputy, since this subscription may have been made in qualifying" for the office of justice of the peace. "I have given the town the benefit of the doubt, since no other deputy from Oxford appears that year,--Daniel Allin of Boston, who represented Oxford the previous year having this year been chosen by the inhabitants of Marblehead."

Du Tuffeau's name therefore stands in the printed list, Province Laws, vol. VII., page 29.

**Mr. Church's Contract to build a Grist-mill.** PAGE 12.

[*"contract De Mr Cherch pour Le Moulin  
de New-oxford."*]

"ARTICLES of Agreement had made concluded and agreed upon by and Between Caleb Church of Watertown Millright and Gabriel Bernon of Boston Merc<sup>t</sup> this Day of March Anno Domini One Thousand six hundred Eight Eight Nine.

"Imp<sup>t</sup> The said Caleb Church doth Covenant and Agree with the s<sup>d</sup> Gabriel Bernon that he shall and vill att his own Proper Costs and Charges Erect Build and ffinish a Corn or Grist mill in all Poynts workemanlike in Such Place in the Village of Oxford as shall by the s<sup>d</sup> Bernon be Directed the s<sup>d</sup>

Mill House to be Twenty two foot Long and Eighteen foot Broad and Eleven foot stud Substantially and Sufficiently covered with a Jett to Cover the Wheele and a Chamber fitt for the Laying and Disposing Corn Bags or other Utensills Necessary for the s<sup>d</sup> Mill and the s<sup>d</sup> Church doth Covenant to find att his Own Proper Costs all the Iron Worke Necessary for the s<sup>d</sup> Mill and all other Things Except what is hereafter Expressed

" Item, The said Gabriel Bernon doth Covenant and Agree with the said Caleb Church that hee will bee att the Charge of searhing Preparing and bringing to Place the Mill Stones for the s<sup>d</sup> mill and that he will by the Oversight and Direction of the s<sup>d</sup> Church Make Erect and finish the Earth of the Dame that shall bee by the s<sup>d</sup> Church adjudged necessary for the s<sup>d</sup> Mill and also will dig and Prepare the Place where the Mill shall be Erected and also will allow to the s<sup>d</sup> Church five hundred foot of Boards and Persons to help for the Cutting Down of the Timber and will bee att the Charge of Bringing the Timber to Place and further doth Covenant to Pay to the s<sup>d</sup> Church for his Labor and Pains herein the Sume of forty Pounds two thirds thereof in money the Other Third in goods att money price in Three Equall Payments One Third att the ffalling the Timber One Third att the Raising and the Last att the finishing the s<sup>d</sup> mill

" Lastly The s<sup>d</sup> Church doth Covenant and promies to finish the s<sup>d</sup> Mill all sufficient and workemanlike and Sett her to Worke by the Last day of Aug<sup>t</sup> next after the Day of the Date hereof In Wittness whereof they have hereunto sett their hands and seals the day and Year first above written

" CALEB CHURCH. [Seal.]

" Sealed and Delivered  
" in Presence of  
" I. BERTRAND DUTUFFEAU  
" THO DUDLEY."

Endorsed on the back of the original paper is the following:—

" Within named Caleb Church do ingage and promis to find the stones and laye them on to make mele at my one costs and charge for the which m<sup>r</sup> Bernon doth ingage and promis to paye for the same one and twenty pounds in corent money for the same to be concluded when the mile grinds

" Boston May: y<sup>e</sup> 20: 1689  
" RICHARD WILKINS  
" EDMOND BROWNE

CALEB CHURCH  
GABRIEL BERNON."  
[Seal.]

Next follows this statement:—

	£ s: d
" for the mill in first the sum of forty pounds	40: 00:
secondly for the stones of the said one and	
twenty pounds	21: 00:
forthely for an addition to the house six pounds	6: 00:
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	67: 00:"

Then follow two receipts from Mr. Church:—

"Received one third Part of the within mentioned sume of forty wch is Thirteen Pounds six shillings and Eight Pence two thirds in money and one third in Goods by me

"CALEB CHURCH."

"More I have received fifty three pounds thirteen shillings wch the above said sum are in all the sum of sixty and seven pounds in full following our s<sup>d</sup> bargain Boston: 4 february 1689-90 received by my

"CALEB CHURCH."

"PETER BASSETT in witness  
"GABRIEL DEPONT present."

[Beron Papers.]

**Answer to Sigourney's Petition.** PAGE 13.

"In answer to the petition of the Constable of Oxford, *Voted*, That the Treasurer suspend the Calling in the last Tax laid on s<sup>d</sup> town of Eight pound Six shillings tell may court next." [Acts of 1694—5, Chap. 31.]

**The Johnson House.** PAGE 14. This house being near the Woodstock road or "Connecticut Path," was kept as a tavern. [Mayo's manuscript.] The Chimney stone now stands in front of Memorial Hall.

**Huguenot Industries.** PAGE 24. Glove-leather in addition to furs, was an important production of the "chamoiserie," and this commodity was shipped hence in quantities to the Boston and Newport glove makers. But more than in any other respect in the line of industries our country is indebted to the Huguenots for their skill in agriculture and horticulture. Smiles says, "They were acknowledged to be the best agriculturists, wine growers, merchants and manufacturers in France. No heavier crops were grown in France than on the Huguenot farms in Bearn and the southwest provinces. The slopes of the Aigoul and the Epernon were covered with their flocks and herds . . . . The diligence, skill and labor with which they subdued the stubborn soil and made it yield its increase of flowers and fruits and corn and wine, bore witness in all quarters to the toil and energy of the men of the Religion."

Disosway says, "the different parts of the country were greatly benefitted by the introduction of their superior modes of cultivation, and of different valuable fruits which they brought from France."

**Signal Station.** PAGE 25. There must have been, during the Huguenot occupation in those days of peril and alarms, means of communication between the fort and the valley below. As the shoulder of Bondet Hill obstructed the view from the fort at the lower and most thickly settled portion of the village, near the "old mill," it became necessary to establish some conveniences for transmitting intelligence from the latter eminence. There now exists at that locality a considerable earthwork or mound which was, as is supposed, the site of a watch-tower or signal-station for this purpose. As this spot is in full view of Woodstock Hill, probably communications were here also exchanged with that place.

**French Road.** PAGE 9. On a plan of land granted to Jethro Coffin in Northbridge in 1713, is laid down a road east and west entitled "The French

Road;" from which it is inferred that the Oxford settlers had abandoned the old route through Grafton and Marlboro' to Boston, and chosen a more direct course, further south.

**Location of the French Chapel.** PAGE 11. According to the recollection of Mrs. Huldah Daniels, familiar with the locality from childhood, the large stones, said to have been the foundation of this building, were near the present road, a few rods east of the house now standing at the top of the hill, on the Humphrey farm. The late Willis H. Humphrey, born on the farm and who in boyhood heard Dea. Ebenezer Humphrey discourse on these matters, was of the same opinion, as to its location.

**Richard Moore's Legislative Bill.** PAGE 48. In 1721, Mr. Moore being Oxford's representative, probably elected chiefly for this purpose, presented to the General Court a request for a law to oblige the larger land proprietors to aid in building a Meeting-house. On this favorable action was taken but was not consummated until March session 1722, when, as supposed, was enacted a bill the title of which follows:—

"An Act to enable the town of Oxford to lay a tax on the resident and non-resident proprietors towards building their Meeting-house." [Prov. Laws II., 234.]

It is a very singular fact that the title only of this bill appears on the official records at Boston. The bill itself cannot be found in any department of the State Archives. The records of Oxford give no light on the subject, and whether the town was benefited by it can only be conjectured.

**"Land Bank."** PAGE 46. In the session of 1743 the General Court passed an act "for the more speedy finishing of the Land Bank or Manufacturing Scheme." The preamble runs—"Whereas notwithstanding the Directors and Partners of the late Land Bank Company have in general publickly renounced their Scheme, and great Numbers of them have redeemed their just Proportions of the late Company's Bills and delivered them to be consumed, yet many of the Partners still neglect to do it; by means whereof those who have paid a due Obedience to the Law . . . . still remain exposed to the Actions of the Possessors of the late said Company's Bills, etc.

Now for the more speedy finishing of the said Scheme . . . . and preventing such of the Directors and Partners as have complied with the Law from suffering Ruin or Dammage thro' the Obstinacy or Neglect of their delinquent Partners,—

**Be it enacted . . . .** that John Jeffries, Samuel Danforth, and John Chandler, Esqrs., be commissioners," etc., for the purpose aforesaid.

**Charlton District.** PAGE 40. When Charlton was first detached from Oxford it was made a *District*, with power to elect officers, levy taxes, etc., but was not allowed representation in the Legislature. From 1770 to 1774 inclusive her voters joined with Oxford in the choice of a representative. In 1775 Charlton elected its first member of the General Court, indicating that the privileges of a township had then been granted.

**Rev. John Campbell's Decease.** PAGE 55. On 25 May, 1761, the day of Mr. Campbell's decease, the town authorities issued precepts to both north and south constables ordering the warning of a town meeting to be held on the 26th to make preparations for the funeral. The meeting was holden but no recorded action appears excepting a vote appropriating £10 to pay expenses. The funeral was on the 27th.

The following is in the town archives:—

“ Received in full by the hands of Josiah Wolcott Town Treasurer the sum of Sixty Pounds Salary and also the sum of Thirty Seven Pounds nine Shillings for Bearers, Preaching, and also for a ten pound grant by said Town for Funeral Charges, it being in full of all Demands the Heirs of Rev. Mr. Campbell has against the Town.

Subscribers

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL } Executors  
WILLIAM CAMPBELL } to s<sup>d</sup> Will.”

**Action of Provincial Congress.** PAGE 126. The following printed resolve is in the town archives:—

IN PROVINCIAL CONGRESS.

WATERTOWN, MAY 5, 1775.

WHEREAS his Excellency General Gage, since his Arrival into this Colony, hath conducted as an Instrument in the Hands of an Arbitrary Ministry, to enslave this People; and a Detachment of the Troops under his Command, has of late been by him ordered to the Town of Concord to destroy the public Stores, deposited in that Place for the Use of the Colony: And whereas by this clandestine and perfidious Measure, a Number of respectable Inhabitants of this Colony, without any provocation given by them, have been illegally, wantonly, and inhumanly slaughtered by his Troops:

Therefore RESOLVED,

THAT the said *Gage*, hath by these and many other Means utterly disqualified himself to serve this Colony as a Governor, and in every other Capacity, and that no obedience ought in future to be paid by the several Towns and Districts in this Colony to his Writs, for calling an Assembly, or to his Proclamations, or any other of his Acts or Doings: but that on the other Hand he ought to be considered and guarded against, as an unnatural and inveterate Enemy to the Country.

JOSEPH WARREN, President, P. T.

Attest SAMUEL FREEMAN, Secr'y, P. T.

It is evident from various papers in the town archives that much of the patriotic action of the town in the Revolutionary crisis was suggested and stimulated by Boston influence. The order that “the Publick Money for 1773 be paid to Henry Gardner, Esq.” (page 128), was in response to a peremptory demand of the Provincial Congress that such action be taken. In the Council at Watertown 23 Aug., 1775, it was resolved that each Town and District in the Colony be required to exhibit . . . the sum total of their assessments . . . from 1769 to 1774 inclusively, and to whom they were delivered, also that each Constable or Collector, report the sums total committed

to him to collect for the same time, and their payments with receipts.—Also, that Sheriffs or their deputies be required forthwith to pay to Henry Gardner [Receiver General] all monies they have received still remaining in their hands, etc., indicating that a scrupulous supervision over the towns was maintained by the authorities.

**Army Supplies.** PAGE 128. Soon after our soldiers had gone into camp at Roxbury, a call was sent to the town for arms:—

" Oxford May y<sup>e</sup> 8th 1775 upon a Request Made by Col Eben Learned & Cap Wil. Campbell & Thom<sup>n</sup> Fish for Fire Armes: there was Sent to them at Roxbury One Gun by Mr. Eben Humpherey by estimation Worth £1. 8s. L. M. and one Gun by Mr. Newcomb worth £1. 16s. Mr. Stephen Pratt one gun at £1. 4s. and A Blanket at 7s. Ed Davis Esq. gun £1. 18s. Cap. Eli Davis gun £1. 16 Ens John Willson Gun, Lt Daniel Hovey Gun, Mr. David Millen Gun, Mr Smith Johnson Gun."

Another memorandum without date, but later is as follows:—

" An Account of the Cloathing which is prepared to send to the Armey to be Delivered at Watertown.

Mr Joseph Pratt	one pair of shirts	£0. 10. 8.
	one pair of Breeches	0. 2. 8.
	two pair of Yarn Stockings	0. 6. 8.
Mr. Peter Shumway	one pair of yarn Stockings	0. 4. 0.
Mrs Sarah Humpherey	three pair of Yarn Stocking, &	0. 11. 0.
	one pair of Breeches	0. 2. 8.
Sam <sup>l</sup> Harris	three pair of Breeches	0. 8. 0.
Abijah Harris	one pair of Yarn Stockings	0. 3. 8.
	another pair of Stockings	0. 3. 8.
Edward Davis Esq.	Three Shirts at 6 Shil Each Shirt	0. 18. 0.
Mrs Lydia Kize	one pair of Yarn Stockings	0. 4. 0.
Mrs Patch	one pair Stockings the other Pair white Stockings.	0. 2. 6. 0. 5. 4."

[Town Archives.]

**Method of raising Soldiers in the Revolution.** PAGE 131. In 1777, a tax was assessed on the town at large for the sum of £1014. 14s. 11d. for paying soldiers, indicating that *classing* had not then been adopted. The receipt of Seth Washburn 30 Aug., 1781 (page 131), shows that in that year that plan had been pursued. As to the year 1782, the evidence is conclusive. In the town archives appears the order of Henry Gardner, Treasurer and Receiver General of the Province, for the assessment of the sum of £296. 6s. 8d. "being the average Price of the Cost of raising the Men." Four soldiers were required, the sum per head was therefore about £75. The heading of one of the tax lists under this order follows:

"The following persons are hereby Classed to Raise one Soldier for the Continental Army for three years or during the War agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of March [8], 1782."

Class one embraced the southeasterly part of the town extending to the Plain, 54 names, Capt. Jeremiah Kingsbury, Chairman; class two, the south-westerly part also extending to the Centre, 58 names, Peter Shumway, Chairman; class three, the north part of the Plain and northwest part of the town, 59 names, Capt. Sylvanus Town, Chairman; class four, the northeast part of the town, 55 names, Capt. Elias Pratt, Chairman.

**Receipt.**

"Oxford Sept. 23<sup>d</sup>, 1775.

Then received of Edward Davis Esqr. Seventeen Shillings Lawful money towards the things he found in Shirts britches and Stockings for the army I say received by me.

JOSEPH PRATT."

**Rev. Joseph Bowman's Letter.** Oct. 23, 1777, Mr. Bowman wrote a friendly letter to General Learned a part of which follows:—"The most particular account that we have had of affairs in your quarter, that we can depend upon, have been in your letters to Mrs. Learned: one of which was published in the Worcester paper: viz. that which gave an account of the action of the 19th of Sept. I do not know how it is, but it seems that our printers have no correspondents in the Army, and consequently we have but few particulars, and those collected from one, and another, are vague and uncertain & sometimes unintelligible, & some accounts contradicted by others so that we know not what to believe. . . . there is a strange spirit of lying that prevails in the Country . . . I hope that you will continue to give us as circumstantial an account of things as you can . . . .

It has been remarkably healthy with us the Summer past . . . . the season has been good & very fruitful, we have plentiful crops (thro' Divine Goodness) tho' every thing is excessive dear—our privateers bring in many prizes, tho' not so many as they did last year; . . . . I was about to add something further, but having just now received authentick intelligence of a most important event, viz. the surrender of the whole British Army commanded by Gen. Burgoyne to the American force, I therefore stop short to congratulate you on this most singular, important and happy event [etc., etc.] Your affectionate friend & very humble servant.

JOSEPH BOWMAN."

Gen. Learned's letter alluded to, follows:—

"STILLWATER, Sept. 25, 1777.

"On Thursday the 18th instant marched about 4 miles at 5 o'clock A. M. in order to attack the enemy on the right flank on their march; but they not marching according to expectation prevented our doing anything of considerable consequence.

"We attacked a small party about 60 or 70 rods from the enemy's front, killed some, said to be five or six, took and sent in that day, as I was informed after my return, 36 prisoners. We all returned about sunset, without the loss of one man killed or wounded.

"The next day (September 19th), we were early alarmed, being informed the enemy were on their march towards our Camp. Agreeable to a result of Council of War, the Riflemen and Infantry from the left of our army went and attacked the Enemy's right Wing, or rather their front guard about 5 minutes before one o'clock. The enemy gave way, we took some prisoners. The enemy reinforced, which caused us to do the same; which was alternately done by the enemy and on our part of the Army till the battle became almost General between the Enemy and our Division.

"I was ordered to send out one Regiment at first, and the rest in succession, except the last.—I then received orders to march to the attack. We marched on briskly and came up to the Enemy's right wing, which was endeavoring to surround our left. A most severe fire lasted till the cover of the night prevented further action. We went back to our camp, and the enemy have encamped near the ground where the battle was fought. We are near neighbors. Our lines and those of the enemy are but about a mile and a quarter from each other. Both armies are fortifying, but time only can deter-

mine the further event. The effect of this battle is that we have lost two Lieut.-Colonels killed, with a number of other officers of different ranks. In the whole our killed, wounded and missing are about 318. By the best accounts the enemy's loss, killed and wounded, amounts to a thousand. These are facts. Capt. Wiley is wounded. Our army are in high spirits. We took eighty on the day of battle.

"P. S. On the day of battle, and since, two of our Captains were taken Prisoners, also one Lieut. and 27 privates. This is an exact account of the Prisoners sent by Burgoyne to Gen. Gates, each man's name specified in the list."

**General Learned in the Revolution.** PAGE 141. The story of the American Revolution will never cease to be interesting and instructive, and any new light which may be thrown on Learned's contemporaries is specially to be welcomed in this connection. A very able work on the great contest from the pen of Prof. John Fiske has recently been issued, of which a review appeared in the *New York Tribune*, June, 1891, which contains in substance the following:—

In most old histories the truth was obscured by a mistaken feeling of patriotism which ignored or belittled all that was discreditable in the men of the Revolution. Happily history is no longer written in that way. Under the new methods—in which the whole truth is told—we encounter abundance of error and frailty, no little vice, corruption, malice, treachery and incompetence. Some long-held reputations fade and wither, some shine out even more resplendently than before. The fact of all others to be rejoiced over is the undiminished brilliancy with which the character and cause of George Washington emerge from the fiercest scrutiny. We see and know now better than was possible fifty years ago how greatly Washington was the Revolution, how indispensable to the achievement of American Independence. He was constantly engaged in a struggle against political perversities and incapacities. Congress was the most discreditable feature of the Revolution . . . a body of meddlers and muddlers, which, it may well be surmised would have paralyzed any other man than Washington. Its most disgraceful record was the treatment of the Army, which it seemed to consider a necessary evil, withholding from it food, clothing, munitions and pay. Corruption was not wanting, political adventurers grew fat while the soldiers starved and froze at Valley Forge.

And to cap the climax cabals existed in the Army itself aimed at Washington. Mr. Fiske has brought out with special prominence the concern in one such intrigue of a man who for a long time Americans delighted to honor—General Gates, the so-called "hero of Saratoga." . . . The surrender of Burgoyne was brought about by the splendid gallantry and the initiation of Arnold and Morgan, Gates having opposed the movement and done nothing to support it. Yet he coolly appropriated all the honors of the day.

Mr. Fiske emphasizes the continued ill-treatment of Arnold by Congress; an ill-treatment which while it cannot excuse or condone his treason certainly makes it less difficult to understand why he played the traitor. While he was still faithful no general in the field was more distinguished both for valor and military judgment. He fell "like Lucifer, never to rise again," but he had a career before his fall the contemplation of which must in every candid mind temper execration with regret.

Oxford may take an honorable pride in the fact that a son of hers so efficiently seconded this man in a crisis the issue of which was of such vast import to the country.

**Depreciation of the Currency.** The value in silver of *one pound*, at the dates designated.

1777.	1778.	1779.	1780.
s. d. far.	s. d. far.	s. d. far.	d. far.
Jan. 19. 0. 2.	Jan. 6. 1. 1.	Jan. 2. 8. 1.	Jan. 8. 0.
Feb. 18. 8. 3.	Feb. 5. 8. 2.	Feb. 2. 3. 2.	Feb. 7. 1.
Mar. 18. 4. 0.	Mar. 5. 4. 0.	Mar. 2. 0. 0.	Mar. 6. 1.
Apr. 17. 10. 1.	Apr. 5. 0. 0.	Apr. 1. 9. 3.	Apr. 6. 0.
May 17. 5. 3.	May 5. 0. 0.	May 1. 7. 3.	May 5. 3.
June 16. 8. 0.	June 5. 0. 0.	June 1. 5. 3.	June 5. 3.
July 16. 0. 0.	July 4. 8. 1.	July 1. 4. 3.	July 3. 1.
Aug. 13. 4. 0.	Aug. 4. 4. 3.	Aug. 1. 2. 3.	Aug. 3. 1.
Sept. 11. 5. 0.	Sept. 4. 2. 2.	Sept. 1. 1. 1.	Sept. 3. 1.
Oct. 7. 3. 0.	Oct. 4. 0. 0.	Oct. 11. 3.	Oct. 3. 1.
Nov. 6. 8. 0.	Nov. 3. 8. 0.	Nov. 10. 3.	Nov. 3. 1.
Dec. 6. 5. 1.	Dec. 3. 1. 3.	Dec. 9. 1.	Dec. 3. 1.

A memorandum in the town archives is endorsed "*Return of the Old Continental Money*;" its contents are:—

	£.	s.		£.	s.
Capt. WIL <sup>M</sup> HANCOCK . . .	5.	11.	ASA WALKER . . . . .	162.	
Rev. Mr. JOSEPH BOWMAN	33.	6.	ABIJAH DAVIS . . . . .	42.	
ASA CONANT . . . . .	35.	10.	EBENEZER DAVIS, Jr. . . . .	24.	6.
CHARLES DABNEY . . . . .	61.	10.	EPHRAIM AMIDOWN . . . . .	8.	8.
Cap <sup>t</sup> JOHN TOWN . . . . .	31.		JONAS COLLER . . . . .	36.	19.
Rev. Mr. HILL . . . . .	75.		AARON PARKER . . . . .	72.	
DAVID NEWCOMB . . . . .	1306.	16.	DANIEL KINGSBURY . . . . .	18.	16.
SAMUEL HARRIS . . . . .	18.	18.	RICHARD MOORE . . . . .	3.	12.
DAVID MELLEN . . . . .	21.	18.	NATHANIEL HAMLEN . . . . .	44.	7.
JESSE PRATT . . . . .	13.	10.	SILAS EDDY . . . . .	36.	
JAMES MERIAM . . . . .	45.	8.	AMOS SHUMWAY . . . . .	94.	10.
JONATHAN PRATT y <sup>e</sup> 3 <sup>d</sup> . . .	67.	16.	Dea. JOHN DAVIS . . . . .	3.	
EBEN <sup>B</sup> MERIAM . . . . .	37.	10.	EBEN <sup>B</sup> FISH . . . . .	29.	3.
Lt. EBEN <sup>B</sup> SHUMWAY . . .	244.	5.	DOC. DANIEL FISK . . . . .	15.	
GIDEON HOVEY . . . . .	100.	12.	AMASA KINGSBURY . . . . .	13.	18.
WILLIAM EDDY . . . . .	90.		Cap <sup>t</sup> LEVI DAVIS . . . . .	20.	8.
DANIEL GLEASON . . . . .	28.	1.	EDWARD DAVIS, Esq. . . . .	12.	8.
REUBEN LAMB . . . . .	144.	1.	JACOB SHUMWAY . . . . .	85.	13.
BENJAMIN SHUMWAY . . .	88.	3.	JOHN CAMPBELL . . . . .	301.	16.
JOHN WOLCOTT . . . . .	78.		JOSEPH HURD . . . . .	15.	6.
JOSHUA MERIAM . . . . .	4.	16.	WIL <sup>M</sup> NICHOLS . . . . .	358.	16.
Cap <sup>t</sup> JOHN LARNED . . . .	242.		JOHN MARVEN . . . . .	19.	10.
EPHRAIM RUSSELL . . . .	34.	16.	JONATHAN HARRIS . . . . .	9.	

A total of about 4230 pounds.

**Case of Alexander Nichols.** PAGE 133. In the latter part of 1776 a draft of men for the army was made "at the meeting house at the Parish," so called, [Ward], and Alexander Nichols was drafted.

A petition from him appears as follows:—"The petitioner was drafted . . . and being unable to march myself or do a soldier's duty I exerted myself to procure money to pay the penalty and did in 24 hours after being drafted tender to the Captain of the Company £10 which he refused to take, then your petitioner repaired to the subaltern officers and made tender of the

same which they refused, and notwithstanding the Selectmen and Committee of Correspondence signed a mittimus to commit me to gaol"—asking relief.

3 Jan. 1777.

A hearing was ordered.

A counter statement is recorded of Jonathan Stone, Lieut., the import of which was that Nichols did not answer the call or offer the money, £10., or provide a substitute in 24 hours.

JONATHAN RICE, Dep. Sheriff.

**A County Tax** for 1776, was assessed on the following:—

*In North Gore.*

- Cap<sup>t</sup> ISAAC HARTWELL.
- Lt. JOSHUA MERIAM.
- JAMES MERIAM.
- URIAH STONE.
- Dea. NEHEMIAH STONE.
- Wid. ELIZABETH MERIAM.
- JOSEPH SPARhawk.
- JONAS LIVERMORE.
- DAVID GLEASON.
- URIAH STONE, Jr.

*In South Gore.*

- HEZEKIAH BELLows.
- JOHN RAWSON.
- AARON BARRETT.
- CORTIS DIXON.
- JAMES GLEASON, Jr.
- JOHN WIGHT.
- BEZALEEL GLEASON.
- BENJAMIN DAVIS, Jr.
- JAMES HOVEY DAVIS.
- EZEKIEL DAVIS.
- JOHN BOUNDS.
- JOHN IVES.

**The Embargo.** PAGE 224. The law of Congress Dec. 22, 1807, closing all the seaports of the country passed in retaliation for spoliations on our commerce by England and France, which nations were then at war, caused general stagnation of business, and especially on the seaboard considerable suffering among the laboring classes. The North was much agitated over the subject and in the summer of 1808, in response to the request of the selectmen of Boston, great numbers of petitions from the towns in the State were presented to the President for relief, one as noted having been sent from Oxford. They were, however, of no avail and the depression continued. The presidential candidate of the opposition party was elected that year, and in March, 1809, the odious law repealed to all nations excepting Great Britain and France.

The petitioners for a town meeting to act on this subject were James Butler, David Lilley, Abijah Davis, Jeremiah Kingsbury, Jr., John Torrey, Jr., James Gleason, William Moore, Elijah Pratt and Jonathan Harris.

**Small-pox.** PAGE 227. The following document is without date, but must have been prior to 1781:—

"To the Selectmen of Oxford.

" Gentlemen,

" With the Leave of Providence My House Shal be cleansed by the middle of Next week So that it will be safe for Any Person—Capt Moore & Wife you may Depend Upon it Shall have the room Cleansed to their Satisfaction & the use of it until their Son Provides for them otherways—I also Give you Gentlemen my word that my Apprentices Shall Not Pass and repass from the Pest House & that the utmost care Shall be Taken that the Infection does Not Spread—Thank God I am So far recovered as to be Able to ride. . . .

" I am Gentleman, Yr

" Oh<sup>u</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

" ALEX<sup>c</sup> CAMPBELL."

[Town Archives.]

The house here referred to was the old tavern house, H. 205, a part of which Capt. Elijah Moore appears to have occupied after its purchase by Doctor Campbell.

**Bridle Roads.** PAGE 111. March, 1752, a road was accepted from John Larned's, H. 72, north through land of Capt. Higginson, and Ebenezer Coburn "to the bridge above Ballard's mill," (the first mention found of a bridge here) and thence, northeast, through land, in 1770 of Rev. Joseph Bowman, to John Shumway's land, H. 183, and through the same to the main road near Turcott's, "to be a bridle road to be passed with convenient gates." After 18 years, in March, 1770, this way was discontinued.

On 12 March, 1753, a way was accepted from Benjamin Davis', H. 23, "on the side of the Hill on the backside of the Great Meadow," northwesterly, "into the highway that comes from Amos Shumway's (H. 171) to the meeting house. Said Highway to be a driftway." This was voted an "open road" in 1757; in 1758 changed the route in part and voted it be 1½ rods wide; in 1761 discontinued, and again made a bridle road. A "driftway" was for foot or horseback travel, with gates wherever needed. An interesting point in reference to the location and making of old roads is here suggested. This "way" ran some distance on a hillside. Excavating to much extent to build a road in such a location was thought impracticable, or it was not attempted in early times, and we have here an explanation of the fact that many old highways passed over steep hills. A lateral level grade was a necessity for wheeled vehicles and as this was impossible on a hillside without excavation, when hills stood in the line of a proposed road a long detour was required to pass around them or they must be mounted directly on their front. The latter alternative was usually adopted.

**First Bridge over Maanexit River.** PAGE 111. Among the early roads laid out in town was that voted 1 March, 1728, to run southerly through Paul Dudley's farm past his house, H. 58, beginning at the 8-rod way on Johnson's Plain, and running "*over the bridge*." This is the first mention we find of a bridge over the river. This road was accepted May, 1729.

March, 1758, the town voted to build a cart-bridge over the river above the river meadows, where the foot-bridge now stands. In 1759 voted that this bridge be built further up stream and that the road be turned further north.

**Bridge over the Maanexit.** PAGE 115. June 22, 1807, there was a public "venue" of the building of the bridge on the present Dudley road (the first at that locality), at which its construction was sold to the lowest bidder—"on the following Conditions, viz.:"

"The bridge to consist of two stone butments each of which to be founded on mud sills 12 inches broad on the top . . . 33 feet from each other & 17 feet up & down the stream and a streak sill one foot thick on the top of each butment; there to be five string pieces to be locked & pinned into the streak sills to extend three feet at each end into the butment or bank & confined with stone or timber at each end & to be ten inches through at the least end. . . . The plank to be . . . two inches thick & pinned firm with two pins in each plank to the upper string-piece & one pin to the lower one. The top of the bridge to be one foot below the hight of the bank on the east side & to lie level, the west butment to extend to the hard land . . . ."

"Samuel Campbell being the lowest bidder it was struck off to him at fifty-four dollars seventy-five cents."

"Tavern Expense (?) 60 cents not paid."

[Town Archives.]

**South Gore Road.** PAGE 115. The contractors for building this road Aug., 1801, were:—

Capt. Jer. Kingsbury	90 rods at	\$54.00.
William Lamson	94 rods at	\$36.66.
Perry Holley	50 rods at	\$20.00.
Total,		\$110.66.

**Bridge over Little River.** PAGE 115. The two rivers, the Maanexit and Little River, for many years to some extent isolated the southwest neighborhood from the rest of the town. From the report of a committee, May, 1827, on a school district west of the river, we learn what has been gathered from no other source, namely, that a bridge early, for many years existed over Little River near its junction with the main stream, over which was a way from the southwest to the mill, and thence to the Meeting-house and to the Plain. This report recommends the establishment of this district, the addition of the Oxford Woolen Village to the same, the building of a school-house on the Coburn farm, a short distance south of Little River, and the building of a bridge “*at or near where the old Coburn bridge once stood.*” The old roadway through the fields south of Howarth’s toward this bridge can now be traced. This project for a school district, which seems from the present point of view, most commendable, was not carried out, doubtless on account of the sentiment then prevailing in favor of small schools and small districts.

**Repairs of Bridges.** PAGE 115. In April, 1807, a committee chosen to consider the state of the bridges injured by the freshets of the previous winter, reported:—to repair that near Reuben Lamb’s would cost \$25; that near James Williams’ \$15; that near Capt. John Nichols’ \$10; that near Elijah Pratt’s [H. 58, “Great bridge”] \$10; that near Thaddeus Hall’s [Hawes place, H. 136] \$10; that near James Wallis’ [East Village] \$10.

By reference to page 41, “South Gore land annexed,” it will be seen that the name of James Wallis of Dudley was among those whose estates were set to Oxford 6 Feb., 1807. He then owned the water-power, mills, etc., at the outlet of the “Great pond,” with contiguous land partly in the South Gore and partly in Dudley, his residence being on the latter portion. So far as appears the dividing line between Dudley and the Gore was direct, from near where the stream issues from the pond to near where it runs into the Maanexit, indicating that none of the territory of the town of Dudley was thus taken off, but that the part of Wallis’ estate lying in the Gore only, was included in the act.

**Town’s Pond.** PAGE 2. This body of water has long been known as “Carbuncle Pond,” the name having been derived from a popular myth current many years ago, both in Europe and America, which ran that a carbuncle of large size might at certain favorable hours be seen gleaming from its depths. Crofton Croker, in his Killarney Legends, gives the same story in reference to that celebrated lake. It is undesirable that this name, based on mere fiction, should be perpetuated.

The Town family, perhaps as worthy as any in the English settlement, owned and lived upon the lands surrounding it, and pond and adjacent plain were early in the records uniformly styled “Town’s Plain” and “Town’s Pond.” It is altogether fitting that the memory of so estimable a family,

which has been many years extinct in Oxford, should be preserved and honored in the name of this, perhaps the most beautiful natural object in the town.

**Town Poor.** PAGE 222. Receipts in the town archives attest that James Freeland was paid for boarding Margaret Fosdick from 1 Oct., 1776, to 1 April, 1777, at 6s. per week.

A draft of a petition from the selectmen to the General Court—no date—represented that Jemima Tolle was born in Oxford, now Auburn, and married 20 July, 1786, to William Tolle of Leicester, who soon thereafter enlisted in the Revolutionary army from that town and did not return to his wife, that so far as could be learned he was formerly of Providence, R. I., etc.; that she had become a public charge, asking that she be received as a dependent of the Commonwealth. [Designated as "Widow Tolley." Town archives].

In March, 1801, the town refused to pay £100 to Daniel Wyman for the support of his father and mother [John and wife].

In Nov., 1808, it was voted to instruct the town agent to agree with some person to support Rachel Smith during her life.

**Dinah, "a slave."** PAGE 44. In the town papers appears the draft of a petition to the General Court, from the Selectmen, representing that "Dinah a Negro Woman is in the Town of Oxford without any means of support by which reason she has become chargeable to said Town she being Aged and infirm, by the best information we can get she was born in Sudbury in the County of Middlesex & came into this Town upwards of 30 years ago & at length became a servant of one Charles Dabney who came into this Town from Providence in the latter part of y<sup>e</sup> year '76 [or a little later] but did not in any wise gain a habitation in s<sup>d</sup> Oxford, & remained servant to s<sup>d</sup> Dabney until y<sup>e</sup> addoption of this State Constitution soon after which time S<sup>d</sup> Dabney her master removed back to s<sup>d</sup> Providence & there soon after deceased & left S<sup>d</sup> Negro in Oxford without any means of support by which reason she has become chargable to s<sup>d</sup> Town. Therefore your Petitioners pray your Honours to take the case into your consideration & [give] us relief by considering her one of this State's Paupers, etc."

An indorsement on this paper is dated 1807.

Dinah, as appears, was for many years after Dabney's removal a faithful domestic in the family of Josiah Wolcott.

**"Warning out of Town."** By a law of 1692 every person coming into any town and being there received and entertained for a period of three months, not having been warned to leave, was to be reputed an inhabitant, and if brought to want was to be supported by the town, unless a father or grandfather, mother or grandmother, child or grandchild was of sufficient ability, then such relative should relieve such poor person as the justices of the peace of the county should assess. In 1700 the time in which said warning might be given was by law extended to one year.

We find no evidence that the custom of warning out of town prevailed in Oxford prior to 1789. At this date the finances of the town were in a low state, the number of indigent persons had largely increased in consequence of the Revolutionary war, and public burdens were oppressive. In Dec., 1789, a man with a family from Sutton, and a "spinster" from Ward were officially ordered to leave town, they "having come . . . for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the town's consent therefor." In Feb., 1792, seventy-eight, in the following June, twenty-three, and in Dec.,

1793, forty-two persons were thus warned. This wholesale warning indicates either a widespread destitution among the people, or an over solicitude on the part of the authorities as to the town's possible pecuniary liabilities.

In the division of the dependents, March, 1833, between Oxford and Webster, after the setting off of that town, the following, "as a full fourth part of the persons chargeable to Oxford," were set to Webster: Rebecca Mellen, Polly Mellen, Jemima Tolley, Ezekiel Davis, 2d, and David Rich, his wife Polly and 12 children.

**Appraising and dignifying the Pews.** PAGE 86. In this subject there comes to light a very interesting phase of old-time life. Little in reference to it appears on our records, but it is not probable that Oxford was exceptional. It would not apparently be a difficult thing to give to each locality in the Meeting-house its proper "dignity," and this duty was at times assumed by the towns, as when in 1715 Framingham voted "As for dignity of the seats, the table and fore seats are accounted the two highest." Those at the "table" were probably under the pulpit facing the audience, and for the wives of those sitting here it was voted a pew should be made in the north corner of the house. Furthermore, it was voted "the front gallery is accounted in dignity equal to the second and third seats in the body of the house, and the side gallery . . . to the fourth and fifth . . . in the body of the house."

But the seating of the *people* was an entirely different affair. Committees were chosen for this purpose and we may well believe the position was not one to be coveted. The criterion was to some extent fixed by the towns, but much was left to the discretion of the committee. In Medfield in 1782 it was voted "that the committee shall place persons in the meeting house by age and estate, that is to say: to balance one year of age with one pound of real and personal estate . . . excepting such persons as are 50 years of age and upwards it is left in the judgment of the committee to advance as they please." In Sutton the committee were "to go by age and rate and offices; Heds not Regarded." Wives ranked with husbands but sat on the opposite side of the house. A certain committee was instructed to "consider of what men have paid toward building, what charges they now bear, what they are likely to pay for the futer, and to have respect to persons." In some instances towns seated individuals. In 1788 Framingham voted that two certain persons should be seated in the deacon's seats: another in the second seat in the body seats, and a third in the front seat in the side gallery.

That much ill-feeling resulted from this usage cannot be doubted. In a certain town it was ordered that the inhabitants "rest silent, and sett down satysfyed" with the committee's decision; in another, individuals were chosen to "take special notice of all disorderly persons on the Lord's day that do not keep to their own seats appointed for them, but keep others out of their seats, whereby the sabbath is profaned."

As time progressed the "mens and womens seats" in the body of the house were displaced by pews built by persons who had permission from the town thus to occupy space, and the practice of seating by committees gradually declined.

**"Pew-ground."** In 1781 there was a demand for more pews and on the report of a committee, 19 July, it was voted to "sell pew-ground in the Men's and Women's Body Seats" for building pews, as follows: No. 1, on Women's side to Anthony Sigourney for 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  hard dollars; No. 2, on Men's side to James Butler for 20 hard dollars; No. 3, on Women's side east alley to John Dana for 17 hard dollars; No. 4, on west side of Men's seats to Jesse Jones

(the tanner) for 16*£* hard dollars. [Jones sold 4 March, 1782, to Nathaniel Hamlin.] The proceeds of these sales were voted to the support of soldiers' families and the town's poor.

In April, 1805, it was voted to sell "pew-spots" at the east and west ends of the "Body seats," one each, and also one in each side gallery, indicating a prosperous condition of ecclesiastical affairs.

**Repairs of Meeting-house.** PAGE 87. May, 1793, the town granted the "east and west enteries" of the Meeting-house and the ground occupied by the present stair-cases to erect pews on, to the individuals who had undertaken to build a porch to the said house.

**Gratuity.** May, 1765, the town voted that Dea. John Willson and his wife, for service he has done the town, be allowed to sit free in the pew on the west side the broad alley in the Meeting-house.

**Adherents of Rev. Joseph Bowman.** PAGE 58. The following stood by Mr. Bowman in his time of need, and Feb., 1782, signed an obligation to be taxed according to their valuation for his support. It was an unsuccessful endeavor as not a sufficient number subscribed.

Edward Davis.	Jason Coller.	John Larned, Jr.
Amos Shumway.	Joseph Hurd.	Nathaniel Hamlin.
Samuel Harris.	Zaccheus Ballard.	Richard Coburn.
Daniel Gleason.	Philip Amidown.	John Shumway.
Ebenezer Humphrey.	Peter Shumway.	Jeremiah Kingsbury.
William Nichols.	William Hancock.	Jedediah Barton.
Jonathan Harris.	Allen Hancock.	Joshua Meriam.
John Davis.	Jacob Shumway.	David Newcomb.

**Preaching.** On 27 Oct., 1788, the town gave its promissory note for £4. 16*s.* to John Taylor for preaching four sabbaths at 27*s.* per sabbath. There was also paid for him 1 Nov., 1788, for horse hire to Coventry seven shillings, six pence.

**Rev. Josiah Moulton's Memorial.** PAGE 63. The refusal of the town to aid in supporting Mr. Moulton drew from him the following note, dated March 1, 1813:—

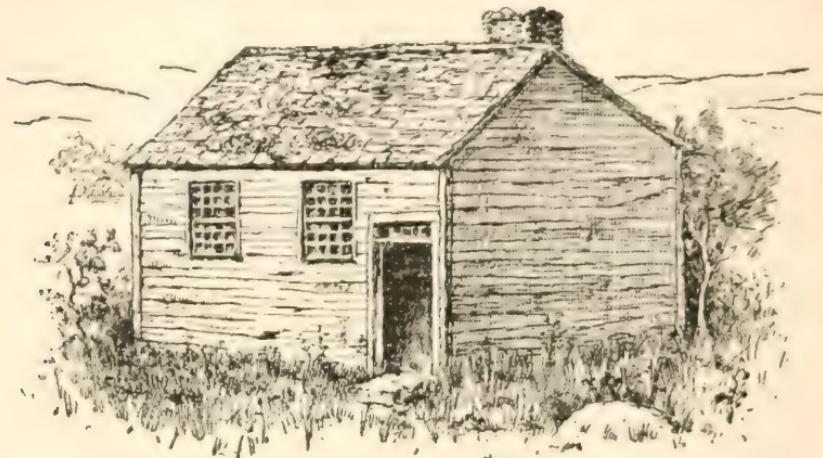
"To the freeholders of the Town of Oxford in Town meeting assembled.— Gentlemen, Whereas the raising of my annual Sallery by general taxation upon the whole Town is attended with considerable inconvenience and seems to have been made the occasion of no small disturbance, and whereas I am not disposed to be the instrument of discord and contention in society, it is therefore my desire and request that the contract formed between me and the said Town, A. D. 1805, respecting sd Sallery be dissolved and cease from and after 27th of March, inst.: the above is respectfully submitted by the subscriber.

JOSIAH MOULTON."

Upon this the town voted that the said contract be dissolved. Two weeks later the Congregational Society was formed.

**The first Centre School-house** was a building of more than ordinary historical interest, not only from its prominence among the public buildings of the town (it having been between 1748 and 1793 the only public edifice on the

Plain), but from the fact of the Universalist Society having been formed in it. It stood on the north side of the Sutton road about 15 rods east of the present railroad track, and was in size about 16 by 20 feet. The outer door was at the southeast corner, where was an entry about four feet square, against which was a large stone chimney, the fireplace of which easily received four-foot wood as fuel. At the northeast corner was a small closet, which with the chimney and entry filled the east end. The school-room was therefore about 16 feet square, and on the south, west and north attached to the sides of the room were the desks of the larger scholars, who sat facing



the walls. Inside of this outer tier was a line of low benches without desks or backs on which sat facing inward the smaller portion of the school. The teacher's table occupied some convenient spot in the middle of the room. This building in 1803 was much dilapidated, weather worn and moss covered. In Nov., 1803, a meeting of the district was held to consider its condition, at which were present 18 persons, of whom two declined voting, four favored repairing the old house and 12 voted to build anew. A tax list appears dated Dec. 1803, assessing on the district the sum of \$253.03 for building a new school-house. This stood on the Charlton road near the site of Dr. Rawson's present house, and was built probably in 1804. It was more pretentious than the old house and was in size 24 feet square with hip roof and a porch or entry about six by eight feet. It is now standing about a fourth of a mile west of its original position and has been many years used as a tenement.

**Report of a School Committee, 1810.** "To the Freeholders and Voters in the Town of Oxford in Town meeting assembled. Gentlemen, your committee chosen to inspect the several schools in sd Town beg leave to report—

" 1st your committee in company with the Rev'd Josiah Moulton and the Gentlemen Selectmen of sd Town have attended their Duty and find the several Schools with the exception of Mr. Harwood's ward, viz. No. 2, in a flourishing State being Surpyd with Able Teachers and Actuated with a Landable Ambition to Excell—the reason of your committee's making an Exception of Mr. Harwood's ward is that a large part of the Parents and Guardians in sd ward are opposed to haveing there schools Inspected and keep there children at home, which Practice in the Opinion of your Committee is very Injurious as it tends to Sap the first principals in Society and frustrate every necessary regulation.

"2ly in regard to the Grammar taught in the Schools it is the Opinion of your committee that Murry's Grammer has the preference and that each ward would do well to have no other taught.

"3ly it is the Opinion of your committee that the Town would do well to grant fifty or an Hundred Dollars more for Schooling in sd Town, all which is respectfully Submitted.

"AMOS SHUMWAY, Jun.  
JER'H KINGSBURY, Jr.  
PETER BUTLER.

*Committee.*"

This report appears to be in the handwriting of Rev. Josiah Moulton.

### Approbation of a School-master.

"OXFORD, Dec. 19th, 1769.

Whereas the Sqardron att the South Part of Oxford have Chosen Mr. Samuel Harris to be their Schoolmaster for their term of Schooling we the Subscribers approve of him for a Schoolmaster and Recommend him to be qualfyed as the Law directs for a Reading and Writing.

"EDWARD DAVIS,  
"HEZA. STONE,  
"EPH'M BALLARD,  
"WILLIAM WATSON,

*Select Men of Oxford."*

[Town Archives.]

**Rev. Jacob Wood.** PAGE 76. Mr. Wood, then Universalist minister, aided in inspection of schools in 1816.

### Licensed Retailers of Spirits. *From the County Records.*

Duncan Campbell, 1750, '54, '55, '58, '61, '63.

Richard Moore, 1750.

Ephraim Ballard, 1752, '54, '58, '68.

Jacob Pierce, North Oxford, 1767 to 1769.

William Campbell, 1768 to 1776.

William Phips, Oxford, now Auburn, 1770 to 1773.

James Freeland, store, North Oxford, 1773 to 1778.

Levi Davis, 1776.

John Wolcott, 1776, '79, '81, '83, '84, '85, '87.

Jonathan Learned, physician, 1792, 1802 to 1809.

Andrew Sigourney, store, 1787 to 1815.

William Lamson, store, 1801 to 1804.

William T. Fisk, physician and store, 1802 to 1808, 1818.

Aaron McIntire, store, 1804.

Timothy Lamson, store, 1806 to 1809.

Peter Spaulding, store. 1806.

Rufus Moore, store, 1808, '09, '14 to '18.

Amos Hudson, store with Dr. William T. Fisk, 1809 to 1817.

Sylvanus Pratt, store, 1811, '12.

Jedediah Taylor, 1811, '12.

Abijah Davis, store, 1812 to 1817.

Abisha Learned, store, 1813, '14.

Bela Tiffany, store, South Oxford, 1813.

Charles Cleaveland, store, North Oxford, 1814.

Richard Moore, store, 1816 to 1819.

William Sigourney, store, 1816 to 1835.

John Wetherell, store, 1818 to 1835.  
 Samuel Dowse, store, 1820 to 1832.  
 Benjamin F. Campbell, store, 1833.  
 Daniel T. Penniman, store, 1834 to 1836.  
 Peter Butler, store, 1821 to 1830.  
 Richard Olney, store, 1821, '22.  
 William Dudley, North Oxford, store, 1823 to 1825.  
 Jonathan A. Pope, store, 1823 to 1825.  
 Andrew Sigourney, Jr., 1825 to 1828.  
 Charles Preston, North Oxford, store, 1825.  
 Ashbel M. Hawes, store, 1826 to 1841.  
 Danforth Brown, store, 1829, '31.  
 John W. Bates, 1829.  
 Edmund F. Dixey, store, 1830, '31.  
 William H. Bigelow, 1830, '31.  
 Jasper Brown, 1833 to 1841.  
 Emory Sanford, North Oxford, store, 1834, '36, '37.  
 James M. Sanford, North Oxford, store, 1838 to 1841.  
 Stephen Prince, Jr., store, 1836 to 1838.  
 Wolstan Dixey, store, 1838.  
 William Robinson, store, 1839 to 1841.  
 Erastus Ormsbee, store, 1841.

**Miscellaneous Land Conveyances.** 1729, May 20. William Dudley for Paul Dudley, Samuel Sewall, Jr., and wife Rebecca, Hon. William Dummer of Boston, wife Catharine, Mary Wainwright, widow, Josiah Willard of Boston, guardian of children and heirs of Daniel Allen, deceased, and Ebenezer Pierpont of Roxbury and wife Anne, which said Paul Dudley, Rebecca Sewall, Catharine Dummer, Mary Wainwright. Daniel Allen and Anne Pierpont were legatees or devisees of the will of Hon. Joseph Dudley, to Richard Kidder of Oxford 150 acres. [This land, then in Oxford, was in the Upham neighborhood, now northeast part of Dudley.]

1729. John Eddy to Samuel Eddy, a 60-acre lot in the northeast part of Oxford, now Auburn.

1730, Oct. 7. Jeremiah Morse of Walpole and Uriah Morse of Medfield to Ebenezer Eddy of Watertown, land on Prospect Hill, Oxford.

1732, Jan. 1. Abial Lamb to Abial Lamb, Jr., half of all his real estate in Oxford.

1745. Richard Williams to William Campbell, blacksmith, 23 acres, bounded partly on "Brown's land," being "a part of the farm whereon I now dwell."

1747. By authority of the State, John Willson, Jeremiah Shumway, Samuel Eddy, Jonathan Pratt and Duncan Campbell, committee, to John Nichols 80 acres, joining a lot sold 12 June, 1740, to Larned from Danforth land, for taxes for building the new Meeting-house.

1761, Oct. John Nichols to his son John, 100 acres, apparently the same, "bounded on all sides by Danforth's estate."

1756, March 20. Ebenezer Learned to Edward Davis one-half a lot of 340 acres in the east part of Charlton, and one-half another lot of 800 acres in Charlton, bounding 410 rods on Oxford line. [This deed shows that Learned and Davis owned other lands in partnership and were transacting business as partners in selling lands. Quite a number of conveyances as such appear.]

1763, Jan. 31. Heirs of Joseph Dudley to Edward Davis of Oxford, one square mile, "adjoining the Meeting-house in the town of Dudley," being that which William Dudley leased to the Indian natives April 9, 1724, excepting for said Indians 200 acres on the east side thereof . . . so long as they

shall continue to improve the same, agreeable to a resolve of the General Court, Jan., 1763, etc. [Worcester Records, XLIX., 314.] Edward Davis' son Edward settled on this estate.

1767, March 1. Samuel Fairbanks to Nathaniel Davis of Oxford, 274 acres and buildings, in the southeast part of Dudley, bounding a half mile on the French river. Davis removed thither.

1767, Sept. 10. Isaac Larned to Joseph Davis, 100 acres [southwest, near north village, Webster], bounded N. on John Larned, Jr., S. and E. on grantor. Davis is supposed to have lived here before purchasing H. 34.

1768, April 16. Moses Gleason to Rev. William Phips of Douglas, 60 acres with buildings in Oxford, now Auburn. Phips removed thither.

1769, March 6. Benjamin Davis of "Oliver's Farm," near Oxford, to Ruth, wife of Joseph Davis, land in Douglas. The only instance noted where Thompson's grant is called by this name.

1785, June 15. The State's Committee to Ebenezer Davis of Charlton, 740 acres in Charlton and Oxford, part of the confiscated estate of William Brown of Salem.

**Richard Rogers' Real Estate.** May 14, 1748, Jedediah Barton deeded for £155, 32 acres and buildings in the north part of Oxford to Richard Rogers, Scrivener. This estate, which has not been identified, was bounded partly on a 4-rod road, partly on land of widow Eddy and also on land of Ebenezer Learned. Rogers sold it 28 Dec., 1748, to Jacob Cummings who in Sept., 1744, deeded to Cornelius Waldo of Worcester, "being the place whereon I now dwell." In 1746 Waldo sold to Ebenezer Learned.

**Old Time Housekeeping.** The following annual provision for a widow by her husband in his will shows what were considered the necessities of life a hundred and fifty years ago: 9 bushels corn, 3 bushels rye, 1½ bushels barley malt, 3 barrels cider, 5 pounds beef, 100 pounds pork, fire-wood, 8 pounds sheep's wool, 12 pounds flax, the use of a horse and saddle, house-furniture, attendance in sickness and health.

**Early Carriages.** The first wheel vehicles to be used solely as conveyances were the square canvas-top chaises, with bodies swung on leather "thoroughbraces," heavy affairs with large wood axles, and tires in separate pieces fastened upon the wheels, and usually with a large window in the back of the top. Of these the following were owners in 1800 or soon after: Josiah Wolcott, James Butler, John Larned, 3d, Amasa Kingsbury, Gen. Ebenezer Learned and Jonathan Davis.

A few years later appeared a novel carriage, the ponderous, square canvas-top two-horse family conveyance of Capt. John Nichols, for a long time the only two-horse vehicle in town. About 1810 one-horse open wagons came into use and soon every prosperous farmer in town was owner of one, and thereafter horseback travel fell into disuse. Chaises were fashionable until about 1840, after which they were gradually displaced by the four-wheel phaeton now used.

**An Old Man's Reminiscences.** A native of the town, absent more than fifty years, living on the western plains, recently wrote: "I should like to see those old hills again, especially old 'Camp Hill,' for close by there I attended school five or six months, and was sent home because I had no wood to warm by." This is an allusion to a custom of the olden times when the father of every family was required to furnish wood for the school fire in proportion to the number of his children attending.

**The Printing of Town Reports** began 1841, when the selectmen's report was printed on a single sheet. This continued until 1855. In 1856 and later, "Auditor's Reports" were printed in pamphlet form; in 1863 the school committee's report was added, and in 1865 the present plan of incorporating all officers' reports together was adopted.

**Homestead 214.** In 1771 Abijah Harris, then owner of this estate of 12 acres and buildings, bargained with James Brown, the tailor, for the sale of it, and executed a bond to give him a warranty deed within four years, Brown to pay £52. On the back of this bond is a receipt dated 6 Feb., 1771, for four notes from the purchaser for the said sum, which would indicate that Brown took possession of and occupied the premises. But he evidently did not become *bona fide* owner. In 1783 Harris sold to Jonas Coller, who in turn on 12 April, 1786, bargained for £60 the premises to Adams Streeter, the minister of the newly formed Universalist Society, and also gave a bond for a deed. Mr. Streeter died the following September and this sale was therefore not consummated. A receipt of Daniel Fisk in behalf of Samuel Davis, administrator of Streeter's estate, for £3. 4s. indicates that Streeter had made partial payment, and that he was in possession at the time of his decease.

**Right of Way over the Town Farm.** There was a long controversy between the N. & W. R. R. Co. and the town as to the amount of damages to be paid for the railroad crossing the town farm. In April, 1836, it was voted in town meeting that a way 175 rods long and 3 rods wide be granted for \$350, the company to build passes across the same for the convenience of the farm. Later a vote of the town conceded the privilege in consideration of the railroad company building the new piece of road across the meadow at the north end of the Plain. But neither of these propositions was the basis of a settlement. On 7 Dec., 1837, a board of referees, Morris Larned of Dudley and Samuel Taylor of Sutton, met at the centre tavern, heard the case and awarded the town \$400 damages; but the railroad was built and had been operated two or three years before the matter was adjusted. In town meeting Nov., 1842, a committee of three strong men was chosen to settle with the railroad company, with instructions if they could not do it as they judged expedient, to "prosecute the claim." The report of this committee was made and accepted April, 1843, but is not recorded. As nothing appears later on the subject, it is inferred that a settlement was then effected.

**Gleanings from the Town Records.** 13 March, 1714. John Bolles of Simsbury, Conn., sold to Ebenezer Chamberlain two horses. [Marks described.]

On 30 Nov., 1716, David Tillotson of Lyme sold to Ebenezer Chamberlain a horse. [Marks described.] The fact that one of this name had thus early transactions with Oxford people strengthens the opinion that Jonathan Tillotson the settler was from Lyme.

The house built for Mr. Rogers seems to have been after his decease a kind of foot-ball. In March, 1764, it was voted to sell it. In May an attempt was made to appropriate it for a school-house, which failed. In May, 1765, it was voted to sell "the house Mr. Bixbee lives in at Vendue," and it was struck off to Capt. Griffin at £53. O. T. In May, 1766, it was voted to take it again for a work-house, but the vote was not carried into effect. In 1774 it was again voted to sell it. In 1789 a committee reported the house lately occupied by widow Fuller sold for five dollars to Obadiah Allen. [See page 96.]

Oct., 1761, voted to sink the rates of the son of Uriah Gleason, he having died in the public service.

April 30, 1783, is recorded a deposition of Mary Gardner, widow of Nathaniel, giving the name of her brother, Joseph Green, Esq., of Boston, and declaring that he left that place in 1775, at which time she, the deponent, lived with Charles Dabney in Providence, R. I.

She being then of Oxford, undoubtedly came hither with Mr. Dabney from Providence.

In a warning for March, 1785, was an article "To see if the town will allow Capt. William Campbell his proportion of the 'Sword in Hand' money which said Campbell paid before he left Oxford." Dismissed. The purport of this vote is not clear. This "money" was an issue of Massachusetts currency named from its bills having on them the figure of a man with a drawn sword in his hand.

March, 1792, voted "to petition to have the South Gore laid to some other town, or disconnected with Oxford." Also to have the North Gore annexed to Oxford.

May, 1798, is recorded the mark by which Rev. Elias Dudley recognized his sheep, a very suggestive entry. Ministers of those and previous days "lived of the Gospel" only in part, but were in an important degree dependent in common with the rest of the community upon the produce of the soil, and much care and often drudgery were thus entailed upon them.

From town action May, 1802, we learn that the saddler's shop built on the common that year by Archibald Campbell occupied the site of the blacksmith shop of Mr. Trow, then removed. [See page 227.]

Of the surplus revenue the town of Oxford received from the State treasury as follows:—

16 June, 1837, paid to Stearns DeWitt,	\$2,287.66
22 July, 1837, paid to Samuel Dowse,	1,301.92
[See page 45.]	Total,
	\$3,589.58

**The highway** from near Charles H. Wellington's to the North Oxford railroad station, it was thought, was not in the first instance legally laid out. In 1890 the selectmen re-located it and April, 1891, it was duly accepted by the town. [See page 119.]

**Return of the Fifteenth Mass. Regiment.** PAGE 169. *The Worcester Palladium* of 27 July, 1864, says of this regiment, "only 85 officers and men returned." *The Egis and Transcript* of 30 July reported "about seven officers and eighty men remain of this gallant and glorious old regiment," adding, "eleven of the prisoners of 22 June were of the number." Capt. Gale of Northboro' was in command, and there were present two surgeons, Captains Albert Prince of Oxford and George W. Brown of Leominster, and Lieut. Nelson V. Stanton of Northbridge, acting adjutant, and Lieut. William Bixby of Hopkinton, Quartermaster.

**Company E Soldiers.** Owen Tonar of Co. E died 26 Feb., 1864, of smallpox at a hospital in Washington, D. C., whither he was removed after being wounded at Gettysburg. [Page 177.]

John Eckersley died 13 June, 1890, at Lonsdale, R. I. [Page 172.]

**Roman Catholic Parsonage.** PAGE 95. This house was built by William H. Thurston, having been begun in 1872 and finished Sept., 1873. It passed from him to Sylvanus Robinson, the executors of whose estate deeded 2 July, 1885, to John E. Kimball, who on 20 Aug., 1886, conveyed to Rt. Rev. P. T. O'Reilly of Springfield, diocesan Bishop.

**Who was the first Flannel Maker?** PAGE 201. At the date of the establishment of flannel manufacture at North Andover, from time immemorial home-made flannel had been spun and woven in most of the farm houses of Massachusetts. A quest might as well be instituted for the first baker of a loaf of brown bread.

**Old time Currency.** In the earlier days of New England the amount of currency (which was furnished chiefly by the mother country) was very limited. Indian wampum was largely in use, and up to 1661 was a legal tender, and in minor transactions was current many years into the 18th century. As early as 1652 Massachusetts began coining pine-tree shillings and sixpences. Another expedient was the issuing of Bills of Credit as noted, page 44. Banking and the issue of Bank Notes began in country towns early in the present century, but at first there was much distrust of these institutions as a foreign innovation, tending, as often declared, to "bring the people under Lordships."

**Defences against the Indians.** PAGE 13. At the date of the action of the Council in reference to the Indians at Keekamoochaug, 1 Aug., 1693, the following was passed:—

"Upon application made by the Town of New Oxford they are allowed to enclose two of the most convenient houses in said Town with Stockade's for the security and defence of the Inhabitants against the Indian Enemy, two English men to take up their residence among them, one at each Garrison, to have the Inspection of them.

"Ex. Rec. of Council II., 249.

WILLIAM PHIPS."

**Isaac Bertrand Du Tuffeau.** PAGE 22. The following concerning this important member of the Huguenot colony has been gathered from Dr. Charles W. Baird's "Huguenot Emigration to America." He was a refugee in London in 1686 from Poitou, became warmly interested in the plan of the settlement at Oxford and induced Bernon to furnish means by which he was able to join in the project. He came a short time after the settlement began, bringing letters from Bernon and Mr. Thompson to Dudley, who soon made him a grant of 750 acres of land, as previously set forth. He was at this time about 40 years of age, and after his arrival was married to "demoiselle de la Rochefoucauld," but had no issue. With him came as servants or employés two Englishmen (one being John Johnson) and Jacques Theband and daughter Catherine. The glowing accounts he forwarded to Bernon concerning the country induced the latter also to emigrate, and with "above 40 persons" whose passage he paid he landed in the summer of 1688.

In 1689 the General Court, meeting 1 June, appointed Du Tuffeau "Commissioner for the Town of New Oxford," with power to try petty cases and to act "as any other Assistant may doe as the laws of the Colony direct."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "Commissioners to end small causes" were appointed in every town where no assistant dwelt. Their duties are defined in Whitmore's Colonial Laws, 1674, pp. 29, 21. The Court of Assistants or County Court was the appointing power except in Boston. Ibid., p. 21.

Du Tuffeau's appointment was exceptional. Letter of A. C. Goodell, Jr.

Johnson's residence so far from the main village is explained by the fact of his having been employé of Du Tuffeau, who, as supposed, resided at II. 64.

In 1694, reverses having come, he left the settlement in discredit. "Being called to account for gross mismanagement of interests committed to him, he sold the stock and furniture of Bernon's plantation and abandoned the place." Soon thereafter he went to New Rochelle, N. Y., where he continued several years, and later, as asserted by Bernon, went to London, where he died. [Mass. His. Col. 3d Series, II. 69.]

**The Papillon family.** PAGE 283. Dr. Baird thought them descended from the Huguenot family of the name in Avranches, Normandy, which had suffered severely from persecution. Whitmore, in "Sewall's Diary," refers to Mr. Papillon of London, a distinguished person in his day, of great wealth. Peter, the emigrant, of Boston in 1679, supposed to have been his descendant, removed about 1681 to Bristol, where he died; date of inventory 26 Nov., 1697. His widow Joan 23 March, 1700, was granted by a special act of legislature leave to sell real estate for her support, she having "several small children." Judicial Courts had then no power to authorize the sale of lands of minors. [Prov. Laws, VI., 73.] Peter, Jr., known as Captain, was a Boston merchant and held a high social position. He died 1733 and was buried "under arms." His widow Katherine and son-in-law John Wolcott, Esq., of Salem, were appointed administrators 10 May, 1733. Among his effects were "a farm in the Huguenot settlement at Oxford," and a mansion-house on Bennet Street, Salem. His widow died a few months later.

**Presentation of Ensign to the "Invincibles."** PAGE 157. This ceremony took place 13 Sept., 1824, two days before the annual muster, which was at Sutton. The addresses, believed to have been prepared by Ira Barton, Esq., were printed in full in the *Massachusetts Spy* of 29 Dec., 1824.

**Burning of Old Huguenot Mill.** PAGE 194. On 1 Oct., 1891, between 2 and 4 o'clock A. M. the mill at the south end of the Plain and also the old saw-mill near, used as a store-house, were with all their contents entirely consumed.

**"Chase Mill No. 2."** PAGE 210. Manufacturing at this locality by Chase & Son, Webster, was suspended in the summer of 1891.

**Changes in School affairs.** PAGE 100. At April meeting, 1891, an important step was taken in reference to school interests, Oxford voting to unite with some adjoining town or towns in employing a superintendent of schools. Upon this vote the committees of Millbury, Oxford and Dudley came together and engaged to fill this position Mr. John S. Cooley of Enfield, Conn.<sup>1</sup> At the close of the Spring term of 1891 George A. Willey and Albert G. McIntyre, respectively, resigned their positions as principals of the High and Grammar Schools, and Edgar L. Willard of Leominster, a graduate, 1891, of Brown University, was engaged as teacher in the High School, and Edith M. Keith, a graduate, 1891, of the Bridgewater State Normal School, of the Grammar School. These all began their term of service with the opening of the Fall term, 1891.

<sup>1</sup>Mr. Cooley is a native of Springfield, educated in the city schools and Collegiate Institute, was a teacher in Enfield and Windsor Locks for 20 years, the last seven in the latter place as principal of High School, and also superintendent of schools of the town; member of the

faculty in Summer schools at Saratoga, N. Y., Asbury Park, N. J., Conn. State, Texas State, and Martha's Vineyard National; and also employed for several years by the Conn. State Board of Education as lecturer on educational subjects throughout the State.

**The Will of Jeremiah Learned.** Date, 27 June, 1888.

"Item 1. After the payment of my just debts and funeral charges and expenses of settling my estate I direct and request my Executor of this my last will to deposit and put on interest in the Worcester County Institution for Savings in said Worcester the sum of two thousand dollars, the interest and dividends thereon to be paid semi-annually to the Town of Oxford in said County for the purpose of maintaining and improving my burial lot and the burial lot of my sister Clarissa Alverson and her husband Rufus G. Alverson, situated in the north cemetery in said Oxford, also the burial lot of my parents and of Nathaniel Stockwell in the cemetery at Oxford Plains in said Oxford; and I do give said sum of two thousand dollars accordingly to the inhabitants of said town of Oxford in trust for said purposes."

He then disposes of a portion of his estate in legacies to relatives and friends. The residuary clause follows:—

"Item 13. All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal or mixed I give, devise and bequeath as follows: one third part thereof to the inhabitants of the town of Oxford, in trust, to expend one half the income thereof in maintaining a free public library for the use of the inhabitants of said town, and to expend the other half of the income thereof in maintaining and improving said cemeteries at North Oxford and at Oxford Plains in said town of Oxford,—one third part of said rest, residue and remainder to the Old Men's Home in the City of Worcester,—one third part of said rest, residue and remainder to my nephew George Henry Kelley . . . but in case said Kelley shall die before he shall be entitled to the possession of any portion of his share of said residue, then such portion so remaining in the hands of said Executor or Trustee shall belong to and shall be paid over and delivered to the other two residuary legatees aforesaid in equal shares for the uses and purposes above stated."

On 25 March, 1889, Mr. Learned executed a codicil to his will, changing the manner of the disposition of the residuum of his estate, item 4 of which follows:—

"Whatever balance may remain in the hands of my said Executor after settling my estate paying the legacies provided for in said will and this codicil and making the appropriations for the trust funds as therein provided I give to said George Swan, in trust, to pay the net income thereof semi-annually to my said daughter Blanche Warren Learned during her life, and at her decease to pay over the principal to my residuary legatees in manner provided, and for the uses stated in the residuary clause. Item No. 13, in my said will."

Mr. Learned's estate was inventoried at \$121,000. The town of Oxford will receive no immediate benefit from it, and no estimates as to the future are possible. It is believed however that at some future day \$25,000 at least, and possibly a considerably larger amount, will come to the town treasury for the benefit of the Free Public Library and cemeteries.

**Ancestry of Rev. John Campbell.** PAGE 422. The doubts so long enveloping this subject appear to have been in late years to an extent removed in the minds of some of his descendants. Through the efforts of Mrs. M. DeW. Freeland communication was opened with a supposed collateral branch of the family in Scotland, and a letter received, which while not positive and conclusive, offers a plausible solution of the mystery. Cecil Campbell Higgins, Esq., of New York (who has kindly furnished a copy for publication), after five or six years of investigation in England, asserts his belief that this account of Mr. Campbell's identity is correct. Much significance is attached to the fact of Lord London's visit to Mr. Campbell at Oxford which has

doubtless always been considered by the public a remarkable event, and from present view to be explained only on the hypothesis of a family relationship.<sup>1</sup> The letter follows:—

“ TREESBANK HOUSE, Kilmarnock, 16 January, 1876.

“ MADAM :

“ On receipt of yours of the 23rd August, 1875, my father, Col. Campbell, at once wrote to me and requested me to give you any information in my power. Absence from home, however, not being able to have access to my books and other reasons quite beyond my control have rendered it impossible for me to answer your enquiries sooner. I hope that this will account for my apparent want of courtesy.

“ The Rev'd John Campbell, to whom you refer as mentioned in Boswell's ‘Life of Johnson,’ was brother to my great-grandfather James Campbell of Cessnock. The said John Campbell was ‘Minister’ of Riccartown and died there in 1761. The following is an extract from his brother's (elder) pocket-book (in my possession) recording it: ‘Revd. Mr. John Campbell Minn of Riccartown my Broyr Died very suddenly of a' plethory upon yr morning early (as supposed being found dead in bed) of the third day of Aprile 1761 and buried upon the 6th yr after. Marked James Campbell.’ It is a curious coincidence that he should have died the same year as your ancestor, but they could not possibly have been identical as the one never left the country and lies at Riccartown in the family vault. The interest attached by Dr. Johnson to his collection of books arose merely from the fact that it was a large and most valuable and in those days almost unequalled one. He left them all to his elder brother (my direct ancestor). Many were afterwards destroyed by fire, but those that escaped are still in my father's library here. I am writing these lines in the room in which Dr. Johnson slept when on his visit here.

“ I believe your ancestor to have been Colonel John Campbell of Shankston. If, however, this is the case he must have been more than 71 years of age at the time of his death I should suppose, and this is not improbable as the family is very long lived. My reason for believing in this identity is the disappearance of said John Campbell from a family history where the minutest details of all the other members are chronicled. I believe he must have got into political troubles and have been obliged to fly the country. The visit of the Earl Loudoun (his nephew?), a proud and austere man who was unlikely to have visited a private individual merely because his name was Campbell, would thus also be accounted for. But the most cogent reason of all is that Sir John Campbell of Lawers (afterwards 1st Earl of Loudoun) had only two descendants named ‘John,’ viz.: John 4th Earl of Loudoun and John Campbell of Shankston. All you write of the relations of Glenlyon, Lawers and Loudoun is quite correct and shows that your traditions are true. If your ancestor was John Campbell of Shankston his heirs of line can claim the Earldom of Loudoun and all the baronies granted in 1633 to Sir John of Lawers, but the estates are ‘proscribed.’ i. e., having been held without challenge for upwards of 40 years the right of the present possessor can

<sup>1</sup> On that occasion, according to unquestionable tradition, the visitor was entertained, not at Mr. Campbell's house but at that of Josiah Wolcott, his son-in-law, for the reason, perhaps, that his residence was, from its appointments, best adapted to the reception. It has been said the meeting was at the stone bridge,

now standing, over the brook which runs about midway between the two houses. This would have been very natural if Loudoun came by way of Worcester, as at this point the road from Mr. Campbell's residence intersected the main highway. Thence they proceeded together, it is said, to Wolcott's where they spent the night.

no longer be disputed. They are held by the present Earl of Loudon of the Hastings family to which they went by the marriage of Flora Campbell, only child of the 5th Earl, to the Earl of Moira, afterwards Marquess of Hastings. If you can follow up the clue I have given you and prove the identity of your ancestor there can be no doubt of the claim of his heirs of line, for although your ancestor dying *before* John, 4th Earl, could of course never have claimed the titles and estates, and having no exact account of who he was, his descendants never did so when the succession opened to them. Yet the fact remains that they must succeed before the heirs of their ancestor's younger brother. I think you will understand it by referring to the annexed pedigrees.

"My father is the representative of the original house of Loudon, for although the estate went to the granddaughter of the first baron by marriage to Sir John of Lawers yet the chieftainship of the house remained with the heir male of the family, the first baron's cousin, Sir Hugh Campbell of Cessnock, my direct ancestor. All branches acknowledge my father as chief of the House of Loudon, as you will find by referring to Burke's 'Armory County Families' and 'Robertson's History of Ayrshire,' wherein he is styled 'Chief of the Campbells of Loudon and Cessnock.' I annex pedigrees and will be very glad to hear that this reaches you in safety. A century ago there seems to have been no stigma attaching to illegitimate branches of great houses (in many cases peerages being granted to them), so you will have thoroughly to sift all the evidence. The House of Loudon has several branches of this kind *here* possessing large estates. You will understand, Madam, that I find it necessary to caution you on this point, disagreeable though it is to me to do so. I am, Madam,

"Your obedient servant,

"W. H. CAMPBELL, Captain."

#### PEDIGREES.

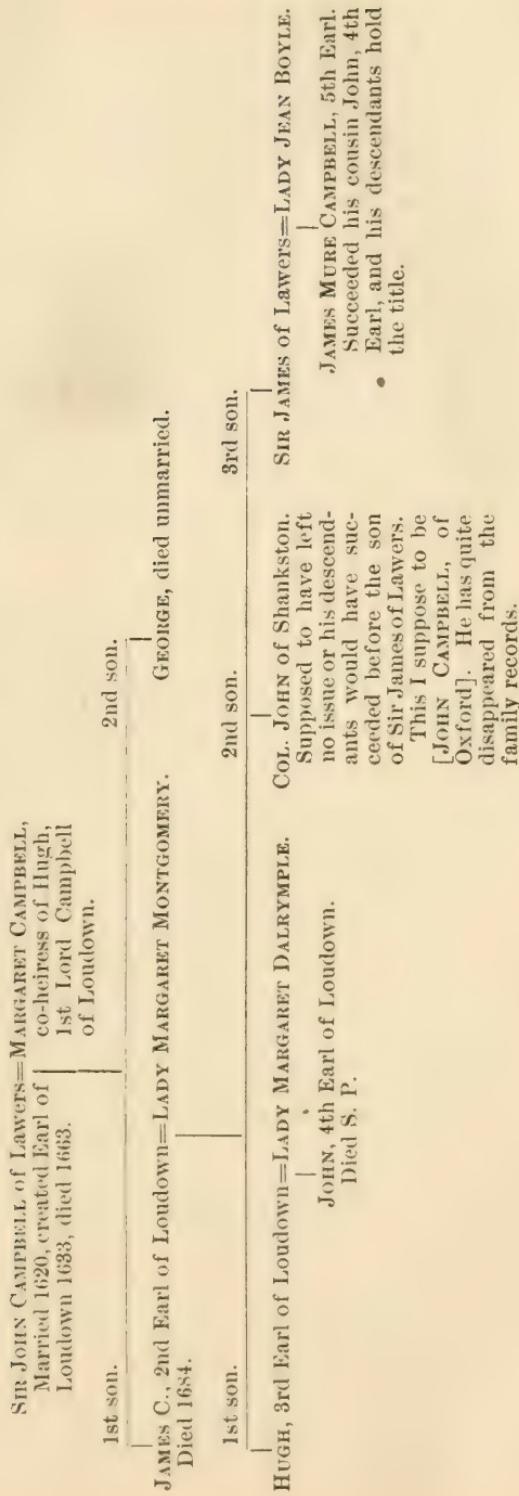
In 1620 Sir John Campbell of Lawers, eldest son and heir of Sir James Campbell of Lawers, married Margaret Campbell, co-heiress of Hugh, 1st Baron Campbell of Loudon. They had (with daughters) two sons, James, who succeeded, and George died unmarried.

James, 2nd Earl (his father having been created Earl of Loudon, Baron Faryman, etc., in 1633), married Lady Margaret Montgomery. They had three sons: 1st, Hugh, who succeeded; 2nd, Col. JOHN of Shankston; 3rd, James, afterward Sir, and to whom his father left the estate of Lawers.

Hugh, 3rd Earl, married Lady Margaret Dalrymple and died in 1731. They had one son, John, who succeeded (and two daughters).

John, 4th Earl, a distinguished military commander. [Visited Rev. John Campbell, at Oxford]. He died unmarried in 1782, when his estate and titles devolved upon James Mure Campbell (son of his uncle Sir James). He succeeded as 5th Earl and had an only child, Flora, who took the estates by marriage into the "Hastings Family," where they still remain.

## FORMULATED PEDIGREE OF THE CAMPBELL FAMILY.



**Miss Mary Butler Campbell.** Since the printing of the notes on the Campbell family, page 428, Miss Campbell, a much honored and beloved member, has deceased. Her father died when she was eight years of age and soon thereafter the family removed to Dudley that the children might receive the benefit of the Academy. Here we find Miss Mary at 11 years of age among the brightest of its pupils, contemporary with Peter C. Bacon and Samuel C. Paine, and taking a prominent part in a public exhibition of the school. When about 16 she began her career as teacher in the district school at Oxford centre. Later she for a short time was under the tuition of Rev. Mr. Phelps (father of Prof. Phelps, Andover), at Brookfield, and went thence to Miss Fiske's school at Keene, N. H. Miss Porter, her intimate friend, wrote "probably no other person beside her noble mother had so happy an influence in determining her aims and character as Miss Fiske." In 1829 she went to Springfield as teacher in the popular and "attractive" school of Miss Hawkes. Two years later Miss Hawkes removed to Philadelphia giving the Springfield institution into the charge of Miss Campbell and Miss Porter (later at the head of the celebrated Farmington school), which arrangement continued about a year, and the school was given up. The winter of 1833-4 Miss Campbell spent at Charleston, S. C. She next joined her old friend, Miss Hawkes at Philadelphia as assistant, continuing about two years, going thence for a year or more to Wilmington, Del., into the family of Hon. Richard H. Bayard, as governess.

Miss Helen L. Campbell, her niece (to whom we are indebted for many of the facts of this sketch), writes: "It must have been in the autumn of 1838 that Miss Campbell and her sister Celia opened their school in University Place, New York." Here, to quote Miss Porter, "under the auspices of excellent friends (and there, as always before, they made firm and valuable friends), the school was happy and prosperous." But the mother, who resided with them, and also Miss Celia, preferred country life, and at their solicitation, buildings having been fitted for the purpose at the mansion at Oxford, in the spring of 1843 the school was removed thither. Here it was only moderately successful, and in the autumn of 1844 another removal was made at the urgent invitation of old friends, to Springfield, where until the marriage of Miss Celia in the fall of 1849 the institution was conducted with marked success. That event terminated operations at Springfield, and Miss Mary removed to Boston, where she remained until after the decease of the wife of her brother James B. at Charleston. In the fall of 1851 she went to that city to take charge of the bereaved household, entering upon a new but no less important sphere, "presiding with dignity and grace over an elegant home, entertaining many of the distinguished people of the day, always welcoming with cordial hospitality all who found their way to the ever open door, interesting herself in every charitable work and always ready with sympathy, counsel and money to help the sick, the suffering and the needy."

At the breaking out of the war most of the teachers of the Normal School at Charleston returned to their homes in the North, and Miss Campbell, that the work might not cease, engaged with characteristic efficiency in the service, thus "for a year filling a wide gap" in the institution. At the bombardment of the city, while other members of the family, in common with a large portion of the people, left for places of safety she remained in the mansion to protect the property, and with the help of a faithful Union soldier detailed for the purpose, did so effectually amid great danger from fire and freebooters.

In 1869-70, she with her two nieces travelled a year or more in Europe, and again in 1887 she spent a winter in Rome, and the following spring and a part of the summer in England. In the summer of 1889 some of the strongest

ties which bound her to the city of her adoption having been broken, she, with many regrets, left Charleston, thereafter to make a home with Northern friends. The summer of 1890 was passed at the homestead in Oxford, during which time she had much enjoyment in renewing old acquaintances, but her home for most of the time after leaving the South was with her nephew, Cecil Campbell Higgins, in or near New York city. At his summer residence at Pound Ridge, N. Y., in the last days of June, 1891, she was taken seriously ill, and after two months, in which there was a gradual decline, died peacefully on the 24th of August.

The *Charleston News and Courier* soon after her decease printed an obituary notice which contained the following :

"Endowed with a strong intellect and fixed intensity of purpose, Miss Campbell reaped all the advantages afforded by the best New England schools, though she did not consider her education completed when she left the school-room as a pupil or afterwards as a teacher, but kept abreast with the thought and discoveries of her time, being a bright exemplar of general culture up to the last year of her invaluable life. Gentle and winning in manner, affectionate in disposition and with a singularly sweet and attractive face, her clear and strong, though not bigoted, religious convictions, completed the character and suggested to all the realization of the

'Perfect woman, nobly planned.'

"Miss Campbell was one of the original board of ladies who, in 1867, organized in this city the 'Home for the Mothers, Widows and Daughters of Confederate Soldiers.' She was the soul and guiding spirit of the educational feature of this excellent institution, and was at the time of her death Vice-President of the Home Association. The loss the Home suffers in her death is irreparable, and hundreds of its alumnae, girls and young matrons throughout the State, will read with deep sorrow of the death of their beloved guide, counsellor and friend.

"Miss Campbell's gentle yet ardent spirit and many benefactions bring to mind the lines which mark the tomb of Gunfreda de Warren, a noble woman of mediæval times :

"A Martha to the homeless poor, a Mary in her love,  
And though her Martha's part be here, her Mary's gone above."

**"The House of Rest," Charleston, S. C.** Miss Celia, daughter of Hon. James B. Campbell, was a devoted Christian and gave largely of her means as well as personal effort to charitable work. In coöperation with a kindred spirit, Miss Wagner, she rented a large house in Charleston, where in March, 1874, was opened the "House of Rest," an asylum or retreat where sick and destitute orphan children were received and cared for. This institution supplied a long felt want in the city and was a real boon to the poor. To its interests Miss Campbell was unsparingly devoted and was at her post of duty there when stricken with the illness which ten days later terminated her life, 28 Feb., 1887.

**Ancestry of Benoni Twitchell.** PAGE 729. BENJAMIN of Dorchester removed probably before 1663 to Medfield. Of his children were *Mary*, who m. Josiah Rockwood, *Bethia*, who m. John Rockwood, and *Abiel*, b. 1663 at Medfield. The latter "and her child," in 1683 lived with her brother-in-law, Josiah Rockwood, at Medfield. This child is supposed to have been Benoni —the son of my sorrow.

**The Will of Cyrus Kidder.** Mr. Kidder died 27 Aug., 1891. His will was dated 17 Sept., 1879, extracts from which follow:—

"*Third.* I give and bequeath to the First Congregational Church of Oxford the sum of one thousand dollars, in trust, never heless, to the following uses and purposes, to wit, to invest the same permanently as a fund, and to use the income thereof in relieving such worthy members of the Church as are in indigent circumstances through sickness or misfortune of any kind, and especially in providing such persons with the comforts of life in their last sickness, and a suitable burial and headstone."

"*Fourth.* I give and bequeath to the inhabitants of the town of Oxford the sum of five hundred dollars, the income of which shall be appropriated so far as may be necessary and proper for taking care of my lot in the north cemetery of said town and the two lots which my brother and I may hereafter purchase in said cemetery, and for the keeping of said lots in perfect order, and if there shall be any of said income remaining annually, said balance shall be applied and appropriated for the general care and improvement of said cemetery."

In November, 1891, steps were taken to contest in the Courts the validity of this will.

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